



**Course Descriptor  
SOC1 101 - SOCIOLOGY**

<b>Proposed Academic Year</b>	2020/2021	<b>Last Reviewed Academic Year</b>	2018/2019
<b>Course Code</b>	SOCI 101	<b>Course Title</b>	Sociology
<b>Credit hours</b>	3	<b>Level of study</b>	Under Graduate
<b>College / Centre</b>	College of Arts and Humanities	<b>Department</b>	Humanities
<b>Co-requisites</b>	None	<b>Pre-requisites</b>	None

**1. COURSE OUTLINE**

Sociology is a basic course to educate students about the society, social relationships and various social institutions. This course encourages to look beyond individual problems or accomplishments and to comprehend the inter connections between people and their living environment. Students learn the basic concepts and history of sociology, various cultures impacting the society, the family structure, different marriage systems, religion as a social institution, differing population scenario and deviant behaviors of individuals and groups.

**2. AIMS**

This course aims to develop students by:

- Empowering with the preliminary skills of social guidance and awareness.
- Propagation of culture through community participation and voluntary work.
- Promote the spirit of belonging and to work in the various institutions of the society.
- Motivate generations of social thinkers and workers in addressing social problems.
- Training students understand their roles as active members in their own communities.

**3. LEARNING OUTCOMES, TEACHING, LEARNING and ASSESSMENT METHODS**

<b>Learning Outcomes (Definitive)</b>	<b>Teaching and Learning methods (Indicative)</b>	<b>Assessment (Indicative)</b>
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:		
1. Understand sociology, history and its' developments	Lectures, Class Activities and Assignments	Internal Class tests, Quizzes
2. Ability to know culture and evaluate cultural changes	Group Discussions, Class Activities	Case Study Reports, In Term Exams
3. Awareness of various social Institutions: Family, Marriage and Religion	Lectures, Home works, Quizzes	In term exams, Presentations, Case Studies



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4. Identify population dynamics and components of population change.	Lectures, Online Updates, Videos, Class Activities	In term Exams and Quizzes
5. Understand Deviant Behavior and various forms of Crime	Lectures, Class Activities, Case Study	Class Quizzes, Assessments and Feedback

**4. ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING**

Assessment	Percentage of final mark (%)
First Midterm Exam	25
Second Midterm Exam/Project	25
Home Work	10
Final Exam	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**5. ACHIEVING A PASS**

Students will achieve **3** credit hours for this course by passing **ALL** of the course assessments [*alternatively, list the compulsory pass assessments\**] and achieving a **minimum overall score of 50%**

**NB \*Ensure that ALL learning outcomes are taken into account**

**6. COURSE CONTENT (Indicative)**

<b>Chapter:1 – Introduction to Sociology &amp;</b>
Short Videos on What is Sociology?, What is Sociology Explanation, History of Sociology, Four Pioneers/Founders of Sociology with videos, Founders of Sociology – A detailed Explanation, Development of Sociology as a Science, Sociology and Other Social Sciences
Understanding Culture & Society Video, Meaning of Culture, Definitions of Culture, What is Culture (Video), Functions of Culture, Culture of Oman (Video), Development of Culture, Cultural Change – Discussion on Sample Questions & Revision
<b>Chapter 2: Social Institutions – The Family &amp; Marriage</b>
What is a Family?, Video on Sociology of Family, General Characteristics of Family, Video on Characteristics of Family, Functions of Family, Video on Functions of Family, The Nuclear Family, Recent trends in the Modern Nuclear Family
Marriage Explanation, Definitions of Marriage, Video on Prophet Muhammed, Characteristics of Marriage, Functions and importance of Marriage, Forms of Marriage, Discussion and Revision on the Sample Questions
<b>Chapter 3: Social Institutions - Religion</b>
Major World Religions, Video: The five Major World Religions, Video: How Religion spread around the world, Man is a spiritual being, Basic Components of Religion, Functions of Religion, Video: Islam, The Religion – Islam, Video: The future of world religions, Revision and sample Questions discussion
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Video: Population Dynamics, Introduction, Video: World's Fertility rate is dropping, Components of Population Change, Video: Mortality, Mortality Details, Video: Migration – Why do people Migrate?, Migration Explanation, Video: Population Pyramids, Revision and Model Questions Discussion & Clarifications

**Chapter: 5: Deviant Behavior (Crime)**

Video: What is Deviant Behavior? Definition of Deviant Behavior, Video: Crash Course in Sociology, Kinds of Deviant Behavior, Juvenile Crime, Video: Juvenile Delinquency, Violent Crime, Video: Violent Crime, Explanation, Video: Crime against Property, Explanation, Video: White Collar Crimes, Explanation, Video: Victimless Crime, Explanation, Revision and Sample Questions and Clarifications

<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>45</b>
Plus <b>RECOMMENDED INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>TOTAL COURSE HOURS</b>	<b>90</b>

**7. RECOMMENDED REFERENCES**

**Core text/s:**

<Tenth Edition, Introduction to Sociology – Henry L. Tischler, International Edition, Framingham State College, Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. ISBN – 13:978-0-495-80522-9, ISBN-10:0-495-80522-x (Copies of textbook available in the ASU University Library)>

**Library + online resources:** <http://moodle.asu.edu.om/course/view.php?id=911>

**Open Educational Resources:**

<https://cnx.org/contents/AgQDEnLI@13.16:TrIRM88K@9/Introduction-to-Sociology>