

# Common Course Outline

## SOCL 101

### Introduction to Sociology

3 Semester Hours

#### Description

Introduction to Sociology

Examines how social conditions and cultural values affect peoples' life chances, problems and predicaments; covers basic concepts such as culture, socialization, social inequality, social power, deviance, social control and institutions.

Prerequisite: (RDNG 052 or LVR 2) and (ENGL 052 or LVE 2) or (ESOL 052 or LVE 2)

#### Overall Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. define and assess the sociological perspective (and its development) in studying human behavior (I, 1, 2);
2. summarize the differences between and apply the macro- and micro- sociological approaches (I, 1,2);
3. explain and compare the major theoretical orientations in sociology and apply them, in order to understand, assess and determine ways to improve social patterns, through independent and/or collaborative problem-solving assignments (I,III, VI, 1, 2);
4. describe the methods (quantitative and qualitative) and the technology used in sociological research, and its application, and be able to apply the steps in the scientific research process through either the design and/or implementation of a sociological study (I, III, IV, VI, 1, 2, 3);
5. analyze the nature and significance of social structure and social institutions (I, 4);
6. evaluate the nature of culture, subcultures, social norms, ethnocentrism, and cultural relativism through collaborative learning experiences (II, III, V, 3, 4);
7. describe the process of socialization and influence of agents of socialization on the development of the self (V, 2, 4);
8. describe and assess patterns of social interaction using the concepts: status, role, primary group, and secondary group (III,V, 3);
9. explain and compare sociological perspectives on deviance (I, V, 1);
10. assess the nature and significance of social stratification, focusing on variables such as social class, race, age and gender through collaboration with others and independently (III, V, VI, 2, 4).

#### Major Topics

- Sociological perspective
- Major theoretical orientations
- Methods of research
- Culture
- Socialization
- Social groups
- Social Stratification
- Deviance

Course Requirements (VII)

Individual writing assignments will be determined by the instructor and will be described in the syllabus for each section of the course. However, all students will

1. Participate actively in class discussions and group activities;
2. Write at least two essays (for a minimum of 1,000 words);
3. Complete at least three exams *or* one project (which incorporates the appropriate use of technology in the field) and at least two exams.