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SOCS 101 Introduction to Sociology

This course will introduce students to the basic concepts and theories of sociology, as well as to the methods used in sociological research. The course will address how sociological concepts and theories are used to analyze and interpret our social world, and how profoundly our society and the groups to which students belong, influence them.

(Pre-requisites: None)

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Define the sociological perspectives that sociological contributions can bring to the social sciences.
2. Discuss intersectionality and the connections between race, class, gender, disability and other forms of structural inequality.
3. Describe the sociological imagination and explain the relationships between social structures, social forces, and individuals.
4. Apply the perspectives of symbolic interactionist theory, conflict theory, and structural-functionalist theory to qualitative and/or quantitative data.
5. Illustrate micro-sociological concepts through group collaboration.
6. Apply social scientific principles to understand the social world within the context of a project.

Textbook & Course Materials:

- Introduction to Sociology, Openstax, 2nd. Ed. https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-sociology-2e

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Social Sciences
2. Sociological Imagination
3. The History and First Thinkers of Sociology
4. Sociological Theories
5. Research Methods
6. Culture
7. Social Interaction
8. Socialization
9. Groups and Organizations
10. Crime and Deviance
11. Media and Technology
12. Social Stratification
13. Global Stratification
14. Race and Ethnicity
15. Gender
16. Age
17. Social Movements