

Anoka Technical College

SOSC 1010: Introduction to Sociology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 07 - Human Diversity

This course is an introduction to sociology as a way of understanding the world. Sociology is a field of study that explains social, political, and economic phenomena in terms of social structures, social forces, and group relations. The course will introduce students to the field by focusing on several important sociological topics, including socialization, culture, the social construction of knowledge, inequality, race and ethnic relations, poverty, and political sociology. (No prerequisite) (MN Transfer Goals 5 & 7)

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/10/2005 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Social change
2. Major sociological theory
3. Culture and socialization
4. Population and environment

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. An understanding of the three main sociological perspectives.
2. Utilize a sociological view of religion, family, education, politics, and economics.
3. An understanding of sociological alienation theory.
4. An understanding of sociological identity formation and socialization theories.
5. An understanding of social role theories.
6. Summarize sociological alienation theory.
7. Examine and identify social inequality around race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and social class.
8. The ability to apply these perspectives and theories to contemporary social problems.
9. Describe the critical link between social structures, social forces, and individual circumstances.
10. Insight into how you shape society and how society shapes you.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 07 - Human Diversity

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States' history and culture.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted