



**Sociology 1010: Introduction to Sociology
Dixie State University
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****NOTE:** I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus during the course if I feel it will benefit the class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology is the scientific study of people doing things together. In this course we will discover that our behaviors, from the local and intimate to the global and public, are patterned and situated within the groups, communities, and societies of which we are members. We will see that sociologists go about uncovering and understanding our behaviors via empirical observations. By the end of the course you will develop a Sociological Imagination--a perspective of the world that recognizes the interchange of personal biographies and larger global and historical events.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students completing Introduction to Sociology should:

- demonstrate an ability to identify the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by sociologists;
- demonstrate an understanding of sociology as a scientific discipline (i.e. the gathering and analyzing of empirical data in a systematic fashion);
- demonstrate an understanding of functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionism as the major theoretical perspectives of sociology;
- demonstrate an understanding of the five main institutions of society (family, religion, education, economy, and politics) from a sociological perspective.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

David Brinkerhoff, Lynn White, Suzanne T. Ortega and Rose Weitz. 2008. *Essentials of Sociology*, 9th Edition. Wadsworth Publishing.

INTERNET ACCESS

You must have internet access to download readings and media that will be posted on Canvas.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

****Please refer to canvas for due dates of the quizzes and exams****

Assignments	Points Possible
Mid-Term	100
Final	100
Participation	50
Quiz x 5	50
Total Points	300

MAKEUP EXAMS AND LATE WORK

There are NO makeup exams
I do NOT accept late work.

GRADING

Your semester grades will be calculated by total points earned by completing course requirements. I highly recommend tracking your points earned during the semester; to avoid any discrepancies or surprises when I calculate your final grade.

GRADING SCALE

A	95-100%	B-	80-82%	D +	67-69%
A-	90-94	C+	77-79	D	64-66
B+	87-89	C	74-76	D-	60-63
B	83-86	C-	70-73	F	below 59

NOTE: I reserve the right to (a) adjust individual grades based on my evaluation of your participation and enthusiasm in the course

CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Do not come into class late or leave early, unless you have a compelling reason that you have discussed with me prior to class.
2. In order to do well in this course, your writing must be grammatically correct with correct spelling. Good writing does not mean complicating writing: clear, carefully constructed sentences should be your goal.
3. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed from a classmate. I do take attendance. Excused absences are those for which you can provide documentation proving illness, death in the family, or participation in a college-sponsored event. Excused late arrivals must be discussed with me before class starts.
4. Active participation includes not only frequency, but quality of participation, in a manner that demonstrates both completion of assigned work and respect for classmates and the instructor. I will not expect you to always have the right answer to questions and problems in class, but I will expect you to have done the reading, homework, and to be prepared to engage with the material during the class session. Demonstrating respect includes taking care to avoid monopolizing discussion and interrupting classmates. It also includes making sure that one's comments are directly related to the topic at hand and are offered to get a better grasp of course material or to contribute constructively to the class discussion.
5. Students are required to refrain from having side conversations during class. Having side conversations will significantly lower your participation score. If you feel the need to read the newspaper, read for another class, play on the Internet/Facebook, text message, and/or take a nap, do not come to class. Students are expected to turn off their cell phones before class starts.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

As stated in the DSC Student Handbook; "Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated at Dixie State College (Academic Discipline Policy, 3.34)" including cheating, and plagiarism. These acts of academic dishonesty are strictly prohibited.

PLAGIRISM

When developing your assignments, make sure that you reference the source(s). DSC Policy 33.5.1.4 Maintain academic ethics and honesty; to this end, prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, the following: 33.5.1.4.1 Cheating, which includes, but is not limited to, copying from another student's test papers, or plagiarism

ATTENDANCE

This is NOT a lecture-based class, which makes your input and participation valuable and essential to your learning outcomes and that of your classmates. For policies and procedures on attendance, see 5-Student Services, policy No. 23 (5-23 Attendance).

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

DSU disruptive behavior policy states, "Teachers at Dixie State have the right to aggressively manage the classroom environment to ensure an effective learning climate. Toward this end, teachers may dismiss and remove disruptive students from individual class activities. If a student's behavior continues to disrupt class activities, the teacher may dismiss and remove disruptive students from their courses."

CELL PHONES AND TEXT MESSAGING

Cell phones must on vibrate during class sessions. **No text messaging during class.**

COMPUTER DEVICES

Computer devices are only allowed if the student is using it for the purpose of this class. If not, the student will be asked to put the computer away. Please note that taking notes on the computer does not effectively help you recall information. Please visit the following for more information:

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/news/releases/take-notes-by-hand-for-better-long-term-comprehension.html>

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

You are required to frequently check your Dmail account. Important class and university information will be sent to your Dmail account, including DSU bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, notices of cancelled classes, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSU and in your courses. To access your Dmail account, visit go.dixie.edu/dmail. If you do not know your Dmail username or you have forgotten your PIN, visit go.dixie.edu/mydixie and follow the respective instructions.

I expect you to check your e-mail regularly in case I send out information relating to this class. You can expect me to reply to your communications (please allow me 48-72 hours to respond). Here are some general rules for emailing:

- Email messages should be courteous, clear, concise, and directly related to specific content in the course.
- Messages must include your full name and a specific subject line.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Information Link: Please visit go.dixie.edu/calendar

- Semester schedule
- Final exam schedule
- Dmail
- Available resources (i.e., library, computer lab, disability resource center, IT help desk, online writing lab, testing center, tutoring center, writing center, campus map, etc.)

- Policy/Procedures (i.e., academic dishonesty/integrity, disruptive behavior, absences related to college functions, reasonable accommodations, etc.)

