



## Syllabus Course Program



# Philosophy of economic activity

### *Specialty*

054 - sociology

### *Educational program*

Sociological support of economic activity

### *Level of education*

Master's level

### *Semester*

2

### *Institute*

ESI of Social and Humanitarian Technologies

### *Department*

Sociology and public administration (305))

### *Course type*

General training, Mandatory

### *Language of instruction*

English,

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## Lecturers and course developers



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<http://web.kpi.kharkov.ua/sp/professors-ko-vikladats-kij-sklad>

## General information

### Summary

The educational discipline examines the problems of the socio-economic existence of a person in a multi-vector social plane. Since economic activity is inextricably linked with the cultural, social and political dimensions of social life, philosophical knowledge reveals the social, technological, scientific foundations of the economy, historical and cultural aspects of human economic activity, and also shapes the worldview of students, promotes the development of their spiritual world, culture of thinking, creative skills in learning about the surrounding world and personal activity

### Course objectives and goals

Acquaintance of students with the history of formation and modern trends of the philosophy of economic activity, formation of a system of knowledge about universal principles and historical and cultural factors of economic development; formation of an idea about the meaning, purpose, principles of economic activity, the specifics of the economic life of a person; highlighting the dynamics of development and the main achievements of philosophical and economic thought

### Format of classes

. Lectures, practical classes, independent work, consultations. The final control is a credit test.

### Competencies

GC03. Ability to communicate with representatives of other professional groups of different levels (with experts in other fields of knowledge / types of economic activities).

SC02. Ability to detect, diagnose and interpret social problems of Ukrainian society and the global community.

SC08. Ability to cooperate with European and Euro-Atlantic institutions.

## Learning outcomes

PR03. To develop and implement social and interdisciplinary projects with accounting for social, economic, legal, environmental, and other aspects of social life.

PR06. Co communicate fluently in oral speech and writing in Ukrainian and a foreign language when discussing professional issues, research and innovations in the field of sociology and conterminal sciences, including the context of cooperation with European and Euro-Atlantic institutions.

PR07. To solve ethical dilemmas in accordance with the norms of a sociologist's ethics and human values.

## Student workload

. The total volume of the discipline is 90 hours. (3 ECTS credits): lectures – 16 hours, practical classes – 16 hours, independent work – 58 hours.

## Course prerequisites

Sociologic support of economic activities, Theoretical sociology of the XXI century

## Features of the course, teaching and learning methods, and technologies

During the teaching of the course, multimedia tools are used, special attention is paid to the consideration of modern socio-philosophical concepts and approaches to the analysis of economic activity in society

## Program of the course

### Topics of the lectures

#### *Topic 1. The subject, issues and significance of the philosophy of economic activity*

The subject, object and task of studying the philosophical foundations of the economic activity of mankind. Types of economic activity and their evolutionary development. Man as a bearer of economic relations, the essence and features of social production.

#### *Topic 2. The history of the development of philosophical and economic thought in Ukraine and the world*

Stages of formation of philosophical and economic knowledge. Pre-scientific forms of philosophical and economic knowledge, philosophical thought about the socio-economic life of society during the Renaissance and New times, modernist and postmodern ideas. Old, new and unorthodox (non-mainstream) economic philosophy

#### *Topic 3. Basic categories and concepts of the philosophy of economic activity, their transformation in the modern world*

Philosophical reflection on economic categories and concepts "property", "wealth", "exchange", "money", "trade", "household", "consumer behavior", etc. Man as a subject of economic activity, business ethics. Philosophy of ownership. Philosophy of work. The philosophy of money. Money as an object of philosophical analysis.

