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SOC 200

Principles of Sociology

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Introduces fundamentals of social life. Presents significant research and theory in areas such as culture, social structure, socialization, deviance, social stratification, and social institutions.

This course introduces the science and theory that sociologists use to understand the social world. It examines the social construction of reality, the place of institutions in modern society and the forces that shape human social interaction.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand the topics listed under the topics list and be able to relate each to the social structure in America.
- Examine sociology's founding and history as a social science
- Understand how sociology functions scientifically
- Understand the research methods used in sociology
- Understand the ethics and ethical dilemmas in studying sociology
- Describe the interrelatedness of the social sciences to his/her world of human experience.
- Demonstrate an understanding of social research, including the ability to apply research findings to social issues.
- Recognize how social institutions change and how they relate to each other in the global world.
- Apply the functional theory, conflict theory and symbolic interaction theory to all social areas including: government, healthcare, education, commerce, and religion.
- Understand some of the prominent areas of sociological study (cultural studies, social institutions and structures, stratification, gender and race construction, minority groups, inequality, medical sociology, criminology, social movements, and demography).
- Recognize problems of social control and deviance.
- Appreciate cultural diversity in a global society.

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Required Materials:

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Virginia Western Community College Ritzer Essentials +IEB + Virginia Western Community College Supplement. CA.: Sage Publications, 2015. ISBN: 9781506316482

The following supplementary materials are available: None

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Topical Description:

- History of Sociology
- Macrosociology
- Microsociology
- Scientific Method
- The Sociological Perspective and Research Process
- Culture
- Socialization
- Status and Roles
- Social Structure, Interaction and Groups
- Deviance and Crime
- Social Stratification
- Race and Ethnicity
- Sex and Gender
- Families and intimate relationships
- Education
- Political and Economic Institutions
- Religion
- Health Care and Aging
- Sports
- Population and Urbanization
- Social Change and Collective Behavior

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Notes to Instructors

- None

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