

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology

I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Number and Title: SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology

B. New or Modified Course: Modified

C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Fall Year: 2022

D. Effective Term: Fall 2023

E. Sponsoring Department: Humanities, Social Sciences, Social Work & Education

F. Semester Credit Hours: **3**

G. Weekly Contact Hours: 3

Lecture: 3

Laboratory: 0

Out of class student work per week: 6

H. ☐ Prerequisite (s):

☐ Corequisite (s):

☒ Prerequisite (s) and Corequisite (s): Placement into ENGL 111 English Composition I with ENGL 070 English Composition I Workshop, or higher.

I. Additional Fees: None

J. Name and E-Mail Address of Department Chair and Divisional Dean at time of approval: Dr. Isabel Gutierrez-Bergman (Isabel.Gutierrez@raritanval.edu)
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II. Catalog Description

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Placement into ENGL 111 English Composition I with ENGL 070 English Composition I Workshop, or higher.

Introduction to Sociology is a systematic investigation of the basic concepts and principles of sociology with emphasis on culture, social relationships, groups, institutions and social structure.

III. Statement of Course Need

A. The course provides students with an introduction to one of the social sciences, thereby satisfying a necessary or general program requirement. It also meets the State and College guidelines as a general education requirement.

B. No lab component

C. This course transfers as a Social Science General Education course.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

A. Free Elective

B. This course serves as a General Education course in Social Sciences.

C. This course meets a program requirement for a variety of degrees and certificate programs

D. The course is a prerequisite for other sociology courses.

E. To see course transferability: a) for New Jersey schools, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; b) for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

V. Outline of Course Content

The course consists of five major subject groups.

A. Theory and Research in Sociology

a. The Sociological Perspective

b. The Methods of Research in Sociology

B. Individual and Group Behavior:

a. Culture

b. Socialization

c. Social Groups and Social Interaction

C. Stratification and Conflict

a. Deviance and Social control

b. Social Stratification in the United States

c. Global Stratification

d. Race and Ethnic Relations

e. Gender Inequality

f. Aging and Disabilities

D. Social Institutions

a. The Family and Sexuality

b. Work and the Economy

c. Politics and Government

d. Religion

e. Education

- f. Media
- g. Health and Medicine
- R. Social Change
 - a. Population, Urbanization and the Environment
 - b. Collective Behavior and Social Movements
 - c. Social Change

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Apply sociology concepts and theories to everyday life. (GE-5) (GE *)
2. Describe how sociologists conduct research. (GE-5) (GE-ER)
3. Identify relationships between the individual, groups, and society. (GE-5)
4. Analyze factors contributing to social inequality and its consequences. (GE-5)
5. Explain how social institutions (such as family, religion, education, medicine, and others) shape society and social experience. (GE-5)
6. Identify mechanisms of societal change. (GE-5)
7. Weigh arguments from experts in the field (including guest speakers). (GE *)

* (Embedded Critical Thinking)

B. Assessment Instruments

1. lecture/discussion
2. small-group work
3. student oral presentations
4. essays
5. term papers

VII. Grade Determinants

Grade determinants:

- A. essays
- B. projects and/or term papers
- C. tests
- D. presentations

Primary formats, modes, and methods for teaching and learning that may be used in the course:

- A. lecture/discussion
- B. small-group work
- C. student oral presentations
- D. simulation/role playing

E. student collaboration

VIII. Texts and Materials

Open Education Resources

John Macionis, Society: The Basics (15th Edition)

(Please Note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC Bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

IX. Resources

Students will need access to sociological databases in order to locate and retrieve journal articles for research related to various topics in the field. Online databases and journals are acceptable as long as students are able to access full-text online articles from peer-reviewed research journals.

X. Honors Options [if relevant]

N/A