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1. **Course Number:** SOC106
Course Title: Principles of Sociology
2. **Description:** An introduction to basic sociological concepts, theoretical perspectives and research methods. Topics include societies, cultures, social organization, social inequalities, social institutions, group behavior and the impact of globalization, population growth, and new technologies upon individuals and societies.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - describe sociology and compare and contrast it with other behavioral and social sciences
 - relate the primary theoretical perspectives in sociology
 - define core sociological concepts and use these concepts to describe and critically analyze their everyday social life, their community, their workplace and the wider world
 - describe human behavior from the sociological perspective
 - describe social processes and structures common to all societies and cultures
 - describe key features of American and global societies including
 - culture and cultural diversity
 - groups, organizations and social networks
 - social institutions
 - political and economic institutions
 - social inequalities and social stratification
 - deviance and social control
 - use critical thinking skills to challenge ethnocentrism and describe differing cultures and subcultures in social-historical context
 - assess social scientific research in terms of theory, methods and ethics
 - use sociological concepts to describe and analyze selected societal and global social challenges and problems including globalization, environmental change and cultural difference
 - use sociological data and research findings to articulate actions which could be taken to address social challenges
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisites:** None. **Co-requisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or satisfactory basic skills assessment score
7. **Semesters Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Grades are based on examination grades, attendance, participation and completion of assigned papers and projects. Examinations, papers and projects allow the student to demonstrate their understanding of sociological concepts and provides an opportunity to apply these concepts.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Sociological Perspectives and the Sociological Imagination
 - Society, Social Structure and Social Interaction
 - Culture
 - Socialization
 - Groups, Organizations
 - Deviance, Conformity, Social Rules and Social Cohesion
 - Social Inequalities: Global, Class, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Age
 - Social Institutions: Family, Political System, Economy, Education, and others.
 - Social Changes and Social Challenges: Environment, Technology, Population, Global Issues