St. Petersburg College
**SYG 2000  Introductory Sociology**

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**Academic Department**: Social Sciences

**Course Description:** This course is the study of human groups, their structure and function, social and cultural patterns and social processes. It will emphasize the fundamental concepts and principles of sociology including the development of sociology, major theories, culture, socialization, social interaction and social structure, groups and organizations, stratification, race and ethnic inequalities, sex and gender, deviance and social control, population, urbanization, collective behaviors and social institutions.

**Course Objectives:** List the course Objectives that will lead the student through the learning process to achieve the course goal. Again, this would be in addition to, or a clarification of, the C&I/CurricUNET Approved Course Outline.

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the historical roots of the science of sociology by:

a. recalling the historical details leading to the formation and development of Sociology.

b. identifying major theorists and theories from the 1800’s to the present.

c. explaining the Sociological Imagination and applying it to society and their own lives.

d. defining key concepts in Sociology.

e. recognizing and applying structural functionalism, conflict theory and symbolic interactionism.

2. Students will examine research approaches used in sociology by:

a. explaining the case study, qualitative (narrative), naturalistic observation, survey, correlational, and experimental methods.

b. differentiating the purpose, strengths, and weaknesses of case study, qualitative (narrative), naturalistic observation, survey, correlational, and experimental methods used in sociological research.

c. identifying ethical considerations in research.

3. Students will analyze the main pillars in sociology consisting of conflict, structural functional, and symbolic interactional approaches by:

a. examining each of the following topics using one or more of the main pillars; identifying social stratification, social inequality as applied to ethnicity and gender, social control, marriage and family, media, religion, education, deviance, economic and political systems, social construction of gender identities, social interaction, and group dynamics.

b. examining social dynamics influencing social change through the following topics; examining population growth and demographic trends, effects of urbanization, and social movements.

4. Students will identify cultural, ethnic, and social diversity as applied to human groups, behavior, thought, and emotion by:

a. recognizing commonalities and variations in human functioning.

b. describing the impact of ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and socioeconomic status.

5. Students will demonstrate research, written communication, use of APA style, and critical thinking skills by:

a. utilizing credible sources, such as peer-reviewed academic journals, primary sources, or sources from academic databases.

b. applying thoroughness of thought to the academic writing process, including substantiating assertions and integrating higher-order thinking.

c. applying experience through service learning, team collaboration, civic engagement and/or independent writing.

**Prerequisites:** ( Prerequisite: REA 0017 and Prerequisite: ENC 0025 ) Or Prerequisite: EAP 1695 or Prerequisite: appropriate score on the SPC placement test.

**Required Text**: (Free online textbook)

\*\*\*Do NOT purchase a textbook!

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