

10-809-196 Intro to Sociology

# Course Outcome Summary

### Course Information

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|  | Description | Introduces students to the fundamental sociological concepts, including sociological perspectives, research methods, the significance of culture in society, and the socialization process. Other topics include deviance, the impact of groups on behavior, societal inequities, global changes, the role of social institutions, and social stratification |
|  | Total Credits | 3 |

### Course History

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|  | Last Revision Date | 4/15/2024 |

Pre/Corequisites

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| Prerequisite | Each Wisconsin Technical College determines the General Education course prerequisites used by their academic institution. If prerequisites for a course are determined to be appropriate, the final Course Outcome Summary must identify the prerequisites approved for use by the individual Technical College. |

### Course Competencies

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| 1. | Describe sociological perspectives related to current issues, problems, and/or institutions |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 1.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 1.1. | describe the basic premises of the theoretical perspectives, conflict, functionalism, and symbolic interaction |
|  | 1.2. | analyze issues, problems, institutions, and/or the workplace from each of the theoretical perspectives |
|  | 1.3. | describe sociological research methods |
| 2. | Analyze the importance of culture within societies |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 2.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 2.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 2.2. | differentiate various dimensions of culture |
|  | 2.3. | evaluate the influence of value systems on cultures |
|  | 2.4. | explore challenges and opportunities in multi-cultural environments |
|  | 2.5. | examine the functions of ethnocentricity and cultural relativism |
| 3. | Summarize the influence of socialization on human behavior |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 3.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 3.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 3.2. | outline the socialization process through the life span |
|  | 3.3. | assess the impact of socialization agents  |
| 4. | Apply deviance theories |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 4.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 4.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 4.2. | differentiate between deviance and criminality |
|  | 4.3. | apply deviance theories to workplace and/or social problems |
| 5. | Analyze the power of groups to influence behavior |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 5.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 5.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 5.2. | describe characteristics of a group |
|  | 5.3. | identify group influences on personal and/or occupational behaviors |
|  | 5.4. | examine the influence of leadership styles within groups  |
| 6. | Assess the consequences of social, racial, ethnic, gender, age, sexual orientation, and other inequities |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 6.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 6.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 6.2. | distinguish among the experiences of categories of people who are faced with discrimination |
|  | 6.3. | summarize the social consequences of prejudice and discrimination |
|  | 6.4. | explore the intersections between inequities |
| 7. | Examine the effects of globalization on societies |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 7.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 7.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 7.2. | summarize the consequences of social changes due to technological, demographic, political, economic, and environmental factors |
|  | 7.3. | analyze social changes resulting from globalization |
| 8. | Analyze how social institutions function in society |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 8.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 8.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 8.2. | describe the function/purpose of each institution |
|  | 8.3. | apply theoretical perspectives to social institutions |
|  | 8.4. | determine how changes in one institution impacts other institutions |
| 9. | Assess the impact of social stratification |
|  | Assessment Strategies |
|  | 9.1. | Oral, visual, and/or written presentation |
|  | Criteria |
|  | 9.1. | use sociological terms in context |
|  | 9.2. | outline socioeconomic classes |
|  | 9.3. | define different systems of social stratification |
|  | 9.4. | describe how demographic factors intersect with class status |
|  | 9.5. | examine social mobility across social classes |