

Common Course Outline

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Topics in Sociology

3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

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Addresses major social concerns, issues, institutions, and other topics that are central to the discipline of sociology; covers flexible topics of great contemporary concern including such social phenomena as sexuality and society, religion and society, and women and society.

Prerequisite: (RDNG 052 or LVR 2); (ENGL 052 or LVE 2); (MATH 081 or LVM 1)

Overall Course Objectives

- Explain the fundamental assumptions of the discipline of sociology
- Discuss the basic theories used in analyzing sociological phenomena relative to the topic being studied
- Apply the major theories to the analysis of sociological topics
- Describe the methods used in doing scientific research in sociology
- Discuss how to utilize these methods in data gathering and analysis
- Explain how the topic in question contributes to one's understanding of sociology
- Discuss the relationship between society, culture, and behavior to the topic being studied
- Apply information from the course to understanding its effect on future changes in our society
- Analyze how insights gained from the course affect one's personal place in our society
- Discuss how the topic in question furthers our sociological knowledge about behavior

Major Topics

- Important theoretical orientations in sociology
- Scientific techniques used in studying sociological topics
- Cross-cultural perspectives of topics being studied
- The effect of change on American society relative to the topic being studied
- Basic issues and problems related to the topic being studied
- The relationship to the general discipline of sociology
- The effect on society and behavior
- How insights from the course contribute to the general knowledge base in sociology
- The use and application of information gained from the course

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty members but will include the following: at least 3 examinations

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments