



# SOCI C1000: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

## Proposer:

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## Effective Term:

Fall 2027

## Does this course use a CA Common Course Number

Yes

## Credit Status:

Credit - Degree Applicable

## Subject:

SOCI - Sociology

## Course Number:

C1000

## CA Common Course Number

SOCI C1000

## Discipline:

And/Or	(	Discipline	)
		SOC	

## Catalog Title

Introduction to Sociology

## Common Course Description

This course introduces students to Sociology: the study of people, groups, and institutions that shape people's lives. Through a mix of theory, research, and real-world examples, students explore key sociological concepts like culture, inequality, power, collective action, and social change. With content reflecting diverse histories and lived experiences, students make connections between their lives and the social forces that influence individual opportunities and choices. Students in this course will develop a critical lens that allows them to better understand and transform themselves and society.

## Advisory on Recommended Preparation:

Concurrent enrollment in ENGL 261 or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures

## Method of Instruction:

Distance Education  
Lecture and/or Discussion

## Course Units/Hours:

### Course Units Minimum:

3

### Lecture Hours Minimum (week)

3

### Lab Hours Minimum (week)

0

### Activity Hours Minimum (week)

0

**Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)**

52.5

**Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)**

105

**Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)**

157.5

**Repeatability:**

No

**Open Entry/Exit:**

No

**Field Trips:**

Not Required

**Grade Mode:**

Standard Letter

**TOP Code:**

220800 - Sociology

**SAM Code:**

E - Non-Occupational

**Course Content****Common Method of Evaluation:**

Methods of formative and summative evaluation used to assess course outcomes and objectives may include, but are not limited to, academic writing and analysis, reflections, participation and discussion, service learning, project-based learning, research, presentations, field journals, quizzes, and/or exams.

Methods of evaluation and appropriate representative assignments will be determined at the discretion of local faculty.

**COS Methods of Evaluation:**

Essay quizzes or exams

Multiple choice tests

Oral presentations

Problem solving assignments or activities

Project

Short answer quizzes or exams

Written essays or extended papers

**Common Course Topics:**

Course Topics	
1	The Sociological Imagination
2	Sociological Theories and Paradigms a. Classical Theories including Structural Functionalism, Conflict Theory, and Symbolic Interactionism b. Contemporary Theories (such as Feminist Theory, Intersectionality, Queer Theory, Racial Formation Theory, and Social Exchange Theory)
3	Sociological Research a. Qualitative Methods b. Quantitative Methods c. Ethical Considerations
4	Society and Culture
5	Socialization and the Self
6	Social Structure: Groups and Organizations



7 Conformity, Deviance, and Social Control

8 Stratification, such as:  
 a. Class and Socioeconomic Status  
 b. Race and Ethnicity  
 c. Sex, Gender, and Sexuality  
 d. Age  
 e. Disability  
 f. Global

9 Social Institutions, such as:  
 a. Family  
 b. Education  
 c. Mass Media  
 d. Religion  
 e. Health and Medicine  
 f. Economy and Work  
 g. Politics and Government  
 h. Criminal Justice System

10 Social Dynamics, such as:  
 a. Population  
 b. Urbanization  
 c. Globalization  
 d. Environment  
 e. Science and Technology

11 Social Movements and Change

#### COS Course Topics:

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1	1. The Sociological Imagination: definition, application to contemporary issues, and comparison of personal lived experiences vs. social structures.
2	2. Sociological Research a. Scientific Method in sociology: hypothesis formation, operationalization, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of case studies. b. Qualitative Methods: interviews, ethnography, content analysis c. Quantitative Methods: surveys, secondary data analysis, statistics d. Ethical Considerations: informed consent and confidentiality
3	3. Society and Culture a. Norms, values, and symbols b. Comparative cross-cultural analysis of institutions and practices
4	4. Socialization and the Self a. Major theories (Cooley, Mead, Goffman) b. Agents of socialization c. Cross-cultural variations
5	5. Social Structure: Groups and Organizations a. Bureaucracies, networks, and organizational theory b. Historical development of group structures over time
6	6. Conformity, Deviance, and Social Control a. Theoretical approaches (strain theory, labeling theory, control theory) b. Empirical studies on deviance
7	7. Social Movements and Change a. Collective action theories b. Case studies of U.S. and global movements c. Social change processes

#### Common Course Objectives:

Course Objectives	
1	Define and apply the sociological imagination to everyday life.
2	Compare a variety of major sociological theories and concepts and apply them to socially-constructed dynamics.



