Course Title: Sociology 101 and 102

Course #: 1650-1653

Course Description:

Soc 101: Introduction to Sociology
MCC Units: 3

This course offers a thorough study of human society and social phenomena. It is guided by sociology’s basic principle that people's lives are affected not only by individual characteristics but also by their place in the social world. The course emphasizes the connections among human relationships, social institutions, and social organizations, which allow students to evaluate themselves, and the world around them, more analytically and critically.

Soc 102: Contemporary Social Problems
MCC Units: 3

This course analyzes social problems in a diverse society. It emphasizes economic, racial, and gender inequality, crime, poverty, the family, education, health care, and others. Students evaluate the causes, consequences, and solutions to the problems of our society.

UC/CSU Approval: MiraCosta Community College course
*Limit of 2 MiraCosta courses per semester

Grade Level: 11-12

Estimated Homework Per Week: 2.5 hours total. Approximately 1.5 hours of reading and 1 hour of writing/miscellaneous.

Prerequisite: Completion of English 2 with a grade of a B or higher both semesters OR completion of English 3 with a grade of a B or higher OR completion of English 2H, English 3H OR AP Language/Composition with a grade of C or higher both semesters

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

Soc 101: Students should enter this class with the basic skills required to write critical essays and to perform academic research. The ability to process new vocabulary and abstract concepts is helpful.
Soc 102: A general understanding of the sociological concepts presented in Sociology 101 will greatly aid in students success. Students should enter this class with the basic skills required to write critical essays, to perform academic research, and to address real world social problems. The ability to process new vocabulary and abstract concepts is helpful.

**Course Grade Scale:**

**Major Assessments/Units/Topics:**

**Soc 101:** This class includes several short written assignments, one class presentation, one 4-6 page final paper, and 2 exams. Topics covered in this class include but are not limited to The History of Sociology, Social Theories, Culture, Social Structures, Social Groups and Organizations, Deviance, Stratification, Race, Gender, Education, Family, and Urbanization.

**Soc 102:** This class includes several short written assignments, 2 group projects/presentations such as videos or slides, and 2 exams. Topics covered include Poverty, Racial and Ethnic Inequality, Gender Inequality, Sexual Orientation and Inequality, Alcohol and other Drugs, Crime and Criminal Justice, and War and Terrorism.