

# SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 002 or DRE 097; 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 completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize and apply the sociological perspective and articulate how sociology views the world distinctively from other social sciences.
2. Identify and apply major theoretical paradigms to understand social phenomena.
3. Articulate the importance of the scientific methods for sociological inquiry and identify the major sociological research methods.
4. Describe the components of social structure and how they affect human action and social life.
5. Explain the relationship between the self and society and the processes by which both are constructed through social interaction.
6. Interpret the patterns and effects of social inequality and identify how social structures create and maintain different forms of inequality in society.
7. Assess how social phenomena are reproduced and changed.

## OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. The Discipline of Sociology
  - A. The Sociological Perspective
  - B. Sociological Theory
  - C. Sociological Research Methods
- II. The Foundations of Society
  - A. Culture
  - B. Social Structure
  - C. Social Interaction
  - D. Socialization and The Self
  - E. Groups and Organizations
  - F. Deviance and Social Control
- III. Social Inequality
  - A. Social Class
  - B. Sex and Gender
  - C. Race and Ethnicity
  - D. Aging and the Elderly
- IV. Social Change

- A. Traditional, Modern, and Postmodern Societies
- B. Population, Urbanization, and Environment
- C. Social Movements

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.