

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY

Course Title:	Introductory Sociology
Course Number:	Sociology 101
Semester Units:	3
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Required Text:	Ferris, Kerry & Stein, Jill. (2012). <i>The Real World – An Introduction to Sociology</i> , 3 rd Edition. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the main concepts and theories of sociology. This course surveys sociology as both a science and an applied discipline. Topics to be covered include research methods, culture, groups and social interaction in society, socialization, deviance, social stratification, racial and ethnic groups in society, gender stratification, family and family lifestyles in society, religion and education, political and economic institutions, science, medicine and health care, population and environmental issues in society, and social change and social movements in society.

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are: **1)** To critically think about and gain knowledge of the main theories and concepts of each subfield of sociology; and **2)** To leave this course with a basic understanding of sociology, not only in the academic sense, but also an understanding of the everyday or practical nature of sociology and how it affects each one of us on a daily basis.

Course Format:

This course will consist of a combination of lectures, class discussion, assigned readings, videos, group and individual projects and performance on quizzes and exams.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation. You are expected to attend class and stay for the whole period. You will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of the assigned reading by actively participating in class discussions. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. If you are going to miss a class, please call me **before** class to let me know. You may be dropped from class if you are absent consecutively for the equivalent of one week of instruction, but **DO NOT** count on the instructor dropping you. If you want to drop the class, it is your responsibility to fill out the proper paperwork with the admissions office. **Please check your I.V.C. e-mail and/or Blackboard before class in case the instructor will not be attending class that day.**

Projects/Thought Papers. There will be three (3) one page papers due at various times during the semester. For the paper, you will be required to find and read an article regarding issues related to sociology. This article can be in a newspaper, magazine or sociology journal or off the internet. You will be required to write a one-page paper on how the article relates to sociology principles and everyday life. Each project will be worth 25 points. More information will be given about these papers at a later date. **No late thought papers will be accepted. I DO NOT ACCEPT THOUGHT PAPERS BY E-MAIL.**

Quizzes. Six (6) quizzes will be given during the semester. I will take the five (5) quizzes with the highest scores to determine your points. Since I will be throwing out the one lowest score for quizzes, **no make-up quizzes will be given.** Each quiz will be worth 10 points.

Assignments/Group Work. There will be approximately two (2) different in class, take home or group work assignments given throughout the semester. More information will be given about these assignments at a later date. Each assignment will be worth 10 points.

Exams. Four (4) exams will be given. Exams will consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer and essay questions from the textbook, lectures and videos. No make-up exams will be given unless you have called me **PRIOR** to the exam and let me know you will not be able to take the exam. If you contact me prior to the exam, you will have one week to make-up the exam. Each exam will be worth 100 points. **Please bring a SCANTRON and a #2 PENCIL to each examination.**

Grading System:

90-100% = A	Exams	4@	100 pts.	400 pts.
80-89% = B	Quizzes	5@	10 pts.	50 pts.
70-79% = C	Projects	3@	25 pts.	75 pts.
60-69% = D	Assignments	2@	10 pts.	20 pts.
0-59% = F	Participation		25 pts.	25 pts.

TOTAL: 570 pts.

Special Accommodation:

Should a student enrolled in the course require a special accommodation due to a disability in order to complete the requirements of the course, please advise the instructor immediately or contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services at (760) 355-6312

Academic Dishonesty:

Please read and understand this section fully. Academic dishonesty (cheating) of any type will not be tolerated in my classroom. If a student is caught committing any type of academic dishonesty he or she will be given a 0 in this class and will be reported to Student Affairs for further handling of the matter. In addition, unless you have made prior arrangements with the instructor, leaving during the class period or while watching a movie will be counted as an absence. If you get up and leave during class, please do not return. Coming in and out is disruptive to the other students as well as myself. Also, no cell phones should be answered during class or examinations.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Reading Assignment
05/20/13	Introduction to Class/Sociology & the Real World	Chapter 1
05/21/13	Sociology & The Real World	Chapter 1
05/22/13	Sociological Research Methods	Chapter 2
05/23/13	Cultural Crossroads	Chapter 3
05/24/13	The Self & Interaction	Chapter 4
05/27/13	HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY – NO CLASS	
05/28/13	EXAM #1	
05/29/13	Life In Groups	Chapter 5
	Thought Paper #1 Due	
05/30/13	Deviance	Chapter 6
05/31/13	Social Class & Inequality	Chapter 7
06/03/13-06/04/13	Race & Ethnicity	Chapter 8
06/05/13	EXAM #2	
06/06/13-06/07/13	Constructing Gender & Sexuality	Chapter 9
	Thought Paper #2 Due	
06/10/13	Politics, Education & Religion	Chapter 10
06/11/13	The Economy, Work & Working	Chapter 11
06/12/13-06/13/13	Life at Home	Chapter 12
06/14/13	EXAM #3	
06/17/13	Recreation & Leisure in Everyday Life	Chapter 13
06/18/13	Health & Illness	Chapter 14
	Thought Paper #3 Due	
06/19/13	Social Change	Chapter 16
06/20/13	FINAL	

This instructor reserves the right to make announced modifications to this course outline.