COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

COURSE OUTLINE

CIP No. 45.1101

SOC 130 Introduction to Sociology

Course Description
Introduces basic theories of, concepts and contributions to the modern field of sociology. Utilizes these concepts to show how culture relates to the world as a whole and the individual citizen.

Course prepared by: Liberal arts Department

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Purpose of Course: Degree Requirement

Degree Elective X

Certification

Developmental

Other

Prerequisite(s):

Signature, Curriculum & Assessment Committee Chairperson: Ruth I. Hibberts
Date: 10/14/09

Signature, Dean of Academic Affairs: [Signature]
Date: 10/15/09

Signature, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs: [Signature]
Date: 10/18/09

Last date reviewed or revised: May 2009
I. Introduction to Sociology

II. Course Objectives

A. General Outcomes

Students who complete this course will:
1. Ascertain that sociology is a science (GE 1, 2, 4) (LA 1, 2, 3)
2. Analyze his/her culture in sociological terms (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)
3. Apply sociological theory to culture (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 3)
4. Evaluate oneself as a part of the global social system (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)

B. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. Provide reasons for the study of sociology
   a. Analyze the difference between macro theory and micro theory and the implications of how both are used in sociology
   b. Examine social functionalism, symbolic interactionism and conflict theory and their proponents
   c. Examine the numerous minor social theories and demonstrate the proper usage of these theories
   d. Evaluate post modernism and its implications
   e. Summarize the difference between society and culture
2. Explore the community as a reference point for social structure and social change
3. Examine the roles of the five institutions of society and how they shape culture
   a. Classify sources of power in the community and the power relationships between groups and positions of power
4. Identify the individual as participant by
   a. Investigates the different gender roles of culture and how these roles affect citizens
   b. Interprets how social change can be the result of population trends or movement, technology, war, the environment and other causes

III. Course Content

Interprets sociological perspectives and social theory as the core value and basis function of human society everywhere.

1. Sociological perspectives
2. Social theory and its uses
3. Structural functionalism, symbolic interactionism and conflict theories
4. The role of the community in social systems
5. Society and culture
6. Social institutions
7. Power
8. Discrimination
9. Gender
10. Social change
VI. Methods of Instruction

1. Lectures
2. Small group
3. Discussions
4. Class discussions
5. Reading assignments
6. Videos

V. Equipment and Materials

1. TV/VCR
2. Map

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Journals
2. Position papers
3. Term papers
4. Presentations

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.
Course History Summary

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