

## **Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100)**

Credit Hours: 4

Pre-Req: None

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Schedule: Monday to Friday (02:00 PM – 04:50 PM)

This is a survey course that aims to introduce students to the origins of the discipline of Sociology, and provide them with a sociological perspective on a range of socio-political issues. We will focus on three central themes- social change, social inequality, and social harmony versus conflict- and combine selective theoretical texts with case studies to study the mechanisms and institutions that can trigger, foster, sustain, or undermine each of the three processes. The theoretical texts introduce students to the origins, basic premises, and key concerns of the discipline. The case studies introduce students to a variety of conceptual tools and methodological approaches used in sociological research and analysis