

COMMON COURSE NUMBER: SYG 2441

COURSE TITLE: Social Institutions

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CONTACT HOURS BREAKDOWN:

Lecture/Discussion 48

Lab

Other

Contact Hours/Week 3

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisite: None

Corequisite: None

A study of the institutions of pre-industrial, industrial, and post-industrial societies. Special emphasis is on theories of social organization, social change, and the exploration of each institution in world societies.

General Education Requirements - Associate of Arts Degree, meets Area(s):

General Education Requirements - Associate in Science Degree, meets Area(s):

UNIT TITLES:

1. The Analysis of Social Institutions
2. Economy
3. Kinship
4. Education
5. Law
6. Political Systems
7. Religion

I. Course Overview:

Upon successful completion of this course, the students should be able to understand six prominent institutions; economy, kinship, education, law, polity, and religion in various societal settings.

II. Units:

Unit 1. The Analysis of Social Institutions

General Outcome:

- 1.0 The students should be able to understand a system that is composed of a matrix of interrelated parts surrounded by a boundary and existing in an environment.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

- 1.1 Identify basic elements of the social system.
- 1.2 Differentiate that a society is an organization of small and large subsystems.
- 1.3 Recognize the relative stability within small and large subsystems.
- 1.4 Name the level of institutional subsystems in society.
- 1.5 Recognize personalities of each system and subsystem.
- 1.6 Identify the complex web of networks within each institution.

Unit 2. Economy

General Outcome:

- 2.0 The students should be able to compare and contrast the basic elements of economy in pre-industrial, industrial, and post-industrial society.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

- 2.1 Define the following:

- 2.1.1 Land
- 2.1.2 Labor
- 2.1.3 Capital
- 2.1.4 Technology
- 2.1.5 Production
- 2.1.6 Distribution
- 2.1.7 Servicing/Services
- 2.1.8 Economy

- 2.2 Identify the complex network relationships between economics and the other social institutions.

Unit 3. Kinship

General Outcome:

3.0 The students should be able to distinguish the basic elements of kinship.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

3.1 Distinguish the following norms:

- 3.1.1 Family size and composition
- 3.1.2 Residence
- 3.1.3 Family activity
- 3.1.4 Dissolution
- 3.1.5 Descent
- 3.1.6 Authority
- 3.1.7 Marriage

3.2 Identify the complex network relationships between kinship and the other social institutions.

Unit 4. Education

General Outcome:

- 4.0 The students should be able to explain the social transformations and reforms within the various societies.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

- 4.1 Chronicle the following:
 - 4.1.1 Education in different societies.
 - 4.1.2 Education and society.
 - 4.1.3 The consequences of education in traditional and modern societies.
 - 4.1.4 World trends in education.
 - 4.1.5 The American education subsystem.
 - 4.1.6 The American education hierarchy.
- 4.2 Identify the complex network of relationships between education and the other social institutions.

Unit 5. Law

General Outcome:

5.0 The students should be able to differentiate the basic elements of legal systems.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

5.1 Describe the following:

- 5.1.1 Pre-industrial legal systems.
- 5.1.2 Industrial legal systems.
- 5.1.3 Post-industrial legal systems.
- 5.1.4 World trends in legal systems.

5.2 Identify the complex network relationships between legal systems and the other social institutions.

Unit 6. Political Systems

General Outcome:

6.0 The students should be able to detail the basic elements of political systems.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

6.1 Recount political systems in:

6.1.1 Pre-industrial societies.

6.1.2 Industrial societies.

6.1.3 Post-industrial societies.

6.2 Recount world trends in political systems.

6.3 Identify the complex network relationships between political systems and other social institutions.

Unit 7. Religion

General Outcome:

7.0 The students should be able to identify the elements of religion.

Specific Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the students should be able to:

7.1 Discuss the following:

7.1.1 Religion and society.

7.1.2 Religion in different types of societies.

7.1.3 World trends in religion.

7.1.4 American religious subsystems.

7.2 Identify the complex network relationships between education and the other social institutions.