SOC 109 Introduction to Sociology
3 Credits
Instructor: Steve Rathman
308 380-1092 (Cell) 402-296-5515 (Home)
steven.rathman@doane.edu

Course Description: An introduction to the systematic study of society in terms of social organization, processes, institutions, and relationships among individuals and groups.

TEXT:


SOC 109 fulfills the requirement for a Foundational Area of Knowledge in Community and Identity. Any course that fulfills that requirement will assure Students will gain a greater understanding of themselves and the communities in which they live and work, and how identity is formed through the interaction of the individual and larger society.

Learning Outcomes for Community and Identity - Students will work to:
1. explore dimensions of human experience with regard to perceptions of self
2. understand how individuals interact to form communities and social structures
3. analyze the practical and ethical implications of interactions between individuals and those social structures

Additional Learning Objectives for this Course:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the major theoretical perspectives employed in the study of sociology.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of social structure and how it shapes and influences social interactions.
3. Describe various levels of social structures, social interactions, explanations of crime and deviance.
4. Become familiar with major issues related to inequality, e.g. social class, gender, race and ethnicity.

COURSE ACTIVITIES:
This course will be conducted on the World Wide Web. Students will complete a total of four assignments designed to meet the stated objectives of the course.

To enroll for the course, you must have an e-mail address and access to the internet. Your computer must have Microsoft Word.

For this course, students will complete a total of four (4) assignments. Each completed assignment will be e-mailed to the instructor no later than the due date listed below. Upon receipt of a completed assignment, the next assignment will be e-mailed to the student. Students may submit assignments earlier than the due date.
Assignment #1 due June 10th = 75 points
Assignment #2 due June 24th = 75 points
Assignment #3 due July 8th = 50 points
Assignment #4 due July 22nd = 50 points
Total: 250 points

Projected Grade Distribution will be as follows:
A 90 – 100 points
B 80 – 89 points
C 70 – 79 points
D 60 – 69 points
F 59 and below

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY:

The Doane College Academic integrity policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others’ ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of the undergraduate studies.