

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Principles of Sociology **Course #:** SOC* C101

Course Description: Introduces students to patterns of human behavior and social interaction. Areas of focus include: the nature of social adjustment, personality, and the socialization process, formal and informal groups, and institutions. 3 semester hours

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: None

Goals:

- To introduce students to the sociological perspective which would enable them to develop a critical awareness of how social forces external to individuals can shape human behavior
- To introduce students to the major sociological theoretical models and framework
- To develop a deeper, broader understanding of the social world and the place of individuals in it using the sociological imagination
- To acquaint students with the basic concepts and terminologies used in sociology
- To introduce students to important elements of sociological research and how sociologists arrive at scientific conclusions
- To offer students a more thorough and informed perceptive of their social world and to help them interpret local, national and global events from a sociological perspective in order for them to better understand society

Outcomes:

After you successfully complete this course, students will be able to:

- Classify and explain the main theoretical schools of sociology
- Comprehend and explain basic sociological terms and their definitions
- Identify the major classical theorists and explain their major theories
- Begin to apply a sociological orientation to analyze contemporary social issues
- Demonstrate independent critical thinking using sociological concepts
- Identify and describe major steps in scientific social research and analysis
- Explain major concepts and terminology used in sociological analysis and research
- Write an essay explaining a sociology article from a peer-reviewed sociology journal