

Course: SOC 150
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisite: None

Course Title: Introduction to Society
Department: Sociology & Anthropology

General Education Area:

HUMAN CULTURES - Social & Behavioral Sciences (*GEC 110*)

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Typically Offered During:

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 st Block:	NO	Fall 2 nd Block:	YES
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 st Block:	NO	Spring 2 nd Block:	YES
Summer:	YES				

Typical Instructional Modality:

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

May Also Count Toward Department Offering:

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	NO
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Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.

How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?

Sociology is the study of society. This introductory course highlights different perspectives from which to view society and social interactions, and different approaches to studying society and social issues. We explore social norms, how people learn to become part of society, and how people might come to deviate from social norms. An important part of the sociological perspective is exploring how different forms of inequality, such as race, class, and gender intersect to create different experiences of privilege and deprivation. Finally, we explore how these social dynamics play out in a variety of core social institutions such as family, education, religion, politics, and the economy.

Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?

Having a sociological perspective helps broaden our understanding of human interactions and social institutions. This is an important and valued skill in the workplace. Many employers in the business sector value the understanding of diversity that the sociological perspective provides.

Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?

Students in the education field, or any of the health professions can benefit from understanding the social structures and processes that affect their students or patients and their families. The entrance exam for medical school now includes a section on sociology.

Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)

The study of society including its structure and operation from the perspective of sociology. The course focuses on ways society is constructed by people and, in turn, on the ways society shapes people. This general education course supplies students with a community as well as global, multicultural understanding of society.