

Springfield Technical Community College  
Academic Affairs

### OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES

Course Number: SOC-101

<b>Course Objectives</b>	<b>Competencies</b>
1. Introduce students to the field of sociology and the sociological imagination.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student will be able to identify, compare and apply major theoretical perspectives of sociology.</li> <li>2. The student will acquire the analytical skills required to understand the relationship between the individual and society.</li> <li>3. The student will develop critical thinking skills through an analysis of societal issues.</li> <li>4. The student will gain the ability to apply the sociological approach to educational, occupational and personal pursuits.</li> </ol>
2. Examine and explain systems of stratification.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student will become equipped with the analytic skills to understand the roots, implications and intersections of inequality.</li> <li>2. The student will develop a critical understanding of various locations of inequality including, but not limited to: race and ethnicity; class; gender; and sexuality.</li> <li>3. The student will become familiar with historic and contemporary</li> </ol>
3. Develop research skills appropriate to sociology and the social sciences in general.	<p>approaches to addressing inequality.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student will be able to distinguish between various sociological methodologies.</li> <li>2. The student will be able to identify the strengths and weaknesses of various sociological methodologies.</li> <li>3. The student will develop quantitative literacy skills, with an emphasis on interpreting numerical data and expressing data in written form.</li> </ol>