

# MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. SOC

COURSE NUMBER: 1101

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

### Course Title:

Introduction to Sociology

### Catalog Description:

Introduction to Sociology familiarizes the student to basic sociological concepts. Topics include sociological theory, research, culture, socialization, groups, social stratification, social class, gender, race, and family. Secondly, a comprehensive study of society, with analysis of group life, and other forces shaping human behavior. Sociology is the scientific study of human society and social interaction.

### Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

STSK 0090 or placement by multiple measures

### FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences:   X   by meeting the following competencies:

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientist use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

### Topics to be Covered

Sociological Theory

Research Methods

Culture

Socialization/Groups

Social Interaction/Structure

Mass Media

Deviance and Social Control

Social Stratification (Social Class/Gender)

Global Inequality

Racial/Ethnic Inequality

Family and Intimate Relationships

Education

Religion
Government and Economy

<b>Student Learning Outcomes</b>
Describe the major concepts, principles, and theoretical frameworks across subfields of sociology.
Identify past and present societal structures.
Identify and discuss social group behaviors in the society.
Describe culture, socialization, family, education and religious practices in the lives of society's members.
Identify media outlets and its influence on subfields in sociology

**Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes  No**   
\*If yes, please list the competencies below

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