## **MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SO101 – Introduction to Sociology Cr-3**

**Course Description**

This course gives an understanding of and a feeling for the society in which we live. The concepts and theories discussed relate to humanity, its culture and society, and to those forces that contribute to the smooth operation of this society as well as those forces that contribute to conflict and social problems. Topics include culture, socialization, stratification, population, and patterns of social organization.

# **Student Learning Outcomes**

**Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:**

1. Identify the socio-historical forces that gave rise to the development of sociology as a discipline.
2. Define and apply basic sociological concepts, including culture, social structure, socialization, social change, deviance, social class, race/ethnicity, gender and social institutions.
3. Distinguish functionalist, conflict and symbolic interactionist paradigms.
4. Apply the major sociological paradigms and the principles of rights, access, equity, and autonomous participation to contemporary issues in society.
5. Identify major methods of research used in sociology in published sociological research, explain the characteristics and purpose of such articles, and demonstrate awareness of possible ethical concerns in sociological research.
6. Discuss how social differences have developed and examine how they impact everyone in society, including the perpetuation of the dynamics of power, privilege, oppression, and opportunity.

**Major Topics:**

I. History and the development of the discipline.

II. Major paradigms of the discipline.

III. Research Methods

IV. Culture

V. Socialization

VI. Social Structure, Groups, and Organizations

VII. Deviance

VII. Stratification: Class/Race and Ethnicity/Gender

VIII. Family

IX. The Economy

X. Population and Urbanization