

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

SOCI

Course Number

2013

Course Title

Intro to Sociology

Catalog Description

A general introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and perspectives of sociology. Topics include the nature of society and the foundations of social interaction and social life, including social groups, culture, social class, social institutions, and social change. Emphasis is placed on current research in sociology, globalization, diversity, and multiculturalism.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall, Spring, & Summer

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students completing this course will:

- Compare and contrast the three major sociological theoretical paradigms.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of norms and values and their functions in society.
- Demonstrate familiarity with dimensions of inequality including race, class, and gender.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of deviance from a sociological perspective.
- Differentiate between social institutions common to all societies.
- Respect and use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problem related to society and social processes.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.

Standard Practices

Topics list

- Sociological Perspectives and Theories
- Culture and Social Structure
- Social Groups and Formal Organizations
- Deviance and Crime
- Social Stratification
- Inequalities of Race and Ethnicity
- Gender Inequality
- Social Institutions
- Population and Environment
- Social Change

Learning activities

- N/A

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A

