Syllabus

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

General Information

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Social Science

Course Prefix
SOC

Course Number
100

Course Title
Introduction to Sociology

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Lab Contact Hours
0

Catalog Description
What is the connection between the individual and the group? Where do our beliefs and values come from? What causes inequalities? How do we change our social world? In Introduction to Sociology, students will learn to use sociological concepts, theories, and research methods to address questions like these. Sociology provides a unique perspective—often called "the sociological imagination"—that uses scientific research methods of inquiry. This perspective illuminates our daily experiences and decisions by challenging the taken for granted, "common sense" view. Introduction to Sociology will help students develop their critical thinking skills in ways that will be useful academically and in daily personal and community life. SOC 100 is a prerequisite for higher level courses in Sociology.

Key Assessment
This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs
Prerequisites
None

Co-requisites
None

Grading Scheme
Letter

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course DOES NOT satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

Social Sciences

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Vitality
Inquiry

Course Learning Outcomes

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1. Students will demonstrate understanding of the methods sociologists use, including hypothesis development, operationalization, data collection, and quantitative and qualitative analysis.

2. Students will apply a range of theoretical perspectives to social phenomena.

3. Students will employ a range of fundamental sociological concepts to observations drawn from social life.

4. Students will deconstruct their own cultural beliefs and values regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion in the contemporary United States.

Outline of Topics Covered

The following is a list of topics and subtopics. Individual instructors are not held to this organization.

I. The Sociological Imagination
   a. History of the discipline
b. Comparison to other social sciences

II. Theoretical Perspectives
   a. Structural-Functionalism, Conflict Theory, Symbolic Interactionism
   b. Macro- and micro-level perspectives

III. Research Methods
   a. Logic of the scientific method
   b. Data collection

IV. Culture
   a. Elements of culture
   b. Cultural diversity
   c. Cultural relativism

V. Social structure
   a. Social institutions

VI. Socialization
   a. Nature vs. nurture
   b. The self in social context
   c. Agents of socialization

VII. Groups and interaction
   a. Roles and statuses
   b. Impression management

VIII. Deviance and Social Control
   a. Functions of deviance
   b. Conflict and social control
   c. Labeling Theory

IX. Inequality
   a. Social class
   b. Race and ethnicity
   c. Gender and sexuality

X. Social Change and social movements