

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Principles of Sociology

Course #: SOC* 101

Course Description: Introduces students to patterns of human behavior and social interaction. Areas of focus include: the nature of social adjustment, personality, and the socialization process, formal and informal groups, and institutions. 3 semester hours

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: None

Goals:

- To introduce students to the sociological perspective which would enable them to develop a critical awareness of how social forces external to individuals can shape human behavior
- To introduce students to the major sociological theoretical models and framework
- To develop a deeper, broader understanding of the social world and the place of individuals in it using the sociological imagination
- To acquaint students with the basic concepts and terminologies used in sociology
- To introduce students to important elements of sociological research and how sociologists arrive at scientific conclusions
- To offer students a more thorough and informed perspective of their social world and to help them interpret local, national and global events from a sociological perspective in order for them to better understand society

Outcomes:

After you successfully complete this course, students will be able to:

- Classify and explain the main theoretical schools of sociology
- Comprehend and explain basic sociological terms and their definitions
- Identify the major classical theorists and explain their major theories
- Begin to apply a sociological orientation to analyze contemporary social issues
- Demonstrate independent critical thinking using sociological concepts
- Identify and describe major steps in scientific social research and analysis
- Explain major concepts and terminology used in sociological analysis and research
- Write an essay explaining a sociology article from a peer-reviewed sociology journal

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging

from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

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Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
Michael Emanuel	860-738-6389	Founders Hall Annex Room 308
Seth Kershner	860-738-6481	Library
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Robin Orloski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.