

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Discipline Code

SOCI

Course Number

2013

Course Title

General Sociology

Catalog Description

A general introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and perspectives of sociology. Topics include the nature of society and the foundations of social interaction and social life, including social groups, culture, social class, social institutions, and social change. Emphasis is placed on current research in sociology, globalization, diversity, and multiculturalism.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours

3

Contact hours

3

Load hours

3

Target Audience

General Sociology is a course designed to serve as an introduction to the field of sociology, highlighting its breadth and diversity. It is a transferable course within the Arkansas State transfer system, and will transfer to most colleges and universities as the basic introductory sociology course.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of these courses, students should be able to:

- Compare and contrast the three major sociological theoretical paradigms.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of norms and values and their functions in society.
- Demonstrate familiarity with dimensions of inequality including race, class, and gender.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of deviance from a sociological perspective.
- Differentiate between social institutions common to all societies.
- Respect and use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problem related to society and social processes.

Topics

- Sociological Perspectives and Theories
- Culture and Social Structure
- Social Groups and Formal Organizations
- Deviance and Crime
- Social Stratification
- Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity
- Gender Inequality
- Social Institutions
- Population and Environment
- Social Change