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# SOCIOLOGY

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## OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the courses in sociology are designed to develop within the student a better understanding of group behaviour. This understanding should be based on fact rather than opinion. The sociological perspective focuses on

“what is” rather than “what ought to be.” Students should be able to analyze occurrences around them objectively. They should feel themselves to be a part of society, understand its influence on their lives, and visualize their roles in societal change.

## GENERAL SOCIOLOGY 20

### CONTENT

- Theme 1:\* The Discipline of Sociology
- a. sociology as a field of study
  - b. scientific methods of study
- Theme 2: Culture
- a. culture
  - b. cultural values, norms and sanctions
  - c. deviations from cultural norms
  - d. culture and personality

- Theme 3: Society and Social Class
- a. organization of society
  - b. social stratification
  - c. social class
  - d. changes in status; social mobility

## SOCIOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS 20

### CONTENT

- Theme 1:\* The Discipline of Sociology
- a. sociology as a field of study
  - b. scientific methods of study
- Theme 2: Institutions
- a. social institutions
  - b. the family
  - c. the institution of religion
  - d. sociology of education
- Theme 3: Minorities
- a. minority groups
  - b. race and ethnic relations
- Theme 4: Influencing Behaviour
- a. social behaviour
  - b. public opinion, mass communication and propaganda
  - c. social control and deviation
- Theme 5: Role and Status
- a. role and status

## APPLIED SOCIOLOGY 30

### CONTENT

- Theme 1:\* The Discipline of Sociology
- a. sociology as a field of study
  - b. scientific methods of study
- Theme 2: Sociology Applied
- a. applied sociology
  - b. crime and delinquency
  - c. youth rebellion
  - d. sociological phenomena
- Theme 3: Sociology and the Individual
- a. applied sociology and the individual
  - b. determining your goals
  - c. your educational analysis
  - d. mate choice and marriage
- Theme 4: Changes in Culture
- a. social and cultural change
  - b. social movements

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\* Since each 3-credit course is to be independent and non-sequential, the first theme is repeated. A student need not take it more than once.