

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY SOC 200 - PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY (3 CR.)

Course Description

Introduces fundamentals of social life. Presents significant research and theory in areas such as culture, social structure, socialization, deviance, social stratification, and social institutions. Lecture 3 hours per week. (Students who take SOC 200 cannot receive credit for either SOC 201 or SOC 202).

General Course Purpose

This course acquaints the student with fundamental sociological concepts, research, and theory.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

- a) Apply the three major theoretical perspectives in sociology to real life social issues and problems.
- b) Identify the various research methodologies sociologists use to study social life.
- c) Identify the major agents of socialization.
- d) Contrast different forms of cultural groups including subculture, counterculture, and popular culture.
- e) Define cultural components of norms, values, and mores.
- f) Apply the sociological imagination to explain contemporary social issues.
- g) Utilize library resources to collect scholarly data on social issues.
- h) Discuss stratification as it applies to race, gender, and social class.
- i) Apply a global stratification theory to a national or global social problem.
- j) Identify different segments of the labor force within the institution of economy.
- k) Differentiate between the major social institutions that impact social life.
- l) Analyze factors that affect inequalities of race, gender, age, religion, and social class.
- m) Differentiate the various sociocultural evolutions of society.
- n) Identify the elements of social change in society.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Socialization
- b) Culture
- c) Family
- d) Deviance
- e) Race
- f) Ethnicity
- g) Social Interaction
- h) Social Change

- i) Formal Organizations**
- j) Social Institutions**
- k) Education**
- l) Religion**
- m) Stratification**
- n) Social Organization**
- o) Collective Behavior**
- p) Economy**

Extra Topics (optional)

- a) Sex Roles
- b) Criminology
- c) Future Trends
- d) Death and Dying
- e) Politics
- f) Mass Media
- g) Social Movements
- h) Urbanization
- i) Environment