

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
SOC 255 - COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY (3 CR.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Analyzes varieties of human behavior, beliefs and values in western and non-western cultures. Emphasizes similarities and variations among social institutions such as family, law, religion, economics and government. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

This course is designed to make the student aware of the diversity of ideas and practices to be found in human societies around the world and how such ideas and practices compare. The student would acquire perspective of how the ideas and ways of one's own society might be viewed from their vantage points.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

None

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- A. Develop an awareness of differences in cultural perspective.
- B. Develop a theoretical framework to understand differences.
- C. Be able to explain world events through a non-western viewpoint.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED

- A. World View
- B. Paradigm Shift
- C. Stereotyping
- D. Cultural Universals
- E. Cultural Relativism
- F. Structural-Functional Analysis
- G. Cultural Integration
- H. Cultural Transmission
- I. Global Perspective
- J. Post-Industrial Society
- K. Non-Verbal Communications
- L. Stage of Cultural Awareness
- M. Values
- N. Social Conflict Analysis
- O. Cultural Ecology
- P. Cultural Shock
- Q. Empathy
- R. World System Theory
- S. Ethnocentrism
- T. Societies Problem Solving Strategies
- U. Cultural Diversity
- V. Norms, Folkways, Mores, Laws

W. Cultural Lab
X. Language
Y. Verstehen