

# Syllabus for SC101

## Introduction to Sociology

**NOTE:** This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

### Course Description

Sociology is a special field of behavioral science that examines social relationships in a systematic way. It studies people in interaction with each other on a personal level, within and across social organizations, and across larger social systems.

### Prerequisite(s)

None

### Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Apply sociological theories and perspectives on culture and society.
- Differentiate among sociological theories.
- Describe cultures and societies from the culture's own perspective.
- Describe the impact of the social and physical environment on individual experience.
- Identify the interconnection between theory, methods, and realities.
- Interpret quantitative and qualitative evidence to reveal behavioral and attitudinal trends.
- Exchange ideas in a civil manner with classmates and/or the community.
- Address important issues locally and globally using sociological knowledge.

### Course Requirements/Components

#### Discussions (25%)

The discussions in this class draw from material you have read and ask you to apply your understanding of it to real-life situations or your own personal experience. You will be asked to make an initial post and two reply posts. Discussions are designed to be interactive; their purpose is to learn from each other and get a variety of perspectives on an issue. Toward that goal, it is important that you respond to your classmates in more detail than simply by saying, "I agree" or "I disagree" without further explanation. Also, please respect the fact that we have a class with diverse backgrounds; it is important that all of you feel comfortable sharing perspectives with each other. Be respectful of your classmates' opinions and be careful about choosing the appropriate tone in your posts. I expect that you will post your own ideas on an issue, read your classmates' posts, and reply in a timely manner. **I will not accept late postings.**

### Essays (25%)

Essays target a specific topic and are relatively brief compared to a paper, about a page. An essay does not require detailed analysis, but may ask you to provide an example of a concept or to apply the topic to a real-life situation.

### Papers (25%)

Papers tend to be analytical. They draw from your readings and require you to answer questions in detail, but will also ask for your opinion. Each paper should be around 2-3 pages.

### Reflections (25%)

Reflections ask you to think deeply on an issue. These assignments tend to be personal and ask you to state how you feel in light of provided information. Each reflection should be around 1-2 pages.

## Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	96% - 100%
A-	91% - 95%
B+	88% - 90%
B	84% - 87%
B-	81% - 83%
C+	78% - 80%
C	74% - 77%
C-	71% - 73%
D+	68% - 70%
D	64% - 67%
D-	61% - 63%
F	60% and under