

## **Sociology of Education I      708**

The course examines the relation of education as an institution to society. This relationship is explored from the point of view of the 'social functions' of education: for instance we examine socialisation of new members of society, societal conservation, reproduction and the relation of education to power. The theoretical contributions of Durkheim, Marx and Weber are initially examined followed by approaches (theoretical and empirical) that were developed during the 20th century (e.g. Parsons, Bernstein, Bourdieu and Collins).

The course aims at familiarising students with the sociological point of view in approaching schooling, equipping them with basic conceptual tools to analyse the institution of education and its relation to other social institutions and to society as a whole.