SOCI-200 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

- Understand the meaning of, and develop, a sociological imagination
- Develop an understanding of basic sociological concepts and a basic sociological vocabulary
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Understand how varying ways by which sociologists interpret results of empirical observations
- Learn about the importance of social institutions and their relation to social structure; identify the distinctions between the state, market, and civic institutions
- Make connections between personal choices and structural constraints
- Recognize how identities exist within broader social contexts
- Gain awareness of various forms of inequalities and how they are rooted in structural forces
- Understand how, when, and why social changes take place
- Understand the structural and cultural reasons that social persistence occurs