COLLEGEWIDE COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD

SOCI 111, INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Sociology
COURSE NUMBER: SOCI 111
PREREQUISITES: Demonstrated competency through appropriate assessment or earning a grade of "C" or better in ENG 025 Introduction to College Writing II and ENG 032 Reading Strategies for College II and MAT 044 Mathematics
SCHOOL: Liberal Arts and Sciences
PROGRAM: Liberal Arts
CREDIT HOURS: 3
CONTACT HOURS: Lecture: 3
DATE OF LAST REVISION: Spring, 2004
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REVISION: Fall, 2008

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduces students to the major theoretical paradigms of the science of human society, including fundamental concepts, descriptions, and analyses of society, culture, socialization processes, social institutions, social change, social stratification and the application this understanding to everyday living.

MAJOR COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this course the student will be expected to:

1.   Define sociology and explain the three major theoretical paradigms: structural-functionalist, conflict, and symbolic interactionist.
2.   Identify and understand the contributions of such theorists as Comte, Marx, Durkheim, Spencer, Weber, Cooley, and Mead.
3.   Illustrate the relationships between theory and research, social science research methods, hypothesis testing, and concepts of validity and reliability.
4.   Describe the principal social research methods including the experiment, survey, and participant observation.
5.   Develop the skills necessary to read and interpret tables, charts, graphs, and diagrams; identify and understand their component parts.
6.   Define and describe such sociological terms as society, culture, socialization, groups, deviance, institutions (e.g. religion, family, education, work, political), social movements, demographics (age, gender, race, ethnicity), social change and social stratification.
7.   Describe the processes and impacts of socialization.
8.   Describe sociological concepts and their application to everyday living--ways that these concepts facilitate meeting life's daily challenges.
9.   Identify primary institutions and examine how interactions within and between institutions affect our daily lives.
10.   Examine and explore contemporary issues such as diversity, racism, sexism, ageism, classism, technology, and society.
11.   Examine the impacts of social change on social institutions.

COURSE CONTENT: Topical areas of study include –

Social change	Social institutions
Social movements	Demographics
Society	Structural-functionalist, conflict, and symbolic interactionist
Culture	Social stratification
Socialization	Sociological research and theory
Groups	Contemporary sociological issues
Deviance	Theoretical paradigms

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