#### *Topic 4. Economic culture. Moral aspects of economic activity*

Historical types of economic culture. The evolution of the view on wealth and poverty, work, property, charity. The role of the ethno-religious factor in the formation of economic culture. Ethics of modern business. Duty and responsibility in modern economic policy. The essence of the theory of cultural determination and its importance in explaining and solving economic problems

#### *Topic 5. Philosophical typology of the economy*

*The main approaches to the typology of the socio-economic system. Formative approach, M. Weber's "ideal types" method, D. Bell's concept of post-industrial society in philosophy and sociology. O. Toffler's concept of technological revolutions. H. M. McLuhan's communication concept, civilizational concepts. Modern models of market economy: market, planned-market, social-market. Market alternatives. Sociophilosophical understanding of the market economy. Dynamics of economic processes in the modern world.*

#### **Topic 6. Social and anthropological consequences of informatization of the economy**

*Characteristic features of the information society. Qualitative changes in the economy associated with the informatization process. The essence of smart (intelligent) economy. The role of institutions and the importance of institutional transformations in the economic life of the country; problems of forming the economic space of modern Ukraine. The concept of "risk society" by U. Beck. Production of risks. Safety as a priority value of the modern stage of development of society. Man in the information society. The problem of identity. Mechanisms of consciousness manipulation and its prevention. The formation of thoughts and desires in a person. Man as a "desire machine".*

#### **Topic 7. Anthropological dimension of the economy. Man as a subject of economic activity: socio-philosophical dimension**

*Man as a subject of economic activity. The human-dimensional essence of the economy, man is the highest goal of the functioning and development of the market economy.*

*Man in the world of commodity-money relations; history of formation and development. Economy and morality. Cultural meaning of management. The socio-philosophical model of the modern "multidimensional person" as a synthesis of self-realization, creative self-expression, development of spiritual and physical abilities, the primacy of the quality of life over the quantity of goods consumed.*

#### **Topic 8. Economic aspects of globalization**

*The essence and prerequisites of the process of globalization of the economy. Globalization and the world financial system. Money as a means of globalization. National currencies and national identities. The system of international division of labor. Global problems of the world economy. The global problem of poverty and prospects for overcoming it. Economic and socio-political modernization in the post-Soviet geopolitical space. Trends in the development of the Ukrainian post-Soviet economy.*

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## **Topics of the laboratory classes**

Laboratory work is not provided.

## **Self-study**

. Independent work involves writing essays, preparing individual and group projects and essays. The check is carried out during the defense of the student's own project in the form of a report and presentation. Students are also provided with relevant scientific works and practical materials for independent study with further discussion during practical classes

## **Course materials and recommended reading**

	<i>Basic literature</i>
1	<i>Simmel G. Philosophy of money / G. Simmel. - Kharkiv: Folio. - 2019. - 667 p.</i>
2	<i>Basics of philosophy: education. manual / L. O. Sandyuk, S. P. Symonenko, O. V. Sulym, M. F. Shmygol, N. V. Shchubelka, Yu. S. Yushkevich; [by. ed. M. F. Shmygol]. - K.: Center of Educational Literature, 2017. - 412 p.</i>
3	<i>Bazilevich V.D. Metaphysics of Economics: Monograph / V.D. Bazilevich, V.V. Ilyin - K.: Knowledge. - 2007. - 718 p.</i>
4	<i>Bylorus O. Global neo-convergence of transitive, transformational and avant-garde socio-economic systems / O. Bylorus // Economic theory. – 2015. – No. 3. - P. 56-64.</i>
5	<i>Hrytsenko A.A. Economic education: the path from theory to practice / A.A. Hrytsenko //</i>

