

**College of San Mateo  
Official Course Outline**

1. **COURSE ID:** SOCI 100    **TITLE:** Introduction to Sociology    **C-ID:** SOCI 110  
**Units:** 3.0 units    **Hours/Semester:** 48.0-54.0 Lecture hours; and 96.0-108.0 Homework hours  
**Method of Grading:** Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass)
  
2. **COURSE DESIGNATION:**  
**Degree Credit**  
**Transfer credit:** CSU; UC  
**AA/AS Degree Requirements:**  
    CSM - GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: E5b. Social Science  
**CSU GE:**  
    CSU GE Area D: SOCIAL SCIENCES: DSI - Social Institutions  
**IGETC:**  
    IGETC Area 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: Social and Behavioral Sciences
  
3. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**  
**Catalog Description:**  
    This course focuses on the study of group behavior and interaction of the individual and society. Topics include family, politico-economic, educational, and religious institutions; social movements; population; mass society and communications; community structure; social class and status; ethnic and racial minorities; work and leisure; personality development in different cultures as shaped by customs, attitudes and values. A cross-cultural and global perspective is woven throughout the course.
  
4. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) (SLO'S):**  
    Upon successful completion of this course, a student will meet the following outcomes:
  1. Understand and apply the sociological imagination to a variety of contemporary social phenomena.
  2. Understand the historical development of Sociology as a separate discipline.
  3. Distinguish between the use of various research methods.
  4. Identify, compare and apply the primary sociological perspectives.
  5. Explain and apply key sociological concepts.
  6. Describe and explain the basic dimensions of social inequality and social change in historical and contemporary society.
  7. Assess what social forces and organizational structures are most prominent in shaping, guiding and influencing individual and group behavior in contemporary society.
  
5. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**  
    Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:
  1. Understand and apply the sociological imagination to a variety of contemporary social phenomena.
  2. Understand the historical development of Sociology as a separate discipline.
  3. Distinguish between the use of various research methods.
  4. Identify, compare and apply the primary sociological perspectives.
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  7. Assess what social forces and organizational structures are most prominent in shaping, guiding and influencing individual and group behavior in contemporary society.
  
6. **COURSE CONTENT:**  
**Lecture Content:**
  1. **The Sociological Imagination**
  2. **The Historical Development of Sociology**
  3. **Major Sociological Perspectives**
  4. **Studying the Social World: an introduction to Research Methods**
  5. **Society and Culture**
  6. **Socialization**
  7. **Interaction, Groups and Organizations**

8. **Deviance and Social Control**
9. **Stratification: Class, Race, Ethnicity, Age, Sex and Gender**
10. **Social Institutions: Family, Education, Religion, Medicine, Economy/Work, Politics, Science and Technology**
11. **Social Dynamics: Population, Urbanization, Environment and Globalization**
12. **Social Change**

**7. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

Typical methods of instruction may include:

- A. Lecture
- B. Discussion
- C. Guest Speakers

**8. REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS**

Representative assignments in this course may include, but are not limited to the following:

**Writing Assignments:**

Students complete an original research paper in addition to short in class writing exercises.

**Reading Assignments:**

Weekly readings from the assigned textbook.

**9. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF EVALUATION**

Representative methods of evaluation may include:

- A. Class Participation
- B. Class Work
- C. Exams/Tests
- D. Homework
- E. Papers
- F. Quizzes
- G. Research Projects

**10. REPRESENTATIVE TEXT(S):**

Possible textbooks include:

- A. Richard T. Shaefer. *Sociology: A Brief Introduction*, ed. McGraw-Hill, 2012
- B. Diana Kendall. *Sociology in Our Times, 11th edition*, ed. Thomson/Wadsworth, 2015
- C. Henslin, James. *Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach*, ed. Pearson, 2020

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