



MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

A. SOCI 2113 Topics in Sociology

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to focus on a current issue in society, using the sociological perspective. The topic will vary and may include topics such as the sociology of law, medicine, politics, revolution, and terrorism, paranormal beliefs, and economics.
(3 Cr- 3 lect, 0 lab)

C. **Core Theme: Ethical and Civic Responsibility

D. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

- Sociological perspectives in defining and analyzing a specific current topic.
- Historical and contemporary social context influencing the specific topic.
- Major theorists focusing on the specific topic.
- Gender, race, ethnicity, and class issues focusing on the topic.
- Societal response to the current issue/topic.

E. GOAL TYPE, OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES:

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>OBJECTIVES</u>	<u>OUTCOMES</u>
** <u>Ethical and Civic Responsibility</u>	Students will be able to understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights, and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.	1. demonstrate an understanding of the conflicts between social responsibility and individual freedom as well as personal moral responsibility and the law.
** <u>Ethical and Civic Responsibility</u>	analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.	1. demonstrate the complexity of solving social problems legally, socially, or scientifically.
** <u>Ethical and Civic Responsibility</u>	recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.	1. explain how differing political philosophies can complicate the understanding of social problems and the necessity of compromising and merging the varying perspectives to achieve social progress.
<u>CS</u>	apply the scientific method and use critical thinking skills in analyzing human interaction.	1. explain and interpret research data/diagrams and research findings.

<u>CS</u>	understand and explain the importance of the social context in examining and analyzing specific issues/topics in the society.	1. identify, explain, and apply specific sociological theories, concepts, and research in examining and analyzing specific issues/topics in society.
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F. SPECIAL INFORMATION:

This course may require use of the Internet, the submission of electronically prepared documents and the use of a course management software program. Students who have a disability and need accommodations should contact the instructor or the Student Success Center at the beginning of the semester. This information will be made available in alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or current media, upon request.

G. COURSE CODING INFORMATION:

Course Code A/Class Maximum 48; Letter Grade

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*Riverland Community College Disciplines	MnTC Goal Number
Communication (CM)	1
Natural Sciences (NS)	3
Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (MA)	4
History and the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SS)	5
Humanities and Fine Arts (HU)	6

**Riverland Community College Core Themes	MnTC Goal Number
Critical Thinking (CT)	2
Human Diversity (HD)	7
Global Perspective (GP)	8
Ethical and Civic Responsibility (EC)	9
People and the Environment (PE)	10

*These five MnTC Goals have been identified as Riverland Community College Disciplines.

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NOTE: The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum “10 Goal Areas of Emphasis” are reflected in the five required discipline areas and five core themes noted in the Riverland Community College program of study guide and/or college catalog.