

The bachelor thesis deals with the theme of medical sociology, especially with the concept of medicalization of society. The first part focuses on the historical development of the medical sociology and describes three main theoretical bases: the functionalist approach, political economy paradigm and social constructivism perspective. Further it describes the theory of medicalization, which appeared in the medical sociology in the late 1960s. Medicalization is defined as the process when originally nonmedical problems are classified and treated as medical ones. This phenomenon is specified in the section dealing with the medicalization of women's health.