

SYLLABUS

COURSE INFORMATION

Introduction to Sociology
SOC 1010
MWF 9:00 - 9:50am
Technology Bldg 113

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology is the coolest major! Seriously, what other major is better at helping you understand how society works and how you can use that knowledge to make society better? Together, we will examine: (1) the sociological view; (2) culture and socialization; (3) social interaction, groups, and social structure; (4) deviance and social control; (5) inequality in the U.S. and global inequality; (6) racial/ethnic inequality; (7) gender inequality; (8) several social institutions, such as family, religion, education, government, and the economy; and (9) population, community, health, and the environment.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

(1) Have the opportunity to learn the key terms and concepts of sociology, (2) have the opportunity to learn the major theories of sociology, and (3) have the opportunity to gain factual knowledge about sociology.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

- *Sociology Matters* (4th edition), by Richard T. Schaefer, ISBN 0-07-340431-4

GRADING

- Five exams (100% of your final grade)
- Extra credit: every so often, without prior announcement, a one question quiz based on the class readings will be given in class. The quizzes cannot hurt your grade but they can help it. For each correct quiz answer, half of one point will be added to your final average. This is the only extra credit option for this course. There will be no makeup quizzes given.

EXAMS

Including the final, there will be five exams for this course. Each exam will cover class lectures, class discussions, e-reserve readings, extra handouts, in-class videos, and the textbook.

Including the final, each exam will cover two chapters in the textbook. All of the exams will be in-class, closed-book, and will only consist of multiple choice questions. A student who misses an exam will receive a zero for that exam. This, of course, does not include a case involving a documented crisis.

Please realize that many of the test questions will come from the multiple choice quizzes at the following website: http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0073404314/student_view0/index.html
Use this website to your advantage: be sure to also check out the true/false quizzes, internet connections, chapter outlines, learning objectives, chapter summaries, and flashcards.

I will drop your lowest score from your first four exams when calculating your final grade. However, everyone must take the final exam. If you miss the final exam, you will receive a zero and that cannot be dropped. In cases where it benefits you to average all five grades, I will do so.

HOW TO USE E-RESERVE

Some exam questions will come from the readings that are on e-reserve. Go to this website www.li.suu.edu/library/circulation and click “I Agree.” Next, type in “Ostrowsky” in the “Instructor’s Last Name” box. There are the readings. Click on them and enjoy.

ATTENDANCE

I will not be taking attendance. However, remember three things: (1) some test questions will be based on lecture and class discussion, not the textbook; (2) the only extra credit option for this course requires your classroom attendance; and (3) if you miss a class, you are fully responsible for all materials and announcements covered in class.

HOW TO DO WELL IN THIS CLASS

1. Attend class as much as possible.
2. Read the assigned readings prior to class.
3. Stay alert in class and take good notes.
4. Do work every day: don’t leave things for the last minute.
5. Use the website for the textbook to your advantage.
6. Ask questions if anything is unclear.

HAVING TROUBLE?

If you are having trouble in this class, please come see me. I am very willing to help you. And please don’t wait until it’s too late-- come talk to me as soon as you think you are having trouble.

SCHEDULE

Week 1	August 23, August 25, August 27	Syllabus & class activities
Week 2	August 30, September 1, September 3	Chapter 1
Week 3	September 8, September 10	Chapter 2
Week 4	September 13, <u>September 15</u> , September 17	Review Session, <u>Exam 1</u> , Videos
Week 5	September 20, September 22, September 24	Chapter 3
Week 6	September 27, September 29, October 1	Chapter 4
Week 7	October 4, <u>October 6</u> , October 8	Review Session, <u>Exam 2</u> , Videos
Week 8	October 11, October 13, October 15	Chapter 5
Week 9	October 18, October 20, October 22	Chapter 6
Week 10	October 25, <u>October 27</u> , October 29	Review Session, <u>Exam 3</u> , Videos
Week 11	November 1, November 3, November 5	Chapter 7
Week 12	November 8, November 10, November 12	Chapter 8
Week 13	November 15, <u>November 17</u> , November 19	Review Session, <u>Exam 4</u> , Chapter 9
Week 14	November 22	Chapter 9
Week 15	November 29, December 1, December 3	Chapter 10 & Videos
Week 16	<u>December 9</u> -- 9:00am	<u>Final Exam</u>

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior. There should be no need to be dishonest. I am always available if you need help.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

In case of emergency, the University's Emergency Notification System (ENS) will be activated. Students are encouraged to maintain updated contact information using the link on the home page of the *mySUU* portal. In addition, students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Emergency Response Protocols posted in each classroom. Detailed information about the University's emergency management plan can be found at www.suu.edu/emergency.

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Work hard and enjoy the semester!