Course Syllabus

Department: Social Science

Date: March 2, 2012

I. Course Prefix and Number: SOC 100

   Course Name: Introduction to Sociology

   Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours and 3 contact hours

   Catalog Description including pre- and co-requisites:

   This course includes topics descriptive of the scope and methods of sociology; interaction and the social nature of humans, human groupings, collective behavior and institutions and social change. No pre-requisite.

II. Course Outcomes and Objectives

   Student Learning Outcomes:

   Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic research methodologies used in exploring social phenomena.

   Students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic procedural steps and the role of hypothesis testing in conducting social science research.

   Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core concepts, models, and issues of sociology. Students will be able to identify, analyze and evaluate sociological perspectives and theories by applying the core concepts of the field.

   Students will perform the basic operations of personal computer use; will understand and demonstrate basic research techniques and will locate, evaluate and synthesize information from a variety of sources

   Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum:

   This course fulfills the SUNY Gen Ed requirement of 3 credits of Social Science coursework. It is also a Social Science elective.

   This course is required for a degree in Childhood Education (TET), Human Services, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Criminal Justice, Nursing, and for the Criminal Justice certificate.

   College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course:

   □ writing   ☑ computer literacy
   □ oral communications   □ ethics/values
   □ reading   □ citizenship
   □ mathematics   □ global concerns
III. Instructional Materials and Methods

Types of Course Materials:

Required textbook and any ancillaries assigned (handouts, podcasts, readers, etc.)

Methods of Instruction (e.g. Lecture, Lab, Seminar …):

This course may include lecture, discussion, small group collaborative learning activities, videos/podcasts, active learning activities and online activities.

IV. Assessment Measures (Summarize how the college and student learning outcomes will be assessed):

Course content will be assessed through quizzes and examinations including objective, short answer and essay questions.

Critical thinking will also be assessed through embedded questions on quizzes and exams

Information resources and computer literacy competency will be assessed through a common internet based research assignment.

V. General Outline of Topics Covered:

The Sociological perspective and Sociological theory

Sociology as a science – sociological research methods

Culture and deviance

Socialization and gender socialization/issues

Social Interaction

Social groups and social organization

Social institutions

Social stratification

Social Change