SOCIOLOGY 1010: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Course Objectives:

Students completing Introduction to Sociology should:

- demonstrate an ability to identify the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by sociologists;
- demonstrate an understanding of sociology as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);
- demonstrate an understanding of functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionism as the major theoretical perspectives of sociology;
- demonstrate an understanding of the five main institutions of society (family, religion, education, economy, politics) from a sociological perspective.

Assessment:

A set of multiple choice and/or essay questions and/or term paper projects will be assigned in each course at some point during the semester to assess students' understandings of the above objectives.

SOCIOLOGY 1020: SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Students completing Social Problems should:

- demonstrate an understanding of the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by sociologists of social problems;
- demonstrate an understanding of the sociology of social problems as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);
- demonstrate an understanding of social problems as claims-making activities;
demonstrate an understanding of functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionism as major theoretical perspectives in the sociology of social problems.

Assessment:

A set of multiple choice and/or essay questions and/or term paper projects will be assigned at some point during the semester to assess students’ understandings of the above objectives.

SOCIOLOGY 1200: Sociology of the Family

Students completing Sociology of the Family should:

- demonstrate an understanding the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by sociologists of the family;

- express informed views of the family based on sociological knowledge which can be expressed orally or in writing;

- demonstrate an understanding of sociology as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);

- demonstrate an understanding of functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionism as the major theoretical perspectives used by sociologists of the family.

A set of multiple choice and/or essay questions and/or term paper projects will be assigned at some point during the semester to assess students’ understandings of the above objectives.

SOCIOLOGY 3020: Social Psychology

Students completing Social Psychology should:

- demonstrate an ability to identify the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by social psychologists;

- demonstrate an understanding of social psychology as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);

- demonstrate an understanding of symbolic interactionism as the major theoretical perspectives of a sociological social psychology;
demonstrate an understanding of objects, symbols, self, mind, and society as the major concepts used by symbolic interactionists for understanding human behaviors;

demonstrate and ability to apply the above symbolic interactionist concepts to specific empirical arenas.

A series of written assignments will be given throughout the semester to assess students’ understandings of the above objectives.

**Timeline for Assessments**

Each course will be assessed once per year or, if they are not taught yearly, each time they are taught, beginning Fall semester, 2009.