



Course Name: Principles of Sociology

Course Number: SOC* E101

Credits: 3

Catalog description: An introduction to the study of society, emphasizing the nature of social groups, institutions, interaction, and change in modern society. This course will cover culture, socialization of children and adults, sex and gender, race and ethnic relations, social stratification and inequality, and other topics such as education, healthcare, the family, crime, aging, politics and the state, religion, and work and the economy. Discussion and examples will focus primarily on the United States but with a strong global and multicultural component.

Prerequisite or Parallel: ENG* 101

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

SOCX **Social Phenomena Knowledge & Understanding I**
(within the fields of anthropology, psychology or sociology)

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

BHEL **Behavioral Science elective**

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

Social Phenomena Knowledge & Understanding I and II: Students will develop an increased understanding of the influences that shape a person's, or group's attitudes, beliefs, emotions, symbols, and actions, and how these systems of influence are created, maintained, and altered by individual, familial, group, situational, or cultural means.



Course Specific Objectives:

- 1) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the discipline of sociology, as related to the United States and other societies.
- 2) Demonstrate an understanding of how history, society, economics, politics, and culture has impacted the field of sociology
- 3) Demonstrate familiarity with major theorists in the field of sociology
- 4) Develop the ability to make informed judgments concerning ethical issues related to sociology
- 5) Demonstrate an understanding of how life and ethical choices influence individuals and societies
- 6) Develop an understanding of sociological issues related to diversity within and across cultures
- 7) Demonstrate an understanding of how sociological theories apply to one's own life
- 8) Demonstrate an understanding of how life choices influence individuals acting in a social context

Course Content:

1. Theoretical Perspectives
2. Methodology
3. Culture
4. Socialization
5. Sex and Gender
6. Social Stratification
7. Race and Ethnic Relations
8. Social Institutions
9. Social Change

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