

**SOC 350 International Culture**

**Credit Hours: 3**

**Scheduled hours per week**

Lecture: 3

Lab: N/A

Other: N/A

**Catalog Course Description:** Sociological study of the social behavior and structure of an international culture. The course will examine beliefs, symbols, language, values, norms, folkways, and mores of various cultures.

**Pre-requisites:** N/A

**Co-requisites:** N/A

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Identify basic sociological concepts and social issues facing international cultures.
2. Illustrate a greater understanding of social behavior.
3. Compare and contrast various cultures around the world.
4. Describe the social, economic, and political factors that impact contemporary life.
5. Develop a heightened sense of cultural relativism.
6. Improve critical thinking and application skills.

**Topics to be studied:**

- Diversity
- Carriers of culture
- Cultural taboos
- Cultural relativism and ethnocentrism
- Deviance and laws
- Social stratification
- Sex, gender, race, and ethnicity
- Prejudice, discrimination, segregation, and stereotypes
- Marriage and the family
- Globalization

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

<b>Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:</b>	
<b>Composition and Rhetoric</b> 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.	<b>X</b>
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b> 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.	
<b>Mathematics &amp; Quantitative Skills</b> Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
<b>Society, Diversity, &amp; Connections</b> Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	<b>X</b>
<b>Human Inquiry &amp; the Past</b> Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	<b>X</b>
<b>The Arts &amp; Creativity</b> 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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