

SOC 210
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090, or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces the scientific study of human society, culture, and social interactions. Topics include socialization, research methods, diversity and inequality, cooperation and conflict, social change, social institutions, and organizations. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of sociological concepts as they apply to the interplay among individuals, groups, and societies. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to analyze:

- a. How their behavior is social, and how they fit and do not fit into society and other social structures.
- b. Social interaction, its impact on social structures and social change and the socialization process
- c. Sociology as a social science.
- d. Culture and its diversity within the United States and internationally.
- e. Various levels of social structure, including social groups, formal organizations, communities, and societies.
- f. The stratified nature of social structure, including stratification by race and ethnicity gender, and age.
- g. How social institutions change and how they relate to each other and to other aspects of social structure.
- h. Issues of social control and deviance.
- i. Collective behavior and social movement, and how these relate to social change.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Introduction
 - A. What is sociology?
 - B. Methods of sociological research

- II. Culture, society, and socialization
 - A. Society and social structure
 - B. Socialization

- III. Social interaction
 - A. Social groups
 - B. Deviance and control

- IV. Social inequality
 - A. Social stratification
 - B. Race and ethnicity
 - C. Gender and age

- V. Social institutions
 - A. Marriage and the family
 - B. Education
 - C. Religion
 - D. Political order
 - E. Economic order

- VI. Social change
 - A. Nature of social change
 - B. Collective behavior and social movements
 - C. Population and urbanization
 - D. Impact of technology on the environment
 - E. Consequences of social change

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:

To be selected by instructor.

STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 686-3652 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1309.