Worksheet A: Describe Your Learning Context Example

Course Characteristics
Course title: SOC 301-Introduction to Sociology
Enrollment: 144
Teaching Constraints:
 Three hour course, once per week
 Introductory course: therefore, students may need more declarative knowledge in the area
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 One graduate assistant is allotted.
Required for major/degree plan? (Yes)No Identify: Required for all Sociology majors;
Prerequisite for upper division Sociology courses; fulfills social science requirement in core curriculum;
Required for Marketing, Management and Advertising majors.
Is the course upper or lower division? Lower
Is the course part of a sequence? Yes No Related Courses:
Instructional resources available: classroom computer console; Blackboard access; eGradebook;
one Teaching Assistant
Student Characteristics
% Majors: 5
% Freshmen: 70 Sophomores: 20 Juniors: 5 Seniors: 5 Graduate: 0
% International: 5
Top 5 reasons students take the course:
1. Fulfills a social science/core curriculum requirement
 Required for major Was recommended by a friend
4. Fit my schedule
5. Interested in subject/topic
Student expectations for course:
Learn about society
Understand why people do what they do
Help make sense of current events
Want an overview of the discipline
Classroom Characteristics
Teaching Assistant tasks: Mostly grading mid-term and final exams, and clerical duties
Seating capacity: 150
Seating configuration: fixed seating auditorium
Available technology: Classroom computer console, overhead projector, VCR, DVD, Elmo
Other: Need a microphone as well as remote for computer console.