Administrative Unit: History and Social Sciences Department

Course Prefix and Number: SOCI 111

Course Title: General Sociology

Number of Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Introduction to the study of small and large scale human social interaction and social organizations. Offered Spring and Fall semesters. G.E. Course meets World/Eastern Culture graduation requirement.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None.

Text(s): Most current editions of the following:

- Lindsey, Linda and Stephen Beach. Sociology. Prentice Hall.


Course Objectives:

- To understand the discipline of sociology
- To develop critical and analytical thinking skills through the analysis
- To interrogate society, particularly the understanding of democracy and capitalism

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

- Describe and explain the historical development of the discipline of sociology, including an
understanding of the socio-historical conditions out of which it developed.

- Understand the significant theoretical perspectives within sociology: functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, and feminist sociology.
- Explain the significant research methodologies within the discipline.
- Understand culture, social structure, and socialization.
- Understand the sociological imagination to be able to see the larger social forces at work and affecting our individual lives.
- Explain crime and deviance, social inequalities along the lines of race, gender, class, and sexuality, social change, media and sports using the significant theoretical perspectives within sociology.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- Introduction to the discipline and its origins, major theoretical perspectives and classical social theorists.
- Research methods.
- Culture and social structure.
- Socialization.
- Social Stratification.
  - Race
  - Class
  - Gender
  - Sexuality
  - Age
- Deviance, Crime and Social Control
- Sociology of the Family
- Sociology of Education
- Media and Society
- Social Change and Development
- Social Movements and Collective Behavior

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.