



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> SOC-101	<b>Course Title</b> Principles of Sociology	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Social Sciences	<b>Semester</b> Fall / Spring / Summer	<b>Prerequisites</b> None
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> Psychology	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Stelios Stylianou
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

**Objectives of the Course:**

The general aim of the course is to introduce students to the sociological study of society through promotion of knowledge and understanding of central concepts, application of social theory, use of scientific evidence and promotion of critical evaluation of common knowledge and perceptions about various social situations.

**Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Define basic sociological concepts
2. Conceptualize social situations using these concepts
3. Outline the basic principles of the mainstream sociological traditions (functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, rational choice theory)
4. Apply theoretical thinking to empirical reality
5. Use empirical evidence in favor or against theoretical explanations
6. Critically evaluate common knowledge and perceptions about current social issues

**Course Content:**

1. The Sociological Imagination
2. Functionalism
3. Conflict Theory
4. Symbolic Interactionism
5. Rational Choice Theory
6. Culture and Socialization
7. Social and Global Stratification
8. Gender and Sexuality
9. Race and Ethnicity
10. Deviance and Social Control
11. The Mass Media

12. Religion

**Teaching Methods:**

Interactive lectures

**Assessment Methods:**

Four quizzes, final exam

**Required Textbooks:**

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
Giddens, Anthony	<i>Sociology (6/e)</i>	Polity Press	2009	