

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

Credit Hours: 3

Scheduled hours per week

Lecture: 3

Lab: N/A

Other: N/A

Catalog Course Description: The course will cover the fundamental concepts and methods of the scientific study of human society and social behavior. It will focus on institutional foundations of group life; social roles and interpersonal relations; values and social processes in context of technological change ethnicity, race, age, gender and socioeconomic classes. Students will gain insight into the social behavior of people in other cultures and adopt an attitude of cultural relativism.

Pre-requisites: N/A

Co-requisites: N/A

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe social interaction between groups in society.
2. Apply the sociological concepts and principles to your own life.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with theoretical perspectives and historical developments in the discipline.
4. Recognize a wide range of global, social, and cultural viewpoints.
5. Develop critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and application skills.

Topics to be studied:

- Social structure and social interaction
- Research methods
- Sociological Imagination
- Structural-functional, conflict, and symbolic interaction theories
- Culture
- Socialization
- Social groups and formal organizations
- Social control, deviance, and crime
- Stratification
- Race and ethnicity
- Sex and gender
- Marriage, family, and divorce
- The educational system
- Aging through the life course

Relationship of Course to Discipline Learning Outcomes	
Define core sociological concepts.	X
Explain how individuals interact and react to the larger society.	X
Describe social interaction between groups in society.	X
Apply the sociological concepts and principles to one's own life.	X
Demonstrate familiarity with theoretical perspectives in the discipline.	X
Distinguish various theoretical approaches in the field of sociology.	X
Express and communicate sociological knowledge to others.	X
Recognize a wide range of global, social, and cultural viewpoints.	X
Develop critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and application skills.	X

Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:	
Composition and Rhetoric Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	X
Science & Technology Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
Society, Diversity, & Connections Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	X
Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	
The Arts & Creativity Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.	

Special requirements of the course: N/A

Additional information: N/A

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