**Module/Unit 1 and Topic Objectives**

**Module/Unit 1 Objectives -- Introduction to Sociology as a Perspective and a Science**

1. Contrast the sociological perspective with the individualistic perspective, and explore your beliefs about the role of internal and external forces in our lives.

2. Describe the theoretical perspectives in sociology and analyze a topic using each perspective.

3. Explain how research is conducted by sociologists, and compare and contrast scientific research with how you ordinarily gain information about people and society.

(Unit objectives that are addressed by each topic objective listed below are indicated in parentheses based on the list of unit objectives located above and in the Course Resources folder.)

**Unit 1 Topic 1 Objectives – Introduction**

Objectives -- After completing this topic, you will be able to:

1. Describe and apply the sociological perspective. (1)
2. Identify the role of social forces. (1)
3. Trace the development of sociology as a discipline. (1,2,3)
4. Describe the theoretical perspectives in sociology and analyze a topic using each. (2)
5. Describe how research is conducted by sociologists. (3)
6. Describe and illustrate the ethical issues in sociological research. (3)
7. Compare and contrast the means by which you ordinarily gain information about people and society with the scientific approach. (3)