

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOC 121S INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Basic concepts, theories, and scientific methodology of sociology. Includes an emphasis on processes through which people shape and are shaped by their social environment, culture, social structures, and institutions. Prerequisite: Qualifying assessment scores in reading and writing or satisfactory completion of ENG 091D and ENG 093D.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Gen Ed Outcomes
4	1. Correlate the sociological theories of functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism and connect them to society.	1, 2
1	2. Identify the major theorists involved in the development of the theories and sociological perspectives.	1, 2
2	3. Explain the ways in which sociologists gather, interpret, and evaluate data including quantitative and qualitative methodologies.	1, 2, 6
3	4. Articulate the understanding of cultural diversity and its role in society.	1, 2, 4
2	5. Describe components of culture and their impact on shaping human behavior and the world view.	2, 4
1	6. Identify elements of social structure and the organization of society.	2, 4, 5
2	7. Discuss the major theories of crime, deviance, and systems of social control.	2, 4, 5
4	8. Outline the systems of stratification and explain their role in racial, gender, and social class inequality.	2, 4, 6
1	9. Identify the major social institutions and describe their roles in society.	2, 4, 5

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They are communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry and respect for learning, and interpersonal skills and teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce or reinforce those Core Values whenever possible.

COURSE TOPICS

1. The Sociological Perspectives
2. Researching Sociology
3. Culture
4. Socialization
5. Social Interaction
6. Social Groups
7. Deviance
8. Social Stratification
9. Global Stratification

10. Gender Stratification
11. Race and Ethnicity
12. The Family and Marriage
13. Religion
14. Education
15. Politics
16. Economics
17. Healthcare
18. Urbanization and Population
19. Social Movements and Change