## MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SO203 - Urban Sociology C-3, P-0, Cr-3**

**Course Description:**

This course traces the history of cities and urban development. It examines urban areas as dynamic centers of opportunity and social change on macro and micro levels. Incorporating insights and theories drawn from sociology and related disciplines, it looks at the impact of the global environment on cities of today.

Prerequisite: SO101 Introduction to Sociology or instructor permission.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. Distinguish the characteristics of cities.

2. Examine the diversity and complexity of cities.

3. Differentiate observation skills, research methods and application of concepts used in sociology\*

4. Outline the history of urbanization and its impact on culture.

5. Assess relationship to and dependence on urban areas.

6. Evaluate the new urban economics in relation to the problems, potential and future of cities within a global environment

**Major Topics:**

I. What is a city?

II. Approaches to studying the city

III. The first cities

IV. Demography, social class and cities

V. Major Social Institutions and the city

VI. Worldwide Urbanization

VII. Urbanization in the U.S.

VIII. Theories specific to U.S. urban development

IX. Emergence of Suburbs

X. Living in cities

XI. The Minority Urban Experience

XII. Problems today, potential tomorrow