

C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to Sociology

Descriptor Details

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General Description

An introductory study of the basic concepts, theoretical approaches, and methods of sociology. Topics typically include the analysis and explanation of social structure, group dynamics, socialization and the self, social stratification, culture and diversity, social change, and global dynamics. Course objectives include the ability to apply sociological ideas to everyday life.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

Eligibility for or concurrent enrollment in College Level English (C-ID ENGL 100)

Content

1. The Sociological Imagination
2. The Historical Development of Sociology
3. Major Sociological Perspectives

4. Studying the Social World: an introduction to Research Methods
5. Society and Culture
6. Socialization
7. Interaction, Groups and Organizations
8. Deviance and Social Control
9. Stratification: Class, Race, Ethnicity, Age, Sex and Gender
10. Social Institutions: Family, Education, Religion, Medicine, Economy/Work, Politics, Science and Technology
11. Social Dynamics: Population, Urbanization, Environment and Globalization
12. Social Change

Lab Activities

No information provided

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand and apply the sociological imagination to a variety of contemporary social phenomena.
- Understand the historical development of Sociology as a separate discipline.
- Distinguish between the use of various research methods.
- Identify, compare and apply the primary sociological perspectives.
- Explain and apply key sociological concepts.
- Describe and explain the basic dimensions of social inequality and social change in historical and contemporary society.
- Assess what social forces and organizational structures are most prominent in shaping, guiding and influencing individual and group behavior in contemporary society.

Evaluation Methods

May include:

Objective exams
Written assignments

Application exercises
Research project
Field Journal
Oral Presentations
Reflection and discussion
Small group activities
Out-of-class activities

Textbooks

Henslin, James, *Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach*
Kimmel and Aronson, *Sociology Now: The Essentials*
Ballantine and Roberts, *Our Social World: An Introduction to Sociology*
Macionis, John, *Sociology*
Giddings, *The Elements of Sociology*
Kendall, *Sociology in Our Times: The Essentials*