

Curriculum Organizers/Topics

Unit 1: An Invitation to the World of Sociology (12 - 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Learn about the sociological approach.
- Learn what sociologists do.
- Understand the development of sociology.
- Understand the major sociological perspectives.
- Understand sociology today.

Unit 2: Culture (12 - 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Understand what culture is.
- Learn how culture develops in society.
- Learn what language, norms, values, and sanctions are.
- Understand cultural variation like subcultures and countercultures.
- Learn about cultural diversity.

Unit 3: Socialization (12 - 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Understand what socialization is and how people learn to be members of their culture.
- Examine the different socialization processes throughout the life course.
- Learn how the agents of socialization teach individuals culture.
- Examine how socialization affects the development of the self.
- Understand the role of the family, school, peer group, media, and workplace in the socialization process.

Unit 4: Social Structure & Group Behavior (12- 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Examine the social structure of society and how this structure affects your everyday life.
- Learn about the statuses in society that you may hold and the roles that follow from these statuses.
- Follow the development of technology in society from preindustrial societies to postmodern ones and examine how these changes affect the social structure of societies.
- Explore social interactions between groups of people.

Mid-term Exam (2 hours)

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the unit, the students will be able to:

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: The student will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Unit 5: Deviance & Crime (12 - 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Understand what deviance is and how it affects society.
- Examine the different explanations for deviance.
- Discuss how society encourages conformity and how it uses social control to discourage deviance.
- Understand the different types of crime and how society deals with crime.

Unit 6: Social Stratification & Class (12 - 15 hours)

Learning Outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Understand what social stratification is and how it affects society.
- Learn about the three types of social stratification.
- Examine the major theories of social stratification.
- Investigate the social classes that exist in the United States and Canada.
- Learn about the poverty in North America and which groups are more likely to be poor.

Unit 7: Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity (12 - 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Learn what race and ethnicity are.
- Investigate the characteristics of a minority group.
- Understand what prejudice, racism, and discrimination are.
- Examine the different ways that group relationships may be organized in society.
- Discuss how a minority group may respond to repression.

Unit 8: Gender (12- 15 hours)

Learning outcomes

In this unit, the students will:

- Learn what gender and gender roles are.
- Examine how gender roles and expectations influence the positions and opportunities available to men and women.
- Discuss the social construction of gender.
- Investigate how the socialization process teaches gender.
- Look at gender inequality in society and how it affects men and women.

Final Exam (2 hours)

Learning outcomes

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: The students will be able to open this exam only one time.)

104 – 124 hours total

Student Assessment

First Assignment – 10%

Quizzes – 10%

Units 2-8 – 10% each

Midterm and Final – 5% each

Unit Quizzes, Midterm and & Final Exam

- Unit quizzes check comprehension of topics covered in units
- Midterm Exam – checks comprehension of units 1-4
- Final Exam checks comprehension of units 5-8

Within each unit:

Assignments – 50% of unit mark

1. Lab Questions

- Lab Questions are connected to an activity that explores a facet of the field of Sociology, and encourage critical thinking.
- Labs involve the exploration of an interactive website or video that relates to the learning outcomes covered in the unit. Students follow directions to explore the interactive websites, and then answer questions based on that exploration.

2. Text Questions

- Text questions check the student's comprehension of the readings and resources.

Discussions – 50% of unit mark

- Discussions questions allow students to interact and share their thoughts on topics in Sociology.