

SOCL 190
Topics in Sociology
3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

SOCL 190 – Topics in Sociology: Addresses major social concerns, issues, institutions, and other topics that are central to the discipline of sociology; covers flexible topics of great contemporary concern including such social phenomena as sexuality and society, religion and society, and women and society.

Pre-requisites: (RDNG 052 or LVR 2), ENGL 052 or LVE 2), (MATH 081 or LVM 1)

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. Explain the fundamental assumptions of the discipline of sociology;
2. Discuss the basic theories used in analyzing sociological phenomena relative to the topic being studied;
3. Apply the major theories to the analysis of sociological topics;
4. Describe the methods used in doing scientific research in sociology;
5. Discuss how to utilize these methods in data gathering and analysis;
6. Explain how the topic in question contributes to one's understand of sociology;
7. Discuss the relationship between society, culture and behavior to the topic being studied;
8. Apply information from the course to understanding its effect on future changes in our society;
9. Analyze how insights gained from the course affect one's personal place in our society; and
10. Discuss how the topic in question furthers our sociological knowledge about behavior.

Major Topics

- I. Important theoretical orientations in sociology
- II. Scientific techniques used in studying sociological topics
- III. Cross-cultural perspectives of topics being studied
- IV. The effect of change on American society relative to the topic being studied
- V. Basic issues and problem related to the topic being studied
- VI. The relationship to the general discipline of sociology
- VII. The effect on society and behavior
- VIII. How insights from the course contribute to the general knowledge base in sociology
- IX. The use and application of information gained from the course

Course Requirements

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.
For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

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

- At least 3 examinations
- Writing assignments

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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