

Sociology 1010, Introduction to Sociology
Fall 2009
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50
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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*, 7th Edition. Wadsworth Publishing.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on three multiple choice exams, one term paper and an undetermined number of random quizzes. The weight of the exams, quizzes, and paper in determining your final grade are as follows:

Exam #1:	15%
Exam #2:	20%
Exam #3:	25%
Paper:	30%
Quizzes:	10%

Exams:

Exams will be multiple choice, 50 questions each, and graded on a straight 10 percent scale:

45 - 50 = A
40 - 44 = B
35 - 40 = C
30 - 34 = D

EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN ON ASSIGNED DATES.

Paper:

For your paper you will engage in some sociological fieldwork of your own, applying concepts we've learned in the course to your observations. I will hand out a paper assignment on September 18, it is due in class on November 16. LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.

Random Quizzes:

At the beginning of every class we will throw a four-sided die to determine if we have a quiz for that day. If we have a quiz you will have ten minutes to write on a topic relevant to the day's reading/lecture. Quizzes are worth five points each, graded as follows:

5 points: well-written and knowledgeable
4 points: satisfactorily written and semi-knowledgeable
3 points: your name and nothing else
0 points: nothing written and lacking knowledge

QUIZZES CANNOT BE MADE UP.

Attendance:

Attendance is NOT mandatory. However, I 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. You also risk missing a random quiz if you don't show up for class.

NOTE: Your final grade is based on your letter grades, not on your accumulation of points.

ANOTHER NOTE: You must complete all exams and assignments to pass this class.

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.

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE POLICY: Academic dishonesty in any form, including, but not limited to, plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other

person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes will not be tolerated at Dixie State College of Utah.

Teachers at Dixie State College of Utah have the right to manage their classroom environments to ensure a good learning climate.

Students eligible for and requesting reasonable academic accommodations due to a disability must provide a letter of accommodation to their professors from the Disability Resources Center within the first two weeks of the beginning of classes. Proper documentation of a disability is required in order to receive services or accommodations. Please contact the Center on the main campus to follow through with the documentation process. It is located in the Student Services Center Room #201, or call for an appointment and further information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at 652-7516.

Important class and college information will be sent to your dmail email account. This information includes your DSC bill, financial aid/scholarship notices, notification of dropped classes, reminders of important dates and events, and other information critical to your success in this class and at DSC. All DSC students are automatically assigned a dmail email account. If you do not know your user name and password, go to www.dixie.edu and select "dmail" for complete instructions. You will be held responsible for information sent to your dmail email, so please check it often.

Course Schedule

<u>Week & Topics</u>	<u>Readings</u>
<u>Week #1</u> August 24 & 28 FOUNDERS, PERSPECTIVES, AND METHODS	Chapter 1
<u>Week #2</u> August 31 - September 4 FOUNDERS, PERSPECTIVES, AND METHODS	Chapter 1
<u>Week #3</u> September 7 - 11 CULTURE AND STRUCTURE No Class, Monday, September 1	Chapters 2 & 4 (pp. 74-84)
<u>Week #4</u> September 14 - 18 GROUPS Hand out Term Paper Assignment, Wednesday, September 16	Chapter 5
<u>Week #5</u> September 21 - 25 SELF	Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 85-96)
<u>Week #6</u> September 28 - October 2 Exam #1, Monday, September 28 DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL	Chapter 6
<u>Week #7</u> October 5 - 9 DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL	Chapter 6
<u>Week #8</u>	

October 12 - 16 STRATIFICATION No School, Friday, October 16	Chapter 7
<u>Week #9</u> October 19 - 23 EHNICITY AND RACE	Chapter 8
<u>Week #10</u> October 26 - 30 SEX AND GENDER	Chapter 9
<u>Week #11</u> November 2 - 6 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE Exam #2, Wednesday, November 4	Chapter 10
<u>Week #12</u> November 9 - 13 FAMILY Term Paper Due, Friday, November 13	Chapter 11
<u>Week #13</u> November 16 - 20 EDUCATION AND RELIGION	Chapter 12
<u>Week #14</u> November 23 - 27 POLITICS AND ECONOMY No Class Wednesday & Friday, November 25 & 27	Chapter 13
<u>Week #15</u> November 30 - December 4 POPULATION AND URBAN LIFE	Chapter 14

Week #16

December 7 - 11

SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Last Class, Friday, December 11

Chapter 15

Exam #3

Monday, December 14, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday, December 15, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 16, 9:30 - 11:30am

Thursday, December 17, 2 - 4pm