SOC.101 Introduction to Sociology

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the discipline of sociology as it applies to contemporary American society. This course provides an orientation to the student interested in social science or the helping professions. Among specific topics to be studied are: how the sociologist gathers information, the importance of culture and symbols, personality development, the changing structure of the family, social class and inequality, race and ethnicity, and deviant behavior. Offered: Fall or Spring or Summer

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SOC.102 Contemporary Social Problems

The goal of this course is to focus the student’s attention on problems and to provide a basis for thinking sociologically about those problems. The course is designed for the social science major as well as the student who wants a greater understanding of our complex society. Among the topics to be covered are the concept of a social problem, poverty and inequality, the changing family, crime and delinquency, the abuse of alcohol and drugs, and social regulation of sexual behavior. Offered: Spring

Prerequisites: SOC.101

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SOC.103 Marriage and the Family

This course examines the family as a social institution in modern America. The course will enable the student to recognize and scrutinize his/her personal values toward marriage and family life. Topics to be considered include discussions of the concept of love, choosing a mate, marital communications, dealing with marital conflict, parenting, sexual behavior and responsibility, and divorce. Students planning to transfer this course toward a bachelor’s degree can expect it to be accepted by most four-year colleges as an elective rather than as applicable toward a major in sociology. Offered: Fall or Spring

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SOC.105 Intro to Cultural Anthropology

This course will be an overview of the discipline of cultural anthropology, introducing the student to diverse cultural forms around the globe through a variety of media and ethnographic materials. The media and ethnographic materials used will demonstrate how and why humans in different cultures have developed different solutions to the same problems. The student will be exposed to a variety of techniques which will assist the student in learning the social organization, technology, economic structures, religious belief systems and language of both past and present diverse cultures. The students will explore major theories, and concepts used to understand why humans behave as they do and the relationships that may exist between diverse societies. Offered: As Needed

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General Education – Human Relations Social Science

SOC.201 Introduction to Anthropology

The goal of this course is to introduce the study of general anthropology to students who have little acquaintance with the subject. This course will provide the student with knowledge of anthropology and how anthropology contributes to the scientific understanding of people. This course is of interest to the social science major as well as those people who are looking for an elective course. Some of the topics to be covered include human and primate evolution, the emergence of human culture, and the rise of urban society, the evolution of language, kinship and descent, and cultural diversity within the modern world. Offered: As Needed

Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable (1.1). IAI Course No. ST 901N
General Education – Social Science Human Relations

SOC.203 Introduction to Diversity

This course helps students come to know people from various ethnic/racial, religious, and cultural groups that make up the American population. Issues concerning racism, age, gender, and sexual orientation are examined. Offered: Fall or Spring or Summer

Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable (1.1). IAI Course No. ST 903D
General Education – Social Science
SOC.205 Social Problems-Professional Ethics  
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This course will provide a values-based approach to ethical professionalism and present the student with the tools to think about and deal with ethical issues in the work place. The course will examine through discussion the concepts of what a professional is and what it means to act professionally. It will include knowledge-based discussions of the features of moral reasoning and review case studies and scenarios that will facilitate the student's ability to construct methods of resolution when dealing with ethical issues of the work place. The course will cover in depth moral reasoning and ethical theories central to the moral life of any professional.

Offered: Fall or as Needed
Prerequisites: ENG.101 or concurrent enrollment
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable (1.1).
General Education – Not Applicable Elective Only

SOC.260 Gender & Society  
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Students in the course will examine gender theory, the historical and societal changes regarding gender roles, the interaction of gender and social structures, and the relationship of gender and social institutions within the United States. Students will also be given the opportunity to consider the similarities and differences of gender from a global, multicultural perspective.

Offered: As Needed
Applicable toward graduation at Sandburg where program structure permits:
Degree or Certificate: AA, AS, AFA, AAS, AGS, and Certificates where applicable. (1.1). IAI Course No. S7 904D
General Education – Social Science Human Relations