

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 100: INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
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Lecture/Class Meeting Times: .On the Web—Blackboard.

Class Meeting Place: On-line/Web.

Semester Time Frame: WINTER 2016, Monday, January 04 – Friday, January 22.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course introduces students to the study of sociology and the distinctive ways in which sociologists examine human social behavior, as well as the ways in which research findings contribute to our understanding of society. It also presents students with the basic concepts, theories and methodologies used in the field of sociology, and how sociology is employed in studying people's social behavior.

Required Textbook: McGraw-Hill Education Connect Access for Sociology: A Brief Introduction, Eleventh Edition, by Richard Schaefer. ISBN: 978-800-777-98369. You are not required to have print text and please be aware if you purchase a used textbook you will still need to purchase Connect plus access.

Course Requirements: In this course, you will complete and submit all assigned readings, assignments, class projects and exams through the web/online. All assignments and exams will be submitted on line on the due date into blackboard.

Encouragement: I want to encourage you to conduct all the assigned readings. The course will run for three weeks and it is vital that you keep up with the readings and other assigned works. Assignments will be given at the end of each week on the assigned chapters.

BLACKBOARD: This course uses BLACKBOARD; it is Western Kentucky University's online course management system. See BLACKBOARD on a weekly basis for assignments. Your grades on all exams, assignments and projects will also be posted on BLACKBOARD.

Homework Assignments: Practice homework questions will occur after the completion of each chapter each day. The questions are drawn from problems in the textbook. Please follow the instructions of each questions when conducting these assignments.

Tests/Exams: There will be four exams in this course. Each exam will contribute 25% to your final course grade. Each exam will be online. During each test/exam, you cannot communicate with your classmates and all cell phones must be turned off. Your test/final exam must reflect your knowledge of the course.

Western Kentucky University's Principle on Academic Integrity: In this course, students are expected to abide by the university's academic integrity principle. The University states that "the maintenance of academic integrity is of fundamental importance. The acts of plagiarism or any other form of cheating will not be tolerated and that anyone committing such acts risks punishment of a serious nature."

Western Kentucky University's Disability Statement: WKU welcomes students with disabilities into the University's educational programs. If you have a disability-related need for reasonable academic adjustments in this course, contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) at 270-745-5004. For further information regarding SARC, please visit the Office for Disability Services web site at <http://www.wku.edu/sarc/> . To accommodate any of your disability needs, I need a letter of accommodation from SARC.

Campus Emergencies: Information about campus emergencies and weather delays are announced on WKU website, WKU News, WKU's Facebook page and communicated to cellphones, emails, the WKU's Facebook page, and emergency text alerts (please sign up at <http://www.wku.edu/mediarelations/emergency.php>).

Grading Scale:

Grade	Percent
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	<60 and below

Course Schedule:

Week	Tentative Material	Topics	HW	Exam
1	Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Read Understanding Sociology on Jan 4 Read Sociological Research on Jan 5 Read Culture on Jan 6 Read Socialization and the Life Course on Jan 7 Exam 1 on Jan 8 Read Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure on Jan 9	Hw1	Exam 1 on Jan 8. Chap. 1, 2, 3, & 4.
2	Chapter 7, 8, 9,10, 11	Read Deviance, Crime and Social Control Jan 10 Read Stratification and Social Mobility in the United States on Jan 11 Read Global Inequality on Jan 12 Exam 2 on Jan 13 Read Racial and Ethnic Inequality on Jan 14 Read Stratification by Gender on Jan 15	Hw2	Exam 2 on Jan 13. Chap. 5, 7, 8, & 9.
3	Chapter 12,13,14,15, 16	Read The Family and Human Sexuality on Jan 16 Read Religion and Education on Jan 17 Exam 3 on Jan 18 Read Government and the Economy on Jan 19 Read Health and the Environment on Jan 20 Read Social Change in the Global Community on Jan 21 Exam 4 on Jan 22	Hw3	Exam 3 on Chap. 10, 11, 12 & 13. Exam 4 on Chap. 14, 15 & 16