



South Central College

# SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

## Course Outcome Summary

### Course Information

**Description** The world is a far more diverse place than you might think! This course is a broad survey of sociology and its practical uses for all of us. In this course, students are introduced to a variety of topics, emphasizing breadth rather than depth. After learning about the basic theories and methods of sociology, students will cover topics such as race, gender, education, religion, social class, work, family, the environment, government and politics, organizations and bureaucracy, and other topics. Students will learn about the nature of all of these areas and their effects on individuals and their broader implications for society. In the end, students will leave with a far greater understanding of how society is organized and what that means for where we have been, where we are, and where we are going as a people. (Prerequisite: Completion of READ 0090 with a grade of C or higher or a score of 78 or above in Reading comprehension on the Accuplacer) (MNTC Goal Areas 5 & 8; History and Social Sciences, Global Perspective)

**Total Credits** 4

**Total Hours** 64

### Types of Instruction

Instruction Type	Credits/Hours
Lecture	4 / 64

### Pre/Corequisites

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### Institutional Core Competencies

Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility - Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to engage in the social responsibilities expected of a community member.

Cultural Competence - Students will be able to demonstrate an attitude of personal curiosity, a rising knowledge of cultures, and an evolving range of skills for living and working among others with other worldviews and ways of life.

### Course Competencies

**1. Explain the development of the discipline of Sociology**

**Learning Objectives**

Discuss the social and political events that led to rise of sociology  
Describe who the primary contributors are and their theoretical perspectives

**2. Demonstrate an understanding of the various research methods employed in the analysis of the society by the discipline**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe the various steps employed by researchers to conduct a Sociological study  
Explain the differences between correlation and causation as well as the differences between quantitative and qualitative studies

**3. Explain the framework of culture and the important role this variable plays in defining the individual in relation the larger society**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe the definition of culture and explain the differences between material and non-material culture  
Explain the various elements (norms, values, ethnocentrism, relativism, etc.) of culture  
Evaluate cultural relativism and the importance of cross cultural understanding

**4. Explain the differences between micro and macro orientation by examining social structure and interaction**

**Learning Objectives**

Compare and contrast micro and macro concepts and theoretical perspectives  
Discuss the various elements of social structure and interaction  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view social structure

**5. Describe the important role the process of Socialization play in our society**

**Learning Objectives**

Define socialization  
Discuss the differences between nature and nurture in relation to socialization and culture  
Explain the various agents of socialization  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view the process of socialization

**6. Explain the variables of groups and societies in human environments**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe the various elements of groups in human societies  
Identify the elements of a formal organization and describe their function in societies  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view social groups

**7. Describe stratification both at a local and global level**

**Learning Objectives**

Compare and contrast local and global stratification  
Identify the various elements of stratification - power, wealth, prestige  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view both global and local stratification

**8. Analyze the importance of the various social institutions that encompass human societies**

**Learning Objectives**

Compare and contrast the various social institutions (religion, education, legal, etc.)  
Identify the roles these institutions play in defining human societies  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view the various institutions

**9. Explain how societies change and its implications**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe what brings about social change  
Compare and contrast collective behaviors and other social movements  
Discuss how the three theoretical perspectives view societal change brought about by collective behaviors and social movements

**10. Evaluate the implications of educational inequality**

**Learning Objectives**

Explain the basic structure of education as an institution  
Evaluate the implications of varied outcomes in education  
Analyze the implications of educational inequality on labor market outcomes

**11. Evaluate the implications of racial/ethnic inequality**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe the extent of racial/ethnic inequality  
Evaluate the ethical and societal implications of racial/ethnic inequality on a variety of outcomes

**12. Evaluate the implications of gender inequality**

**Learning Objectives**

Describe the nature and extent of gender inequality on a variety of outcomes  
Analyze and evaluate the ethical and societal implications of gender inequality

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