

## SOC 105 Sociology

**Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to help students develop a general understanding of major perspectives, concepts, and topics in the field of sociology.

**Recommended Textbook:** The recommended textbook for this course is *SOC 2014*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. The author is Jon Witt, Central College. Softcover, 480 pages, ©2014 McGraw-Hill, ISBN-13: 9780077443191.



**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of this study, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The major theoretical foundations of sociology and the contributions of major theorists to the development of these perspectives,
2. The ways in which sociologists gather, interpret, and evaluate data, including both quantitative and qualitative methodologies,
3. The components of culture and their impact on shaping human behavior and world view.
4. The elements of social structure and the organization of society
5. The major theories of crime, deviance, and systems of social control.
6. Systems of stratification, including global inequality, racial stratification, social class, and gender stratification.
7. The major social institutions, such as marriage and the family, religion, politics, the economy, health care, and/or education.
8. Topics such as population, urbanization, the environment, and, war/terrorism, and major theories of social change.

**Structure:** This course is divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook.

### SOC 105.1 Foundations of Sociological Study

First Area of Study: The Sociological Imagination

Second Area of Study: Sociological Research

Third Area of Study: Culture

Fourth Area of Study: Socialization

Fifth Area of Study: Social Structure and Interaction

### SOC 105.2 Topic in Sociology, Part I

First Area of Study: Deviance

Second Area of Study: Families

Third Area of Study: Education and Religion

Fourth Area of Study: Government and Economy

Fifth Area of Study: Social Class

### SOC 105.3 Topics in Sociology, Part II

First Area of Study: Global Inequality

Second Area of Study: Gender and Sexuality

Third Area of Study: Race and Ethnicity

Fourth Area of Study: Health, Medicine and Environment

Fifth Area of Study: Social Change

**Academic Credit:** Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Sociology Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.