

## SOC 225 Social Diversity

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Prerequisites: ENG 002 or DRE 097; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course provides a comparison of diverse roles, interests, opportunities, contributions, and experiences in social life. Topics include race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, class, and religion. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze how cultural and ethnic differences evolve and how they affect personality development, values, and tolerance. *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. Discuss the ways in which race, class, gender, and sexuality are socially constructed.
2. Discuss how systems of privilege and oppression are created, reproduced, and changed.
3. Discuss the ways in which dimensions of difference and inequality are experienced in everyday life.

### **OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:**

- I. Constructing Differences
  - A. Race and Ethnicity
  - B. Social Class
  - C. Sex and Gender
  - D. Sexuality
- II. Maintaining Inequalities: Systems of Oppression and Privilege
  - A. Family
  - B. Education
  - C. Work and Economy
  - D. The State and Public Policy
  - E. Media
  - F. Violence and Social Control
- III. Experiencing Difference and Inequality in Everyday Life
- IV. Resistance and Social Change

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**

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