

Course Title & Number: _____SOC 201: Contemporary Social Issues_____

Competency Area: **CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND LOGICAL THINKING** (Goal: Students will be able to organize, interpret, and evaluate evidence and ideas within and across disciplines; draw reasoned inferences and defensible conclusions; and solve problems and make decisions based on analytical processes.)

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[Instructions: *Please match the Learning Outcomes in the left hand column to those of the course you are submitting for Gen Ed approval. List the corresponding course outcomes in the right hand column to indicate a match.]*

BOR TAP's Learning Outcomes	Corresponding Outcomes for Course Named Above
1. Identifying arguments: Identify issues, evidence and reasoning processes; distinguish facts from opinion; recognize various types of arguments	Demonstrate ability to read and comprehend basic empirical sociological research and theoretically based articles Give examples of how common beliefs differ from demonstrable realities Use a presented model of sociological analysis to analyze various social problems Utilize the Hegelian method of determining truth through the synthesis of opposing viewpoints Describe how and why the mass media distorts issues and how to derive an empirically based understanding of issues Present empirically grounded discussions of current social issues
2. Formulating arguments: Formulate good arguments, including a significant focus on inductive reasoning.	Demonstrate ability to use the vocabulary of sociology in discussion and writing Give examples of how common beliefs differ from demonstrable realities Use a presented model of sociological analysis to analyze various social problems Utilize the Hegelian method of determining truth through the synthesis of opposing viewpoints Describe how and why the mass media distorts issues and how to derive an empirically based understanding of issues Present empirically grounded discussions of current social issues

3. Analysis: Break subject matter into components and identify their interrelations to ascertain the defining features of the work and their contributions to the whole.	<p>Give examples of how common beliefs differ from demonstrable realities</p> <p>Describe how and why the mass media distorts issues and how to derive an empirically based understanding of issues</p> <p>Use a presented model of sociological analysis to analyze various social problems</p> <p>Utilize the Hegelian method of determining truth through the synthesis of opposing viewpoints</p>
4. Evaluation: Identify assumptions, assessing the quality and reliability of sources of evidence, and demonstrating knowledge of the criteria for evaluating the success of each kind of inference.	<p>Demonstrate ability to read and comprehend basic empirical sociological research and theoretically based articles</p> <p>Give examples of how common beliefs differ from demonstrable realities</p> <p>Use a presented model of sociological analysis to analyze various social problems</p> <p>Utilize the Hegelian method of determining truth through the synthesis of opposing viewpoints</p> <p>Describe how and why the mass media distorts issues and how to derive an empirically based understanding of issues</p> <p>Present empirically grounded discussions of current social issues</p>
5. Synthesis: Draw together disparate claims into a coherent whole in order to arrive at well-reasoned and well-supported inferences that can be justified as a conclusion.	Utilize the Hegelian method of determining truth through the synthesis of opposing viewpoints
	<i>Additional Outcomes</i>