	<i>Economy of Ukraine. – 2018. – No. 10. - P. 53-70.</i>
6	<i>Yashchuk T. I. Economy as a subject of analysis in modern practical philosophy. Philosophical thought. 2017. No. 3. P. 24–40.</i>
7	<i>I. V. Terletska, Interaction of political and economic spheres in the conditions of globalization. Visn. Kyiv. national trade and economy university 2017. No. 5. P. 49–60.</i>
8	<i>Philosophy of market relations: educational and methodological manual / R.I. Oleksenko. – Melitopol: FOP Odnorog T.V. – 2019. – 311 p.</i>
9	<i>Ilyin V.V. Essays on wealth. Legends. Myths. Life (Economy for yourself) / V.V. Ilyin; under the editorship of Dr. Econ. of Science, Prof., Member-Cor. NAS of Ukraine V.D. 10. Bazilevicha and Dr. Philosopher. Sciences, Prof. T.P. Kononenko - Kyiv: Institute of the Gifted Child of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 2018. - 434 p.</i>
10	<i>Milena Dehn, Ella Needler and Jessica Palka Exploring Economics, 2023. - <a href="https://www.exploring-economics.org/en/discover/philosophy-of-economics-foundational/">https://www.exploring-economics.org/en/discover/philosophy-of-economics-foundational/</a></i>
11	<i>Christof Royer Valuing Diversity Without Illusions: The Anti-Utopian Agonism of Karl Popper's The Open Society and Its Enemies. - 2023 - The European Legacy 28 (5):463-481.</i>

#### Supporting literature

12	<i>Yu. Vilchinskyi. Philosophy of economics / Yu. Vilchinskyi // University department. - 2012. - No. 1. - P. 105-133.</i>
13	<i>Voronkova V. G. New paradigm of economic philosophy of the 21st century [Electronic resource] / V. G. Voronkova // Humanitarian Bulletin of the Zaporizhzhya State Engineering Academy. – 2011. – Issue 46. - pp. 19-32. – Access mode: <a href="http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/znpgvzdia_2011_46_4.pdf">http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/znpgvzdia_2011_46_4.pdf</a></i>
14	<i>Priyatelchuk A. O. The structure of the philosophy of economics [Electronic resource] / A. O. Priyatelchuk // Humanitarian Bulletin of Zaporizhzhya State Engineering Academy. – 2012. – Issue 48. – pp. 70-78. – Access mode: <a href="http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/znpgvzdia_2012_48_9.pdf">http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/znpgvzdia_2012_48_9.pdf</a></i>
15	<i>Priyatelchuk A. O. Philosophy of economics and social progress [Electronic resource] / A. O. Priyatelchuk // Cultural Bulletin. – 2012. – Issue 29. - pp. 93-99. – Access mode: <a href="http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/Kultv_2012_29_19.pdf">http://nbuv.gov.ua/j-pdf/Kultv_2012_29_19.pdf</a></i>
16	<i>Honcharuk, T. V. The philosophy of a modern Ukrainian in the format of innovative society / T. V. Honcharuk // Scientific notes. Ser. Philosophy. – Ostroh: National University "Ostroh Academy", 2011. - Vol. 9.</i>

## Assessment and grading

### Criteria for assessment of student performance, and the final score structure

100% of the assessment consists of final control - 20% and current - 80%.

The final control is carried out with the help of an oral test, questions for which are offered to students in advance.

Current control includes answers and presentations at practical classes - 40% (5\*8), preparation of essays and individual tasks (projects) - 40%

### Grading scale

<i>Total points</i>	<i>National</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
90–100	Excellent	A
82–89	Good	B
75–81	Good	C
64–74	Satisfactory	D
60–63	Satisfactory	E
35–59	Unsatisfactory (requires additional learning)	FX
1–34	Unsatisfactory (requires repetition of the course)	F

## Norms of academic integrity and course policy

The student must adhere to the Code of Ethics of Academic Relations and Integrity of NTU "KhPI": to demonstrate discipline, good manners, kindness, honesty, and responsibility. Conflict situations should be



openly discussed in academic groups with a lecturer, and if it is impossible to resolve the conflict, they should be brought to the attention of the Institute's management.

Regulatory and legal documents related to the implementation of the principles of academic integrity at NTU "KhPI" are available on the website: <http://blogs.kpi.kharkov.ua/v2/nv/akademichna-dobrochesnist/>

## Approval

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