

OSS021 – INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

<i>Credit Hour Recommendation:</i> 3 Semester Hours
<i>Prerequisite:</i> None
<i>Related TAGs:</i> Geography, Sociology
<i>General Course Description:</i> Introduction to the theoretical foundations and methods used to gather, interpret, and evaluate data in sociology. Insight into how society is organized by focusing on the structure and function of social institutions, the impact of culture and socialization on individuals and groups, and systems of stratification among various racial and ethnic, social class, gender and sexuality groups.
A minimum of 70% of the Student Learning Outcomes must be met including the essential learning outcomes marked with an asterisk (*).
Students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:
1. The sociological perspective, the theoretical foundations (Functionalism, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionism), and the contributions of major theorists to the development of these perspectives.*
2. The ways in which sociologists gather, interpret, and evaluate data, including both quantitative and qualitative methodologies.*
3. The impact of culture and socialization on shaping human behavior and world view.*
4. The elements of social structure and the organization of society.*
5. The major theories of crime, deviance, and systems of social control.
6. Systems of stratification in the United States and globally, including racial stratification, social class, sexuality and gender stratification.*
7. The major social institutions, such as marriage and the family, religion, politics, the economy, health care, and/or education.
8. Additional topics such as population, urbanization, the environment, aging, war/terrorism, and major theories of social change.

**SOCIOLOGY TAG: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY TAG COURSE
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