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| 3 | Explain what makes sociology a social/behavioral science and the methods sociologists use to ethically conduct research.           |
| 4 | Analyze the origins and processes of social inequality, systemic oppression, and social change using an intersectional approach.   |
| 5 | Identify and evaluate the social forces and structures that shape, guide, and influence individual and group behaviors in society. |

#### COS Course Objectives:

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1	Articulate an understanding of cultural and group differences and the value of diversity and equity.
2	Explain how identities such as race, gender, sexuality, and class are socially constructed.
3	Understand and apply the sociological imagination to a variety of contemporary social phenomena.
4	Understand the historical development of Sociology as a distinct discipline.
5	Distinguish between the use of various research methods.
6	Identify, compare, and apply the primary sociological perspectives.
7	Explain and apply key sociological concepts.
8	Describe and explain the basic dimensions of social inequality and social change in both historical and contemporary society.
9	Assess what social forces and organizational structures are most prominent in shaping, guiding, and influencing individual and group behavior in contemporary society.

#### Course Outcomes:

Course Outcomes	
1	Understand and apply the sociological imagination to everyday life.
2	Apply and analyze the three primary sociological theories (symbolic interactionism, structural functionalism, and conflict theory).
3	Identify and define at least one contemporary issue of social inequality and provide 3-5 solutions for social change.

#### Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Students will be assigned 1-2 chapters to read per week.
Writing	At least 1,000 words of writing will be required in one or more writing assignments such that the instructor can provide meaningful feedback and give students an opportunity to demonstrate improved writing. Students will analyze how sociological theories and methods generate knowledge about human behavior, culture, and institutions.
Homework	Students will be given homework that asks them to reflect on assigned readings and topics regarding sociological concepts.

#### Representative Texts, Manuals, and/or OER that is equivalent, Other Support Materials:

##### Common Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type	Details
Zero Textbook Cost	Conerly, T., Holmes, K., Tamang, A., et al. (2024). Introduction to Sociology 3e. OER: OpenStax.
Books	Khan, S., Sharkey, P., & Sharp, G. (2024). A Sociology Experiment. 3rd ed.: CritReview.
Books	Henslin, J. (2024). Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach. 15th ed.: Pearson.
Books	Wade, L. (2025). Terrible Magnificent Sociology. 2nd ed.: Norton.
Web/Other	May also include supplementary materials such as primary sources or readers.

Texts used by individual institutions and even individual sections will vary. The list of representative texts must include at least one text with a publication date within five (5) years of the course outline approval date.



### COS Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
	"Introduction to Sociology." Karim Murji, Sarah Neal, and John Solomos. Sage Publications, 1st ed. 2021. ISBN: 9781529765199
Books	"Introduction to Sociology Through Comedy." Julie Morris. Taylor & Francis. 2024. ISBN: 9781040018606
	"Introduction to Sociology." Openstax. Open Stax Textbooks, 3rd ed. 2022. ISBN: 9784037532130

### Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

### Transferable to UC

Yes - Proposed

### Cal-GETC General Education

Cal-GETC GE Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences  
Transferable to UC

### COS General Education

COS GE Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences  
COS GE D: Social & Behavioral Science

### Other Degree Attributes

Not a Basic Skills Course

### Distance Learning Addendum

New DLA 11 2023.pdf

### Additional Attachment

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### Banner Title:

Introduction to Sociology

### Course Control Number:

CCC000523927

### C-ID:

SOCI110

### Equity Review

Select elements of the COR that were reviewed for equity. Must select at least one:

Description  
Objectives  
Other  
Textbooks / Other Support Materials  
Topics