

Sociology 1010, Introduction to Sociology
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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11:00am-12:50pm
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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 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 and one term paper. The weight of the exams and paper in determining your final grade are as follows:

Exam #1:	20%
Exam #2:	25%
Exam #3:	30%
Paper:	25%

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 June 15, the paper is due in class on July 13. LATE PAPERS WILL BE GRADED DOWN ONE FULL GRADE.

Attendance:

Attendance is NOT mandatory. However, I lecture on material that is not in the text. There will be exam questions from my lectures, questions that are not from the text. If you miss class you risk missing information that will be on the exam.

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.

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Course Schedule

Week & Topics

Readings

Week #1

June 1-3

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
CULTURE AND STRUCTURE

Chapter 1
Chapters 2 & 4

Week #2

June 8-10

GROUPS
SELF

Chapter 5
Chapters 3 & 4

Week #3

June 15-17

Hand Out Term Paper Assignment, Tuesday, June 15

Exam #1, Wednesday, June 16

DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

Chapter 6

Week #4

June 22-24

STRATIFICATION
ETHNICITY AND RACE

Chapter 7
Chapter 8

Week #5

June 29-July 1

SEX AND GENDER
HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

Chapter 9
Chapter 10

Week #6

July 6-8

Exam #2, Tuesday, July 6

FAMILY

Chapter 11

EDUCATION AND RELIGION

Chapter 12

Week #7

July 13-15

POLITICS AND ECONOMY

Chapter 13

POPULATION AND URBAN LIFE

Chapter 14

Term Paper Due, Tuesday, July 13

Week #8

July 20-22

SOCIAL CHANGE AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Chapter 15

Exam #3, Thursday, July 22