

**SOCI 1301 – 4**  
**Principles of Sociology Fall 2011**  
**Course Information**

**Course:**

<b>Title:</b>	SOCI 1301: Principles of Sociology
<b>Course Dates:</b>	August 22 – December 9
<b>Course Credits:</b>	3 hours
<b>Location:</b>	Course is a lecture with Blackboard support materials
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None

**Course Overview:**

**Principles of Sociology** introduces the student to sociological concepts, theories and new ways of thinking about social issues such as poverty, inequality and deviance. It allows the student to examine various social institutions and their contributions to social life; identifies the social groups that make up society; and explores the significance of culture and social structure for understanding human behavior. Internet course is also available. (SCANS 6,9)

**Course Objectives:**

After completing this course, the student will:

1. Understand the sociological perspective and the scientific method;
2. Understand the nature of society and culture and their role in shaping human thought and behavior;
3. Understand the socialization process of humans from birth to death;
4. Understand the nature of social groups and organizations and their importance for individuals and society;
5. Understand the nature of deviance and social control;
6. Be able to explain stratification as a characteristic of all societies and the bases for stratification, including economics, race/ethnicity, gender and age;
7. Be able to identify and understand the functions of the major societal institutions;
8. Have knowledge of Demography and the consequences of human population growth;
9. Understand the dynamics of social change;
10. Understand the concept of globalization and its implications for individuals, society and the world;
11. Be familiar with numerous organizations and websites that are relevant to the field of sociology.
12. Have enhanced Information and Communication Technology skills.

**Required Material:**

Maciones. J. (2010). Society: The Basics (11<sup>th</sup> ed). Prentice Hall: New Jersey.