

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Profile

Course Number : HSS 140	Course Title: Introduction to Sociology
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : None
Catalog Description: Sociological method. Individual as the sociological unit of analysis. Groups, organizations and society. Structures of power and inequality. Ethnicity, aging and gender. Government and political power. Social institutions: work and family, media and religion. Social change. Globalization.	Textbook/Required Material: John Macionis and Ken Plummer, <u>Sociology: A Global Introduction</u>
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
Extended Description: An introduction to the discipline of sociology, covering several key topics of sociological research and theory. Students should (1) understand the fundamental purposes and nature of sociology; (2) appreciate the varying perspectives in sociology and how they analyse social; (3) be able to explain key theoretical concepts; (4) learn how sociological perspectives can be applied to understanding global issues today (for example, poverty and inequality, gender discrimination, democracy and economic growth).	
Design content : none	Computer usage: No particular computer usage required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be able to define crucial sociological terms like, “society”, “culture”, “social structure”, “Industrial Revolution”, “microsociology”, and “macrosociology” (among other terms). (8, 9, 10) 2. Know in detail the three main perspectives in sociological theory (conflict, functionalism, social action) and their chief classical representatives (Marx, Durkheim, Weber). (1, 6, 8, 10) 3. Describe differences between different types of societies throughout history, and the causes and consequences of those differences. (1, 6, 8) 4. Analyze the causes and consequences of social inequalities. (1, 8, 9) <p>(1) Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to contemporary global issues.</p> <p>(6) Analyze how modes of thought are shaped by socio-cultural, historical, political, and economic variables.</p> <p>(8) Summarize and assess current developments in the subject area.</p> <p>(9) Recognize the relevance of coursework to personal experience.</p> <p>(10) Synthesize complex ideas in clear, concise ways.</p>	
Recommended reading :	
Teaching methods: Lecture and class discussions.	

Assessment methods : Weekly quizzes and two exams.

Student workload:

Pre-reading	25 hrs
Lectures	45 hrs
Preparatory reading	30 hrs
Literature review for presentation.....	15 hrs
Team work for presentation	10 hrs
TOTAL	125 hrs

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