the state's list of general educat on core courseopt ons. This course, of en listed under the t tles of Introduct on to Sociology or IntroductorySociology, is a fa fa fa nerf

gravitated to introductory sociology courses because they understand that they will gain a broad perspect ve on the social forces that inf uence their lives and life chances. This is the intrinsic benefit that introductory sociology brings to the core of general education, and it is also what makes it an important component of the civic literacy that we have defined as a goal of higher education.

The knowledge and skill sets that come from the study of sociology (for example, crit cal thinking, communicat on, data analysis and informat on literacy) are important resources for students confront ng an ever-changing job market. The value of these skills has been recognized by such tech giants as Apple and Microsof, as well as employers in health services, market ng research, and many other f elds. The exam that determines entry to medical school (MCAT) contains sociology questions because the medical profession recognizes that this knowledge is fundamental to good health care. Coursework in sociology is recommended as preparation for passing this important exam and its removal from the list of general education options could delay progression to graduation. Students preparing for the LSAT exam have a similar motivation to take a sociology course.

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