

Sociology 1010, Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2011
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-9:50am, 10:00-10:50am
Dixie State College of Utah

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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 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 interconnectedness 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, 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 January 28, the paper is due in class on April 4. LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.

Random Quizzes:

At the beginning of every class a four-sided die will be thrown to determine if a quiz will be given that day. If it's determined that a quiz will be given, 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, though it is expected. 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 will be based on an average of your letter grades, not on your accumulation of points.

ANOTHER NOTE: You must complete all assignments and exams 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 with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring reasonable academic adjustment, accommodations, or auxiliary aids to be successful in this class will need to contact the DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER Coordinator (Baako Wahabu) for eligibility determination. Proper documentation of impairment is required in order to receive services or accommodations. DRC is located at the ground floor of the Financial Aid Office. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule appointment to discuss the process. DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

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> January 10 - 14 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	Chapter 1
<u>Week #2</u> January 17 - 21 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY No Class, Monday, January 17	Chapter 1
<u>Week #3</u> January 24 - 28 CULTURE AND STRUCTURE Hand Out Term Paper Assignment, Friday, January 28	Chapters 2 & 4 (pp. 74-84)

<u>Week #4</u> January 31 - February 4 GROUPS	Chapter 5
<u>Week #5</u> February 7 - 11 SELF	Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 85-96)
<u>Week #6</u> February 14 - 18 Exam #1, Monday, February 14	
<u>Week #7</u> February 21 - 25 DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL STRATIFICATION No Class, Monday, February 21	Chapter 6 Chapter 7
<u>Week #8</u> February 28 - March 4 ETHNICITY AND RACE	Chapter 8
<u>Week #9</u> March 7 - 11 SEX AND GENDER	Chapter 9
<u>Week X</u> March 14 - 18 No School	
<u>Week #10</u> March 21 - 25 HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE	Chapter 10
<u>Week #11</u> March 28 - April 1 Exam #2, Monday, March 28 FAMILY	Chapter 11
<u>Week #12</u> April 4 - 8 EDUCATION AND RELIGION Term Paper Due, Monday, April 4	Chapter 12
<u>Week #13</u> April 11 - 15 POLITICS AND ECONOMY	Chapter 13
<u>Week #14</u> April 18 - 22 POPULATION AND URBAN LIFE	Chapter 14
<u>Week #15</u> April 25 & 27 SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS Last class, Wednesday, April 27	Chapter 15

Exam #3

Friday, April 29, 9:30am-11:30am

Tuesday, May 3, 8:00-10:00am

Wednesday, May 4, 10:00am-12:00pm