Course Outline for: SOC 1109 Wealth and Poverty

A. **Course Description:**
1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: Goal #5 History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Goal #7 Human Diversity

Using a sociological perspective, this course explores the causes and consequences of inequality in the United States as well as in other countries across the globe. This course addresses the historical roots, sociological explanations and contemporary realities of inequality, and explores the effects of social stratification on individuals and groups within society.

B. **Date last reviewed/updated:** January 2023

C. **Outline of Major Content Areas:**
1. Sociological theory related to the issue of inequality
2. Global inequality
3. Historical bases of inequality including race, class and gender
4. Differential access to power, prestige and political influence
5. Education and Social Mobility
6. Consequences of social stratification
7. Poverty
8. Public policy related to inequality
9. Social change

D. **Course Learning Outcomes**
Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:
1. Evaluate the primary causes of inequality from a sociological perspective. (Goal 2a, 2b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 7a, 7b)
2. Recognize the social consequences of inequality for individuals and groups within society. (Goal 2a, 2c, 5b, 7a, 7c, 7d)
3. Use sociological theory to analyze issues of inequality in contemporary and historical contexts. (Goal 2b, 2d, 5b, 5c, 7a, 7b)
4. Assess critically systems of inequality and policies designed to address inequality in the U.S. and in other countries across the globe. (2c, 2d, 5c, 5d, 7b, 7d)

E. **Methods for Assessing Student Learning**

Assessment methods may include, but are not limited to: exams, quizzes, journals, research papers, oral presentations, written assignments, essays, group work and/or any other assessment measures based on the discretion of the instructor.

F.   **Special Information:**
None