

Sociology 100:

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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Course Overview

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The Sociology 100 Introduction to Sociology course is a survey course of the Sociology discipline and is designed with several goals in mind. Sociology is a scientific discipline that studies how social groups influence human action and interaction. Through this course, you will learn the analytic methods of inquiry sociologists use when they examine virtually all aspects of human social life, particularly the influence of gender, race, class, region of the country, and type of community, on an individual's value, behavior, and expectations.

Office Location

TBD

You will be exposed to the differences and similarities among cultures within the United States and the world. We will focus on the contribution of social institutions like family, education, the economy, and make in shaping a society's knowledge. Through discussion of these sociological issues the course will enable you to think critically about the social world in which we live. This course fulfills one of the Explorations requirements in the Social/Behavioral Sciences category in the new Colonnade program.

Office Hours

T-Th 4 pm-6pm

Upon the successful completion of this course, you will be able to

- 1) Explain the theoretical perspectives and research methodologies used in Sociology
 - 2) Illustrate how an individual's race, class, and gender affect their experiences in the social world
 - 3) Explain the role of social institutions such as the family, education, the economy, religion, and the polity in shaping our experiences in society
- Additionally, you will further develop the following
- 3) The capacity for critical and logical thinking
 - 4) An appreciation of the complexity and diversity in your own culture as well as the cultures that surround you
 - 5) An understanding of society and human behavior

Required Text

Kendall, Sociology in Our Times: The Essentials, 12e

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTER (SARC) in DSU 1074. The OFSDS telephone number is (270) 745-5004. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services. Resources

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor or tampering with the academic work of other students. I will not tolerate it and any evidence of violations of this policy will result in a score of 0 for the assignment or exam in question. Extreme cases may result in failure of the course without possibility of withdrawal. Of particular note here is plagiarism. When you write your papers, it is critical that you use your own words and work. Remember, you are here to expand your mind not just get a grade.

JOURNALS, EXAMS, QUIZZES AND PAPERS

JOURNALS • The completion of 10 journals will be required on BlackBoard throughout the semester. Each link to a journal will contain a prompt, a series of questions, that you are to answer and reflect upon. I am expecting 300-500 words per journal. A key thing to remember about your journals is that quality is more important than quantity. Essentially 300 words of critical thought and reflection will get a higher grade than five hundred words of fluff and shallow reflection. • Each journal will be due by 11:59 Sunday of the week that it is assigned.

EXAMS • There will be three exams in this class. Each exam will consist of 40 multiple choice and true/false questions. Four short answers. And one Essay question. The short answer and essay questions will come directly from classroom discussions. True false and multiple-choice questions will come from your textbook. • The final exam will NOT be comprehensive.

QUIZZES • There will be a total of 10 quizzes throughout the semester. They will cover the weekly readings. HINT HINT HINT: these will be great study guides for your exams

PAPER • The rubric and instructions are posted on Blackboard

Grading

Journals (10) 100 points (17%)

Exams (3) 300 points (30 %)

Quizzes (10) 200 points (28%)

Paper (1) 100 points (20 %)

Attendance 100 points (5%)

Total: 800 points

Course Schedule

Week	Readings	Assignment Due
Week 1 (Jan 16 th)	Syllabus Chapter 1	Quiz 1 Journal 1
Week 2 (Jan 23 rd)	Chapter 2 Chapter 3	Quiz 2 Journal 2
Week 3 (Jan 30 th)	Chapter 4 (Thursday) Class activity (Tuesday)	Quiz 3 Journal 3
Week 4 (Feb 6 th)	Chapter 5 (Tuesday) Exam 1 (Thursday)	Exam 1 (covers chapters 1-5)
Week 5 (Feb 13 th)	Chapter 6 Movie Day (The 13 th)	Quiz 4 Journal 4
Week 6 (Feb 20 th)	Chapter 7 Chapter 8	Quiz 5 Journal 5
Week 7 (Feb 27 th)	Chapter 9	Quiz 6 Journal 6
Week 8 (Mar 6 th)	Chapter 10 Exam 2 Thursday	Exam 2 covers Chapter 6-10
Week 9 (Mar 13 th)	Spring Break	Spring Break
Week 10 (Mar 20 th)	Chapter 11	Quiz 7

Week	Readings	Assignment Due
		Journal 7
Week 11 (Mar 27 th)	Chapter 13	Quiz 8 Journal 8
Week 12 (April 3 rd)	Chapter 14	Quiz 9 Journal 9
Week 13 (April 10 th)	Chapter 15	Quiz 10 Journal 10
Week 14 (April 17 th)	Chapter 12	Chapter 12
Week 15 (April 24 th)	Chapter 16	Paper Due by Sunday at 11:59 pm
Week 16 (May 1 st)	Finals Week Covers Chapters 11-16 (Due by Friday at 11:59 pm)	Finals Week Covers Chapter 11-16 (Due by Friday at 11:59 pm)

Homework Policy

Journals, Quizzes, Exams and Papers are always due on Sunday by 11:59 pm.

If you are going to be late with an assignment, email me. If you communicate with me I'll give extensions.

Additional Information

There will be no curves in this class. But I do give out extra-credit like Costco gives out free samples. (Your first extra credit assignment is...for every typo you point out in the syllabus you get one point of extra credit.

Attendance will be associated with turning in and completing assignments on time. I will make journals, quizzes, and/or any other assignment due a given week available on the Monday of said week and it will be hidden the following Monday.