Course Prefix and Number: SOC 200  
Credits: 3

Course Title: Principles of Sociology

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. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
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Course Objectives:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

a. Identify key originators of and contributors to the discipline.
b. Apply critical thinking skills to understand and analyze the socio-cultural environment.
c. Identify and understand the social processes of which he/she is an integral part.
d. Identify and understand the cultural forces that affect his/her life and position in society.
e. Recognize how current socio-cultural conditions have been shaped by past traditions and customs.
f. Identify and explain micro- and macro-level aspects of human organizations and relationships.
g. Recognize and appreciate the diversity that exists within his/her own society (with regard to physical, social, cultural aspects of humans and human behavior/society), as well as other societies and cultures.
h. Utilize a scientific rather than "common sense" approach to understanding society.
i. Differentiate between assumptions/stereotypes and objective, scientific information.
j. Meaningfully use sociological concepts in oral and written communications, and apply those concepts to his/her own self and life circumstances.
k. Derive tentative conclusions based upon interrelated facts, rather than opinions.
l. Summarize, critically evaluate, and understand information, including scientific data presented in tables and graphs.
m. Recognize and differentiate between causal and correlational relationships.
n. Demonstrate effective, college-level speaking and writing skills.

Major Topics to Be Included:

a. Sociological perspective, theory, and research methods
b. Socialization and social interaction
c. Groups and organizations
d. Deviance
e. Stratification (social class, gender, racial/ethnic, age)
f. Social Institutions (family, education, religion, health/medicine, politics, economics)
g. Collective behavior (may include urbanization and population/environment issues)
h. Social Change

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: Summer, 2014