Teacher Appointment Criteria
Sociology 16101 – Principles of Sociology

Statement of Intent
This document is intended to be a planning resource for the prospective instructor and the Purdue Fort Wayne Department Representative (“faculty liaison”) who mentors and supervises the Purdue Fort Wayne Collegiate Connection Program. There may be one department representative as a liaison, different liaisons for different instructors, of the Chair of the department can serve as the liaison as necessary.

This is a basic introductory course that explores the nature of interpersonal relationships, societies, groups, communities, and institutional areas such as the family, politics, education, the economy, and religion. It includes an examination of social process operating within these areas; the significance of these processes for problems of social change, and social stratification. The Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Sociology has established the following core learning objectives for all sections of Principles of Sociology:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Apply the sociological disciplinary perspective or what is often referred to as the sociological imagination to analyze society and social interaction;

2. Explain, compare and contrast the three major theoretical paradigms: Order, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionist;

3. Explain major social science methodologies and apply appropriate scientific criteria to critically evaluate social science research data;

4. Critically understand and explain both macro and micro levels of social systems: the processes, structural arrangements, consciousness, institutions, interactions and relationships that are products of these systems, and the forces for social change; and

5. Effectively communicate their application of the sociological perspective and knowledge to the understanding of their social world.

(General Education Foundation Skill Requirement)
At their own option, instructors may add additional objectives as they see fit, as long as they are compatible with and do not detract from the accomplishment of these five required objectives.
Requirements

1. Any instructor who teaches this course must first be certified by the Department of Sociology as meeting the qualifications established by the department. In general, the applicant must have a Master’s Degree in Sociology, or another area with at least 18 graduate level hours completed in Sociology. Applicants lacking this minimal qualification may be considered on a case by case basis, using the criteria of equivalent areas of study or professional experience.

2. The choice of an appropriate college-level textbook to be used in the course is important. The Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Sociology, through its departmental representative (or the Chair of the department as a default option), reserves the right of approval for the primary textbook to be used in the course. The textbook must be equivalent in form and content to those typically used in 16101 courses at Purdue Fort Wayne. It must assist students in meeting the required learning objectives.

3. Applicants should submit a professional resume, transcripts of undergraduate and graduate course work, letters of recommendation or support, and a proposed syllabus containing learning objectives, information on the textbook, and student assessment criteria and procedures.

4. A minimum of twice during the course of any semester the departmental representative may visit the classroom to observe (and, upon invitation, to participate in) the class session. These visits may be either announced or unannounced.

5. The department reserves the right to develop a test to be used to assess the knowledge and skills of students in the class to determine if the students have achieved at a sufficient level. The department also reserves the right to accept other evidence of such achievement, such as the results of the AP Sociology exam.

6. The Department of Sociology reserves the right to require Collegiate Connection Program teachers to engage in appropriate continuing education or professional development activities.

7. The instructor will be reviewed annually through procedures established by the Purdue Fort Wayne Department of Sociology.