

SOC 201: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2024
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Total Student Learning Hours:	162
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
District General Education:	D2. Behavioral Science
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

Catalog Course Description

An emphasis is placed on the study of the basic structure of human society, the main forces that hold groups together or weaken them, conditions that transform social life, and basic social concepts. 54 lecture hours.

Course Objectives

- identify the main forces that hold groups together or weaken them and how they affect the structure of human society
- Analyze the three major theories in Sociology and use them to discuss current issues or events happening in today's society.
- Identify the major components of culture in today's society and discuss their relationship to everyday life.
- identify primary and secondary groups and their importance in the study of our society
- Recognize structural inequality in society
- Identify components of deviant behavior
- Recognize social forces that can lead to deviant behavior.
- List structural components of poverty in America.
- Recognize differences between religions and cults.

Major Course Content

1. The Sociological Perspective (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=1>)
2. Culture (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=2>)
3. Socialization (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=3>)
4. Social Structure and Social Interaction (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=4>)
5. Social Groups and Formal Organizations (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=5>)

6. Deviance and Social Control (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=6>)
7. Stratification (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=7>)
8. Social Class in the United States (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=8>)
9. Race and Ethnicity (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=9>)
10. Gender and Age (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=10>)
11. Politics and the Economy (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=11>)
12. Marriage and Family (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=12>)
13. Education and Religion (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=13>)
14. Population and Urbanization (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=14>)
15. Social Change (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=15>)
16. Medicine and Health (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=16>)
17. The Sociology of Human Sexuality (<http://mysoclabweb.mathxl.com/mywebs/chaptertests.asp?chapterId=17>)

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Henslin Textbook Website

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

The purpose of this paper assignment is to focus on a particular topic of interest and expand upon it. You will take an aspect of popular culture in the United States that is of interest to you. You will submit a paper of 3-4 pages in length on a topic of your choice. This will include a review of literature in any area of research of particular interest to you. A minimum of three (3) outside sources must be reviewed (meaning 3 sources besides your textbook). Each source should be analyzed from a critical perspective paying particular attention to the author's main points. This paper will include research findings about your topic, as well as a demonstration of your understanding of sociological concepts and theories. Incorporate what you have learned in class and from reading the text.

Examples of Outside Assignments

The purpose of this assignment is to give you practice in conducting internet research on a given topic. Choose one of the three theories discussed in your book and do an internet search for student papers written on that theory. Read at least three "student written" papers, and answer the following questions.

1. What new information have you gained by reading these papers? List and be specific.
2. Did the students write in a way that was more understandable to your way of thinking? How?
3. Give a brief explanation of your particular theory.
4. Please cite your sources for the information you obtained.

Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture

IGETC Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

4J. Sociology & Criminology