

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2019

Welcome to Sociology 101! I am looking forward working with you this Spring. Please take the time to read the syllabus that I created for you. Many of your questions will be answer in the following pages.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology 101 is the introduction to the study of society. It is an overview of major concepts, methods and theoretical perspectives including: culture, social structure, institutions, socialization, gender, race, social class, inequality, deviance, and social control. Some of the topics include macro and micro theories. **(C-ID SOCI 110) (CSU,UC)**

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES.

Upon course completion, you will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Define and apply the basic concepts of sociology including culture, status, roles, norms, institutions, social class, race, gender. (ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Understand that race, gender and family systems are social constructions. (ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Distinguish different major sociological theoretical perspectives that explain social behavior. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
4. Assess both macro social influences and micro social influences in understanding a particular social issue. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe how the sociological imagination helps people understand their own personal lives.
2. Recognize Sociology as a science that approaches the study of human behavior in a systematic manner.
3. Identify the six social classes in American society and the structural influence of social class on behavior.
4. List the components of culture and their impact on human behavior.
5. Describe the importance of political forces in understanding our society and the process of social change.
6. Identify the causes and processes of deviant behavior and the mechanisms of social control.
7. Define the various forms of marriage and the family.
8. Recognize social problems and social issues in the United States and in cultures throughout the world.

COURSE TEXTS/MATERIALS

The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology (Fifth Edition) 5th Edition

by [Kerry Ferris](#) (Author), [Jill Stein](#) (Author)

ISBN-13: 978-0393251036 ISBN-10: 0393251039

**Other reading materials will be posted on Canvas and/or distributed during class.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS COURSE

- Curiosity about social life and an open mind.
- Participate to your fullest ability and in diverse ways.
- Work hard and strive to improve.
- Be respectful of others, yourself, and the professor.

WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM ME

- Understand your needs as students.
- Be available, on time, and motivated to help you learn.
- Create clear and engaging class sessions.
- Grade your work with respect and with the highest academic standards.

HOW THIS COURSE IS ORGANIZED?

I believe that students learn best when presented with a variety of teaching strategies. The class will consist of lectures given by me. As much as is possible given the constraints of time and room setup, classroom activities will be organized with a hands-on approach, asking students to engage in some of the day-to-day activities of sociologists (including reading, writing, discussion, analysis, and empirical research).

Students will be expected to read and *digest* course materials; the reading load will be manageable and interesting. Discussions, exercises and demonstrations, debates, small group work, paired work, in-class writing assignments, lectures, and reading will be used to explore the major course themes

COURSE GRADING BASED

Grading Based	Total Points
Contact the Professor	20
Quizzes (5) @ 20 each	100
Papers (2) @ 50 each	100
Picture Essays 2 @ 25	50
Video Reflections (4) @ 20	80
Participation	100
Final Project	50
Total Possible Points	500

Contact the Professor (20 points). Getting to know you is the best part of my job. I would like to learn a little bit about you. Therefore, your first “assignment” is to contact me. I will be posting the questions that you will have to answer. It is a very simple assignment. **You will have until the end of the fourth week of the Spring Semester to submit it. It is worth 20 points! So, plan accordingly. I will not accept any late submissions.**

Participation (100 Points): Research shows that people learn better when they are actively involved in the learning process. Participation is not just showing up to class. So, **what counts towards participation?** showing up regularly and on time, being respectful and sincere in your role as a co-learner, reading carefully, engaging in informed discussions and contributing to the community and student group work. This includes:

- a. Participation in the group discussions and activities
- b. Showing up to class regularly and on-time
- c. Being prepared for every class, having completed the readings
- d. Being attentive and engaged (Note: I love to see students offering ideas and posing questions; however, it's just as important to be mindful of what's taking place in class, rather than feeling that you must speak during every class period.)
- e. Participating fully in the reflective response writing, paired readings and activities.
- f. Refraining from using and keep your mobile phone and laptop computer out of site during class time.

Think of it this way: You are starting the semester with a solid "A" (100 points) in participation. For each absence, excessive late arrivals, talking out of turn, disturbing the class, using your phone in class, missed assignments, you will lose participation points.

Papers (100 points). You will write 2 papers where you will have to "do" sociology and write about it. You will receive an assignment guide and help so that you write an excellent paper. Please follow the class calendar for due dates. Papers will be submitted via canvas. If you are not familiar with this process, ask for help.

Note: Each student's capacity to read, write, and take notes at a college level is assumed. In addition, your written work will be graded not only for mastery of course materials, but for clarity, structure, and presentation (e.g., syntax, style and precision of expression, spelling, punctuation, etc.). The Writing Center has been established to assist students with writing projects. Contact them early for help with your assignment. If you take your draft to that writing lab for review you will earn extra credit.

Picture Essay Projects (50 points). There are two pictures essay projects that will require you to do sociology through pictures. You will need a device that will allow you to take pictures (cell phone, camera, etc.) in order to complete this project. Do not stress! This is an easy and fun project to do. I will provide guidance and support.

Canvas Quizzes 4 @ 25 Points Each: Scheduled exams will ensure that you are on top of your readings and pay attention to class discussion. They will be multiple-choice format with short essay questions. **There are no make-ups** exams. Quizzes will be online. Ensure to have access to Canvas at home. If unable to access it from home make sure to use the campus library.

