

I. Learning Objectives

- **Sociological Imagination:** Students will develop a sociological imagination to understand how their individual circumstances are shaped by the broader social reality.
- **Social Institutions:** Students will be able to distinguish between the institution and the individual, particularly the ways in which the institution shapes the actions of individuals.
- **The Importance of Language:** Students will develop literacy and critical thinking skills assessing the importance of language when reading and learning about social problems.
- **Sociology as Interdisciplinary:** Students will be able to learn the relationship between sociology and its connections to other fields of study, including, but not limited to, the environment, the criminal legal system, political science, psychology, economics, cultural anthropology, and childhood development.