

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

## General Education Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Course Name:

Intro to Sociology

Course Number: SOC 1003

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### COMMON COURSE OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES THAT ARE OR WILL BE LISTED ON THE SYLLABUS OF EVERY SECTION OF THIS COURSE:

*Course objectives:*

An introduction to the nature of society, social groups, processes of interaction, social change, and the relationship of behavior to culture.

*Student learning outcomes:*

The student will demonstrate and understanding of the following:

- Sociological perspective
- Sociological theories and methods
- Social institutions
- Culture and society
- Socialization
- Groups and organizations
- Social inequality
- Globalization

### ADHE ACTS INFORMATION FOR THIS COURSE (IF APPROPRIATE)

*ACTS Course number:*

SOC 1013

*Copy the ACTS course objectives and learning outcomes:*

General Description: An introduction to the theories, concepts, and basic principles used in the study of group life, social institutions, and social processes.

Expected Student Learning Outcomes:

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**WHICH ATU GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL? (NO MORE THAN TWO)**

- Think critically
- Develop ethical perspectives
  - Diversity
  - Empathy

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THIS COURSE MEETS THE GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS CHOSEN ABOVE  
(TO BE INCLUDED ON THE SYLLABUS OF EVERY SECTION OF THIS COURSE)**

Introduction to Sociology emphasizes the taking the sociological perspective, often call the “Sociological Eye”. This viewpoints demands that a student think critically about causes of behavior from multiply perspectives and reject scientifically non-supportable stereotypical causes of behavior. As a survey of the organization of society, sociology students study that peoples’ behaviors and beliefs are not so much a personal decision as a much as a product of the environment and culture that produces the behavior. This greatly aids in understanding the diversity of and having empathy for other people.