**SOCI 100A**¹
**Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Social Life**

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**Course Description:**
Introduction to the discipline and why it matters. Sociology challenges black and white thinking by exposing students to the shades of grey.

**Course Outcomes/Objectives:**
- Ability to explain and describe (using students’ own examples) the meaning and relevance of the sociological imagination;
- Ability to define and articulate the key elements of theory and how it differs from opinion, supposition, and intuition;
- Ability to review and describe the key features of Functionalism, Conflict theory and Symbolic Interactionism; and,
- Ability to discuss some of the primary areas of sociological interest as reviewed by the lecture, text and tutorials.

**Course Pre/Co-requisites:**
Students may take SOCI 100A/B at the same time; however, whenever possible students should take 100A before 100B.

**Topics May Include:**
Social theory, socialization, culture, norms, social interactions, self and identity.

**Required Resources May Include:**

¹ This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.

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