A. **TITLE:** Introduction to Sociology

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** SOCI 101

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 credits. 3 lecture hours per week for 15 weeks.

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No

E. **GER CATEGORY:** 3 and 7

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall and Spring

G. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**
This course is an introduction into the Sociological study of society by exploring fundamental social theories and research methods used by sociologists to examine the interactions between social structures and individuals. The goal of the course is to gain a basic knowledge of sociological concepts and techniques, with a focus on the cultivation of the sociological imagination. This course will examine concepts such as culture, social structures and institutions, social processes of socialization, stratification, and change, deviance, race, ethnicity, and gender.

H. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:** None

I. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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<td>a. Identify fundamental components of the sociology discipline including the historical context, major figures (classical/modern), and the development of group identity involving race, class, gender, and sexuality.</td>
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<td>GER 3: 1, GER 7: 1</td>
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<td>b. Assess the various theoretical traditions contained in the discipline, classical and contemporary, including the basic premise, assumptions, implications, and limitations.</td>
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<td>c. Review a variety of research methods including descriptive, correlational, and comparative research.</td>
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<td>d. Differentiate core social structures, systems, and institutions, and their role in the creation and perpetuation of power, privilege, oppression, and opportunity.</td>
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e. Analyze social justice action and the principles of rights, access, equity, and autonomous participation in relation to social change and social movements.

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<td>Industry, Professional, Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills</td>
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**J. APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT:** Yes______ No____X____

**K. TEXTS:**
Selection varies per instructor. Below is a list of references that can be used, but not limited to, in selecting the text.

**L. REFERENCES:**


**M. EQUIPMENT:** Technology Enhanced Classroom

**N. GRADING METHOD:** A - F

**O. SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**
Grade option to be determined by the individual instructor.
For example: Weekly quizzes, group/individual writing assignments, participation,
P. DETAIL E D COURSE OUTLINE:

I. History of Sociology
   A. The enlightenment
   B. Founding figures
   C. The rise of American Sociology

II. Sociological Theory
   A. Functionalism
   B. Conflict Theory
   C. Symbolic Interaction
   D. Modern developments

III. Research Methods
   A. Descriptive, correlational, comparative, experimental
   B. Hypotheses formation
   C. Data Collection
   D. Issues and Limitations

IV. Socialization
   A. The cultural context
   B. Mead on socialization and the self
   C. Agents of socialization
   D. Diverse realities
      1. Sex and Gender
      2. Age
      3. Race/Ethnicity

V. Social Structure
   A. Association and group dynamics
      1. Status and role
      2. Dyads and groups
      3. Formal organizations
      4. Community
      5. Society
   B. Social Institutions
      1. Formation and change
      2. Core institutional sectors
         a. Family
         b. Economic
         c. Political
         d. Educational
         e. Religious
      3. Other
C. Social Stratification
   1. Structured social inequality
   2. Class Systems
      a. Origin and theories of social class
      b. Social mobility
      c. Social class patterns and life chances
   3. Ascriptive systems
      a. Race and ethnicity
         (1) Biological and social definitions
         (2) Mechanisms and responses to subordination
         (3) Assimilation and pluralism
         (4) Selected historical/contemporary examples
      b. Gender
         (1) Nature/nurture
         (2) Sex role socialization
         (3) Gender issues in core institutions

VI. Social Change
   A. Social Deviance
      1. Defining deviance
      2. Micro and macro theories
      3. Responses to deviance
   B. Collective Behavior
      1. Forms of collective behavior
      2. Social Movements

Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: None