

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-101 Principles of Sociology

Department: Liberal Arts

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



| Course Summary | | |
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| Course Code | Course Title | Recommended Credit Hours |
| SOC-101 | Principles of Sociology | 3 |
| Semester Offered | Contact Hours | Prerequisites |
| Fall, Spring | 42 | None |
| Department | Level of Course | Language of Instruction |
| Liberal Arts | Lower Division | English |

Course Description

The course introduces students to the most important concepts in sociology and the major theoretical perspectives (functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism). Theoretical thinking is applied on various substantive themes, such as culture and socialization, deviance and social control, social stratification, global inequalities, gender inequalities, race and ethnic relations, social institutions (e.g., family, religion, economy), social change and social movements, and population and the environment

Instructor

Dr Stelios Stylianou

Course Aims and Objectives

To introduce students to the “sociological imagination,” i.e., a way of thinking that emphasizes the connection between the individual and wider society. Special emphasis is placed on how social and cultural forces affect the individual and students are expected to expand their social thinking by considering these forces as a major part of the explanation of social behavior.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through interactive lectures

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours of interactive lectures. The course is delivered during the Fall and Spring semesters in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Three quizzes: 3 X 15 : 5%
Cumulative Final Exam: 40%

Class participation: 15%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Schaefer, Richard T. 2001 Sociology (eighth edition) Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Recommended Reading

None