



South Central College

SOC 205 Special Topics in Sociology

Course Outcome Summary

Course Information

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| Description | Special Topics in Sociology is a course that is used to cover a specific sociological area that is not otherwise covered by the other sociology courses offered. This course will explore the basic principles, theories, methodologies, and contemporary research and issues of the topic indicated in the course title on the registration page. Students should expect this course to be a survey of topics in the given sociological sub-discipline. (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 and 9; History and Social Sciences, Ethical and Civic Responsibility) |
| Total Credits | 3 |
| Total Hours | 48 |

Types of Instruction

| Instruction Type | Credits/Hours |
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| Lecture | 3 |

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 topic as it relates to classical sociological theory (conflict theory)

Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to power dynamics across various global communities
- Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to contemporary stratification systems in the world

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to Marxist perspectives

2. Explain the topic as it relates to classical sociological theory (functionalist)

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to unequal power distributions among various groups, but not social classes

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to global systems and body-part discourses

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to Weberian theory

3. Explain the topic as it relates to classical sociological theory (symbolic interactionist)

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to symbolism and labeling of groups

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to self-fulfilling prophecies

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to interpersonal relations

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to Durkheimian perspectives

4. Evaluate the methodological approaches to studying the topic (quantitative)

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to statistical analysis

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to research production based upon statistics

Apply the method to real world situations

Evaluate the method for its effectiveness and applicability to real world research

5. Evaluate the methodological approaches to studying the topic (qualitative)

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to discourse analysis

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to ethnography

Analyze and evaluate the method as it relates to real world research

6. Analyze the data collection approaches appropriate to the topic

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to surveys

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to secondary data analysis

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to historical comparative data analysis

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to ethnography & interviews

Synthesize the various methods to cover all dimensions of a given real world research topic

7. Explain the findings of current research in the topic

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate ability to read and interpret the contemporary research in the topic

Demonstrate ability to critique and correct shortcomings in contemporary research in the topic

Demonstrate ability to situate contemporary research in the topic among other sociological research

8. Discriminate between the various issues surrounding the current research on the topic

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to current events

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to the big areas of sociological inquiry: race, gender, socioeconomic status, etc.

Judge and justify the merits of the reviewed research

9. Apply the topic to social problems

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to ethical responsibility

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to real world policy

Collect and/or propose real world, executable solutions

10. Critically engage the ethical issues surrounding the topic with emphasis on civic responsibility and development of active citizenship

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to race, gender, socioeconomic status, inequality, and public policy
Evaluate the aforementioned dimensions for their positive and negative impact
Argue and justify a position on the ethical dimensions of the social problems and their respective solutions associated with the topic
Demonstrate development of an ethical schema for the special topic

11. Explain the global perspectives of the topic

Learning Objectives

Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to global worlds - first, second, and third
Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to global region
Demonstrate understanding of the topic as it relates to the global core, semi-periphery, and periphery

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