Disability Resource Center - dixie.edu/drcenter

If you suspect or are aware that you have a disability that may affect your success in the course, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) located in the North Plaza Building. The disability will be evaluated and eligible students will receive assistance in obtaining reasonable accommodations.

Contact Information

Phone: (435) 652-7516
 Fax: (435) 879-4038
 Email: drc@dixie.edu
 Address: North Plaza Building
 Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

IT Student Help Desk - dixie.edu/helpdesk

Contact Information

Telephone number: (435) 879-4357
 Email address: helpdesk@dixie.edu

The Helpdesk is here for your technological needs at Dixie State University. Computers and technology are a necessary part of today's learning environment. Follow the links on the left for more information.

We are here to provide assistance for **Canvas**, Dmail, Student Services, RedStorm wireless configuration, laptop assistance, and any other technical troubleshooting you may need help with.

Library - library.dixie.edu

Contact Information

Telephone number: (435) 652-7714
 Email address: library@dixie.edu

Testing Center - dixie.edu/testing

Classroom Testing Center - Information / Main Line

Phone: 435-652-7696
 Email: testcenter@dixie.edu

Tutoring Center - dixie.edu/tutoring

Holland Centennial Commons
 Room 431
tutoring@dixie.edu
 435-879-4731

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<http://dixie.edu/reg/?page=fall2014#finals>

Class Time	Exam Date	Exam Time
10:00am	Monday, December 15 th	10:30am-12:30pm
11:00am	Wednesday, December 17 th	11:00am-1:00pm
12:00pm	Friday, December 19 th	12:00pm-2:00pm

PROJECTED CLASS SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
AUG 24	25 Welcome	26	27 Chapter 1	28	29 Chapter 1	30
31	1 Sep Labor Day	2	3 Chapter 1	4	5 QUIZ 1 Chapter 2	6
7	8 Chapter 2	9	10 Chapter 2	11	12 Chapter 3	13
14	15 Chapter 3	16	17 Chapter 3	18	19 QUIZ 2 Chapter 4	20
21	22 Chapter 4	23	24 Chapter 4	25	26 Chapter 5	27
28	29 Chapter 5	30	OCT 1 Chapter 5	2	3 QUIZ 3 Chapter 6	4
5	6 Chapter 6	7	8 Chapter 6	9	10 Chapter 7	11
12	13 Chapter 7	14	15 Chapter 7	16 Semester	17 Break	18
19	20 QUIZ 4 Chapter 8	21	22 Chapter 8	23	24 Chapter 8	25
26	27 MT Review	28	29 MID-TERM	30	31 Chapter 9	NOV 1
2	3 Chapter 9	4	5 Chapter 9	6	7 Chapter 10	8
9	10 Chapter 10	11 Career Day	12 Chapter 10	13	14 Chapter 11	15
16	17 Chapter 11	18	19 Chapter 11	20	21 QUIZ 5 Chapter 12	22
23	24 Chapter 12	25	26 Thanksgiving	27 Break	28	29
30	DEC 1 Chapter 12	2	3 Chapter 15	4	5 Chapter 15	6
7	8 Review	9	10 Review	11	12 Last day of classes	13
14	15 Finals	16 Finals	17 Finals	18 Finals	19 Finals	20

Chapter One: Major Theoretical Perspectives, The Research Process, Comparing Research Methods
 Chapter Two: Values, Norms and Laws
 Chapter Three: The Looking Glass Self, Types of Socialization
 Chapter Four: Institutions, Roles and Statuses
 Chapter Five: Primary and Secondary Groups

Chapter Six: Theories of Deviance, Merton's Modes of Adaptation
 Chapter Seven: Two Models of Stratification
 Chapter Eight: Racial and Ethnic Inequality
 Chapter Nine: Sex, Gender, Power and Sexuality
 Chapter Ten: Weakness of the Sick, Health Belief Model
 Chapter Eleven: Marriage and Family, Roles of Marriage, Contemporary Family Choice
 Chapter Twelve: Churches, Sects and New Religious Movements
 Chapter Fifteen: Theories of Social Movements

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Aug 25	Classes begin
Thurs, Aug 28	Last day for waitlist
Fri, Aug 29	Last day to add classes online
Mon, Sep 1	Labor Day (no classes)
Wed, Sep 4	Drop/Audit fee begins (\$10 per class)
Wed, Sep 4	Residency Application deadline
Tue, Sep 9	\$50 Late registration/payment fee
Mon, Sep 15	Last day for refund
Mon, Sep 15	Pell Grant Census
Mon, Sep 15	Last day to drop without a "W" grade
Wed, Sep 17	Classes dropped for nonpayment
Fri, Sep 19	Last day to add/audit classes
Wed, Oct 1	Fall 2014 Associates Degree Graduation Application deadline
<i>Fri, Sep 28</i>	<i>Block classes begin*</i>
Wed, Oct 15	Midterm grades due
Thurs & Fri, Oct 16-17	Semester break
Mon, Oct 20	Last day to drop individual classes
Mon, Oct 27	Spring and Summer 2015 class schedules available online
Mon, Nov 3	Spring 2015 Bachelor's Degree Graduation Application deadline
Tue, Nov 11	Career Day (no classes before 4 pm)
Fri, Nov 14	Last day for complete withdrawal
Oct 17-20	Spring Registration Opens
Wed-Fri, Nov 26-28	Thanksgiving break (no classes)
Fri, Dec 12	Last day of classes
Mon-Fri, Dec 15-19	Final exams

*See the Academic Calendar on the DSU website for more information on block deadlines

Additional syllabus information can be found at: <http://new.dixie.edu/reg/faculty/?page=Syllabus>