

**I. COURSE INFORMATION**

- A. Sociology 102 Sociology
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Giddens, Duneier, Applebaum, & Carr. *Essentials of Sociology*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2019
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides students a general background for understanding the nature and development of social institutions. In addition, the course covers the various aspects of culture and society.

**III. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. Define and describe the role of social institutions in contemporary societies (e.g., family, State, economy, religion, education, media, healthcare)
- B. Differentiate and apply the main ideas of functionalism, conflict/critical theory, and symbolic interactionism
- C. Give an example of how systems of social stratification (e.g., class, race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age) organize the distribution of social advantages and disadvantages
- D. Describe the relationship between social structure and individual behavior
- E. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative approaches to conducting sociological research
- F. Define the major components of culture, including the role of socialization, social norms and deviance
- G. Give an example of the social causes and consequences of a major social change (e.g., globalization, environment, technology, population shifts, social movements, pandemics)
- H. Critically examine common assumptions about how society works using the sociological imagination

**IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

- A. Foundations of Sociology
- B. Foundations of society
- C. Social inequality
- D. Social institutions
- E. Social change

**I. ASSIGNMENTS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Semester project
- C. Comprehensive final
- D. Quizzes and exams

**II. EVALUATION METHODS** (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Semester project
- C. Quizzes and exams
- D. Comprehensive final