## 18. Scientific socialism (PE017IU)

Course title	SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM (Chủ nghĩa Xã hội Khoa học)		
Module designation	The course equips students with basic knowledge of scientific socialism.		
Semester(s) in which the module is taught	1, 2, summer semester		
Person responsible for the module	Lecturers at School of Political and Administration Sciences, VNU-HCM		
Language	Vietnamese		
Relation to curriculum	Compulsory		
Teaching methods	Lecture, group discussion, presentation		
Workload (incl. contact hours, self-study hours)	(Estimated) Total workload: 85 Contact hours (lecture, exercise): 25 Private study including examination preparation, specified in hours 60		
Credit points/ECTS	2 credits/ 3.08 ECTS		
Required and recommended prerequisites for joining the module	Previous courses l. Marxist-Leninist political economy (PE016IU) 2. Marxist-Leninist philosophy (PE015IU)		
Module objectives	<ul> <li>The subject equips students with the basic contents of scientific socialism (one of the three constituent parts of Marxism-Leninism).</li> <li>Help students to apply knowledge about scientific socialism creatively in cognitive and practical activities, in order to solve problems of social life of country and time.</li> </ul>		



Tentative
learning
outcomes

## I. Knowledge

- 1. Introduction to Scientific Socialism
- 1.1. Generalize the birth of Scientific Socialism, the historical background and the role of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- 1.2. Recognize the basic development stages of Scientific Socialism shown in the works
- 1.3. Understand the object, method and significance of the study of Scientific Socialism
- 2. The historical mission of the working class
- 2.1. Understand the concept of the working class and its characteristics
- 2.2. Understand the content and characteristics of the historical mission of the working class
- 2.3. Explain the conditions that determine the historical mission of the working class
- 2.4. Analyze the similarities and differences of the working class and the implementation of the mission of the them in the world today
- 2.5. Understand the basic characteristics of the Vietnamese working class and the content of the historical mission of them today
- 2.6. Present the direction and some key solutions to build the working class in Vietnam today
- 3. Socialism and the transition to socialism
- 3.1. Understanding Socialism is the first stage of the socialisteconomic form of communism
- 3.2. Describe the basic features of socialism
- 3.3. Explain the objective necessity of the transition to socialism and the basic features of it
- 3.4. Understand the characteristics of the transition period and socialism in Vietnam, present the directions to build socialism in Vietnam today
- 4. Democracy and the socialist state
- 4.1. Explain the concept of democracy and the birth and development of democracy in the history of human society
- 4.2. Understand the birth process and nature of socialist democracy
- 4.3. Understand the birth, nature and function of the socialist state as well as the relationship between democracy and the state
- 4.4. Understand the birth, development and nature of socialist democracy in Vietnam
- 4.5. Present the basic characteristics and solutions to build a legal socialist state in Vietnam today
- 5. Social structure classes and alliances of classes and classes in the transition to socialism
- 5.1. Present the concept of social structure generalization and the change of class social structure during the transition to socialism



- 5.2. Explain the inevitability of class alliances during the transition to socialism
- 5.3. Understand the social-class structure in Vietnam during the transitional period and present basic solutions to build and develop class alliances and social classes in Vietnam
- 6. Ethnic and religious issues in the transition to socialism
- 6.1. Understand the basic concepts and characteristics of the nation and the Marxist-Leninist point of view on the national issue
- 6.2. Present the basic characteristics of the nation in Vietnam and the viewpoints on ethnic policies of the Party and State of Vietnam.
- 6.3. Understanding the nature, origin, features of religion and basic principles of solving religious problems in the transition to socialism
- 6.4. Explain the characteristics of religion in Vietnam and the policies of the Party and State of Vietnam towards religious beliefs today
- 6.5. Understand the characteristics of ethnic and religious relations in Vietnam and present basic orientations to solve the relationship between ethnicity and religion in Vietnam today
- 7. Family problems in the transition to socialism
- 7.1. Outline the position, function and role of the family in society
- 7.2. Identify the bases for building a family during the transition to socialism
- 7.3. Explain the change of the Vietnamese family and present the basic directions for building and developing the Vietnamese family during the transition to socialism

II. Skills

Demonstrate the ability to generalize, think, debate, critique, and groupwork

- 1. Have the skill of generalizing to pick out keywords for each content and think systematically
- 2. Have skills in presenting, explaining, criticizing, debating and eloquent about theories being studied and researched based on practice
- 3. Have skills in social communication, cooperation and teamwork, sharing knowledge and experience, ability to run a group III. Attitudes

Express consciousness and awareness during and after learning

- 1. Have a sense of responsibility to protect the scientific and revolutionary nature of Marxist-Leninist theories on socialism and the transition to socialism in Vietnam
- 2. Have a sense of personal responsibility towards the community
- 3. Have awareness of the need for lifelong learning and research and applying practically



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Content	The description of the contents should clearly indicate the weighting of the content and the level.  Weight: period (1 period = 50 minutes)  Teaching levels: I (Introduce); T (Teach); U (Utilize)				
	Topic	Weight	Level		
	Introduction	1	I, T		
	Introduction to Scientific Socialism	4	I, T		
	The historical mission of the working class	4	Т		
	Socialism and the transition to socialism	4	I, T		
	Democracy and the socialist state	4	T, U		
	Social structure - classes and alliances of classes and classes in the transition to socialism	4	I, T		
	Ethnic and religious issues in the transition to socialism	4	T, U		
	Family problems in the transition to socialism	5	T, U		
Examination forms	Class discussion; Group presentations and reports; Practices; Midterm exam; Final exam				
Study and examination regulations	<ol> <li>Regulations for group presentations</li> <li>Forming a group: 5 students/group. The deadline for group topic registration on the forum is session 2 or directly submit it to the lecturer at the exam.</li> <li>Week 4 (4th session) begin to present in order. Note that the presenting groups need to fully show up and bring along all relevant documents.</li> <li>Submission form: submit files and minutes of group work via email to the lecturer</li> <li>Regulations on time, attendance, and discipline in the course: attend class on time and at least 80% of the sessions (only to be absent for a maximum of 20%). An exam ban is applied to those who miss more than the regulated number of sessions. Students must have all test scores, lively discussions, constructive and serious statements in class.</li> </ol>				
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