

**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENTS
SOCIOLOGY
FALL 2008**

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 of 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 an 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.