Video Reflections 4 @ 20 Points each: We will be watching different videos in class to further analyze some sociological concepts and theory learned in class with real life examples. The videos will be addressing diverse, and at times controversial issues. You will be required to answer and write a short reflection each of the video. **These reflections will be due in class.** If you are absent on that day you will not be able to make up the points.

Final Project (50 points): The final will consist of a small project where you will have the freedom to choose a sociological concept learned throughout the semester and create an educational project. Do not stress over it! You will receive more information.

Extra Credit. You will have opportunities to earn extra credit throughout the course. I will announce extra credit opportunities during class **only!** If you are absent you will miss the announcement. You can ask your classmates for help but do not ask me, as I will not repeat it for you.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Absences and Late Arrivals: Most of us are occasionally absent or late to class. This is understandable and acceptable. However, when this becomes a regular occurrence, it can be disruptive to the flow of the class and the learning community. To reduce this problem, I will keep track of attendance. To account for illnesses and other unplanned circumstances, you will be allowed two “freebies.” However, you will get as much as you put in to the class. Students who have irregular attendance have shown do poorly in all assignments. Talk to me if you have an emergency situation that may prevent you from fully participating in class.

The instructor as of the first official meeting of that class will drop a student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class. Should readmission be desired, the student’s status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student’s responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details. Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absence exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as ‘excused’ absences.

Late work will not be accepted. Exceptions will be made only in cases of severe and documented hardship. You must contact me *as soon as* you realize you will not be able to get an assignment in on time. I will review the legitimacy of your petition and decide whether to accept the late work.

“**R-E-S-P-E-C-T**, find out what it means to me.” Classroom discussion should remain civil. We are here to learn from each other. It is difficult to learn from someone who is yelling at you, rolling her/his eyes, grumbling under his/her breath, ignoring you, interrupting you, or engaging in other dismissive behaviors. I do not expect that any of us will be tempted to behave so rudely but it doesn’t hurt to spell out that these things are out-of-bounds in the classroom.

How to use student hours? I enjoy office hours because it is time devoted to working with students one-on-one or in small groups. Examples of how students use office hours are: asking questions about the paper assignments, bringing in paper drafts or just ideas for your paper, sharing personal examples that relate to the class, complaining about something not going well in our class, clarifying your status in class, telling me what learning styles work for you, getting feedback from wanting to know about graduate school, wanting to know about other sociology classes, and wanting to know about career options with a sociology major. As you can see, every one of you has a good reason to come to office hours!

Some of the least effective ways to use office hours is asking “what happened in class” because you missed – if this is the case, get the notes from a classmate and come to me with specific questions and comments.

I am here to help you. If you have outside responsibilities or other potential barriers to completing the work for this course, please come talk to me as soon as possible. **Do not wait until it is too late to get help.**

Additional Campus Rules and Information

Food and Drinks are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs.

Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).

Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another’s work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property. There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to “cite a source” correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service

Additional Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College’s main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.

- [Learning Services](#). There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- [Library Services](#). There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

[Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#)

If you have any disability, either temporary or permanent, which might affect your ability to participate fully in the course, please let me know right away. We can figure out what accommodations will be necessary to provide for equitable participation. Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services \(DSP&S\)](#) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population. Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives

- Students experiencing homelessness
- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

SOC 101 Class Calendar

Date or Week	Chapters and Readings	What's Due?
Week 1 February 11/13	Syllabus & Introduction Read syllabus	Show up to class! Bring copy of syllabus to class
Week 2 February 18/20	<i>February 18 HOLIDAY!</i> Read Chapter 1-What is sociology?	
Week 3 February 25/27	<i>Canvas Read "The Promise"</i> Chapter 2-Research Methods	Canvas Quiz # 1 March 1, 2019
Week 4 March 4/6	Read Chapter 3-Cultural Crossroads	
Week 5 March 11/13	Read Chapter 3-Cultural Crossroads <i>Canvas Read "The Nacirema"</i>	<u>Picture Essay-Sociological Imagination Due March 15, 2019</u>
Week 6 March 18/20	Read Chapter 4-The Self and Interaction	Canvas Quiz # 2 March 22, 2019
Week 7 March 25/27	Read Chapter 5- Separate and Together: Life in Groups	
Week 8 April 1/3	Read Chapter 6- Deviance <i>Canvas Read "Labeling Theory"</i>	<u>Culture Paper Due April 5, 2019</u>
Week 9 April 8/10	Read Chapter 7- Social Class: The Structure of Inequality	
Week 10 April 15/17	Read Chapter 8- Race and Ethnicity	Canvas Quiz # 3 April 19, 2019
April 22/24	<i>Spring Break!</i>	
Week 11 April 29- May 1	Continue Race and Ethnicity	
Week 12 May 6/8	Read Chapter 9 Constructing Gender and Sexuality	<u>Picture Essay-Social Class May 10, 2019</u>
Week 13 May 13/15	Continue Constructing Gender and Sexuality	<i>Quiz # 4 May 17, 2019</i>
Week 14 May 20/22	Read Chapter 10 Politics, Education & Religion	<u>Gender Paper due May 24, 2019</u>
Week 15 May 27/29	<i>May 27 Holiday!</i> Read Chapter 11 Life at Home: Families and Relationships	
Week 16 June 3/5	Social Change	<u>Final Project Due June 3, 2019</u>

NOTE: This course outline should be considered tentative since some minor changes may be made according to the needs of class, changes will be announced during class.