

**Sociology 1010, Introduction to Sociology**  
**Spring 2010**  
**Wednesday 5:15 - 7:45**  
**Dixie State College of Utah**

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**Hours: ½ hour before the class begins 4:45**

**The Course:**

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 uncover and understand 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 interconnectedness of personal biographies and larger global and historical events.

**Course Objectives:**

Students completing Introduction to Sociology will:

- 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, politics) from a sociological perspective.

**Text:**

David Brinkerhoff, Lynn White, Suzanne T. Ortega and Rose Weitz. 2008. *Essentials of Sociology*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wadsworth Publishing.

**Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on three multiple choice exams, two 2 page papers, attendance and a group project presentation. The points for the exams,

papers, attendance and group project presentation will determine your final grade as follows:

Exam #1:	100 pts.
Exam #2:	100 pts.
Exam #3:	100 pts
Papers:	200 pts 100 pts each
Attendance:	100 pts. (7 pts each week, 7x 15 = 105)
Group Project:	100 pts
<b>Total pts possible</b>	<b>700 pts</b>

A =	700 - 630
B =	629 - 560
C =	559 - 490
D =	489 - 420
F =	419 -

EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN ON ASSIGNED DATES.

**Paper:**

For your papers you will engage in some sociological research of your own, applying concepts we've learned in the course to your observations. I will hand out paper assignments and due dates on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is NOT mandatory, but is expected in order to earn pts necessary for the grade you want to achieve. I will lecture on material that is not in the text. There will be exam questions from my lectures that are not from the text. If you miss class you risk missing information that will be on the exam.

NOTE: Your final grade is based on your accumulation of points.

FINAL NOTE: I reserve the right to (a) adjust individual grades based on my evaluation of your participation and enthusiasm in the course and (b) make changes to the syllabus during the course if I feel it will benefit the class.

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### **Course Schedule**

<u><b>Week &amp; Topics</b></u>	<u><b>Readings</b></u>
<u>Week #1</u> January 13 Introduction to Sociology	Chapter 1
<u>Week #2</u> January 20 FOUNDERS, PERSPECTIVES, AND METHODS	Chapter 1
<u>Week #3</u> January 27 CULTURE AND STRUCTURE	Chapters 2 & 4 (pp. 74-84)
<u>Week #4</u> February 3 GROUPS <b>Hand out Paper Assignments</b>	Chapter 5
<u>Week #5</u> February 10 SELF	Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 85-96)
<u>Week #6</u> February 17 <b>Exam #1,</b> DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL	Chapter 6
<u>Week #7</u> February 24 DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL STRATIFICATION	Chapter 6 Chapter 7
<u>Week #8</u> March 3 Groups meet to work on plans for presentation. ETHNICITY & RACE	Chapter 8
<u>Week SPRING BREAK</u> March 10 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
<u>Week #9</u> March 17 SEX AND GENDER	Chapter 9
<u>Week #10</u> March 24 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE <b>Exam #2,</b>	Chapter 10
<u>Week #11</u>	

March 31  
FAMILY Chapter 11

Week #12  
April 7  
EDUCATION AND RELIGION Chapter 12

Week #13  
April 14  
POLITICS AND ECONOMY Chapter 13

Week #14  
April 21  
POPULATION AND URBAN LIFE Chapter 14

Week #15  
April 28  
SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS Chapter 15  
**Last Class**

**Exam #3 (Final)**  
**May 5 Wednesday 5 pm.**