

SOCL 125

American Society

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

SOCL 125 – American Society: addresses the special perspectives and problems most relevant to the rapidly changing nature of American society; explores social inequality: the causes and consequences of social stratification; sociology of law: power and morality; and the changing nature of American values: youth culture; drug cultures, and contemporary lifestyles.

Pre-requisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. explain the special nature of the study of American society relative to general sociology;
2. identify the major problems and issues of contemporary American society;
3. explain the major theoretical orientations used in studying American society;
4. describe the application of major theoretical orientations in analyzing the problems and issues of American society;
5. describe the methods used in sociological research;
6. discuss how to utilize these methods in data gathering and analysis about American society;
7. analyze how power is utilized through the law in effecting the nature of basic institutions in American society;
8. describe the causes and effects of changing social values in American society;
9. discuss how change is an integral part of the American experience; and
10. discuss subcultures within American society including youth cultures, drug cultures, and contemporary lifestyles' cultures.

Major Topics

- I. Major problems and issues in America
- II. Major theoretical orientations
- III. Methods of sociological research used in studying American society
- IV. Change as a fundamental process in America
- V. Basic American institutions
- VI. Social stratification and inequality
- VII. Power and the law
- VIII. Changing American values

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Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- At least 3 examinations
- writing assignments

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