

Montgomery County Community College
 SOC 101
 Introduction to Sociology
 3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the scientific study of human society. It presents the basic components of sociology, i.e., groups, society, culture, socialization, institutions, collective behavior, stratification, and social change, for review and critique. Social structures, social rules and change within society are explored with respect to the history of societal development as well as current social trends.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

| LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to: | LEARNING ACTIVITIES | EVALUATION METHODS |
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| 1. Explain the foundations of sociology including the major concepts and theories in the field. | Lecture Discussion Reading Assignments | Written Examinations Written Assignments |
| 2. Examine the field of sociological research; how it is done, the various methods used and how to critique topical research issues. | Lecture Discussion Reading Assignments | Written Examinations Written Assignments Research Paper |
| 3. Discuss the dominant culture in the U.S.; the values, the socialization agents, and the differences between the dominant views and those of the many different cultural minorities. | Lecture Discussion Reading Assignments | Written Examinations Written Assignments |

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| 4. Explain the major issues surrounding social stratification in the U.S., the extent of it; the theories that explain and criticize it and its impact on minorities. | Lecture Discussion Reading Assignments | Written Examinations Written Assignments |

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. The Sociological Perspective
2. Methods and Science in Sociology
3. Culture and the Media
4. Interaction and Social Structure
5. Socialization and the Life Course
6. Social Interaction and Social Structure
7. Groups and Organizations
8. Deviance and Crime
10. Social Class and Social Stratification
11. Global Stratification
12. Race and Ethnicity
13. Gender and Sexuality
14. Families
15. Religion
16. Education
17. Health Care
18. Politics and the Economy
19. Population
20. The Environment
21. Social Change

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Witt, H. (2016). *Soc 2016 4th ed.* McGraw Hill.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.