

Basic Course Information

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Course Description

Introduction to the study of society. Overview of major concepts, methods and theoretical perspectives including: culture, social structure, institutions, socialization, gender, race, social class, inequality, deviance, and social control. Topics include macro and micro theories. (C-ID SOCI 110) (CSU,UC)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student 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)

Course Objectives

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.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required Texts: McIntyre, Lisa J. 2011. *The Practical Skeptic: Core Concepts in Sociology* (6th edition). McGraw Hill Publishing ISBN 978-0-07-802687-4.

Additional readings may be required and will be provided on Blackboard.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Course Requirements: You are expected to demonstrate your understanding of sociological material you will learn in this course through the following course requirements:

- ***Three (3) Exams* (each 100 points):** Exams will be completed online via Blackboard. Please make note of the date and time of the opening and closing of each exam. Each exam will consist of a combination of the following types of questions: multiple choice, matching, fill in the blank, true/false, and/or short answer. Exam questions will be based on assigned reading, lectures, and/or videos. There are no makeup exams, unless there are serious, extenuating circumstances that prevent you from taking the exam before it closes (**documentation will be required**).
 - Please do not attempt to take exams on a smart phone or tablet. There are computers available on campus if you do not have access to one elsewhere. Technical problems cannot be verified, and are therefore, not a legitimate reason for not completing an exam.
 - Accommodations will be made for students with a SSD letter.
 - Tests must be completed the first time they are opened, so make sure you are ready to take it when you open it. You will have 90 minutes to complete each exam.
- ***Reading and Writing Activities* (10 points each):** These activities focus on reading, writing, and vocabulary comprehension. You will complete *Critical Annotations* for each of the assigned chapters from the textbook. Annotations will be due each Friday by 11:59 PM via the Blackboard submission link for the assigned reading for the week.
- ***Response Paper* (100 points):** Completion of this paper assignment is based on the assigned readings. The papers are due on Blackboard and must be submitted through the Safe Assign link provided. **Papers submitted by any other means will not be accepted.** Assignment instructions will be available on Blackboard. Late papers will be accepted with a 10% point deduction per day after the assigned due date.
- ***Extra Credit* (maximum of 5 points each):** additional in class exercises (limited to 3 per semester) may be provided.

Instructional Methods: Lecture, Discussion, Audio Visual, Group Activity. It is expected that students will engage in (2) hours of independent work for each hour of lecture or class work.

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.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Semester Grade: Your semester grade will be calculated by total points earned from exams and course assignments. Keep track of the points you earn in the course to avoid any discrepancies when I calculate your final grade. The grading scale for both individual exams and your final course grade is based on a 90-80-70-60

scale (see below). Do not ask me to create individual “extra assignments” at the end of the semester so that you raise your grade.

Exams (3 @ 100 points each)	300 points
Response Paper	100 points
Critical Annotations	150 points

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS 550 points

Scale for semester total points:	A (100-90%) =550-495
	B (89-80%) = 494-440
	C (79-70%) = 439-385
	D (69-60%) = 384-330
	F (59% & below) =229 and below

Exam Grading Scale:	A (100-90%) =100-90
	B (89-80%) =89-80
	C (79-70%) =79-70
	D (69-60%) =69-60
	F (59% & below) = 59 and below

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that 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 absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and 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.

Classroom Etiquette

- **Classroom Demeanor:** Please arrive to class on time. If you arrive to class late, then find your seat as quietly as possible so as not to disturb others. Conversely, if you must leave class early, you must let me know in advance. (Please leave as quietly as possible; sit near the door.) Here are some key points to remember:
 - Class ends at 12:10 PM (or when I have announced that class is over); do not begin packing your belongings five minutes before class ends.
 - Turn off your cell phones. (I will answer your phone if it rings!) Having your phone ring during class is distracting not only for other students but also for me. If you need to keep your phone on for personal reasons (childcare, “on call” for work), then please see me.
 - If you feel that you must read/do other schoolwork, read the newspaper, have a detailed conversation with a classmate, text, Tweet, take a nap, play on the Internet, or listen to your I-Pod, don’t come to class.

- **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.
- You may use a laptop to take notes during class, but if your use of it becomes disruptive in class, then you will be asked not to use your computer.

If you abuse the aforementioned non-class related activities, then you will be asked to leave the class for the day. (If this happens, you are responsible for getting notes and other related information that occurred in your absence.)

- **Class Discussion:** I expect and encourage students to participate in class through verbal and written contributions. I will not accept racist, sexist, homophobic, and other kinds of derogatory language directed at others students or me while we have in-class discussion. While you may disagree with someone else's point of view, there can still be great classroom conversation without having to be disrespectful to others. Furthermore, please make meaningful, relevant comments to the lecture topic.
- **Food and Drink** are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.
- **Children in the classroom:** Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

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 Student 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.

- **[Blackboard Support Site](#)**. The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **[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 (DSPS)

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 and El Centro Regional Center provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6310 in Room 2109 for more information.
- **[Mental Health Counseling Services](#)**. Short-term individual, couples, family, and group therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

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.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Please note this syllabus is a general outline of the course content and schedule, and is subject to change and revision. If changes are made, students will be notified in a timely fashion.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

January 6-9, 2015

January 8, 2015 Deadline to register for Winter Intersession

January 11, 2015 Last day to drop Winter Intersession full-term classes

Introduction (pgs. 1-4)

Chapter 1: Responding to the Chaos: A Brief History of Sociology *Core Concepts* (pgs. 1-28)

Chapter 2: The Sociological Eye *Core Concepts* (pgs. 29– 39)

Chapter 3: Science and Fuzzy Objects *Core Concepts* (pgs. 40– 48)

WEEK TWO

January 12-16, 2015

January 11, 2015 Last day to drop Winter Intersession full-term classes

1st Exam (Chapters 1-6) on Blackboard (opens Friday 01/16/15, closes Sunday 01/18/15 @ 11: 59 PM)

Chapter 4: Who's Afraid of Sociology? *Core Concepts* (pgs 49 – 57)

Chapter 5: The Vocabulary of Science *Core Concepts* (pgs 58 – 76)

Chapter 6: Doing Social Research *Core Concepts* (pgs 81 – 99)

WEEK THREE

January 20-23, 2015

January 19, 2015 MLK Day- Campus Closed

January 19, 2015 Response Paper DUE on Blackboard by 11:59 PM

Chapter 7: Culture *Core Concepts* (pgs. 101 – 119)

Chapter 8: Social Structure *Core Concepts* (pgs. 121 – 134)

Chapter 9: Society and Social Institutions *Core Concepts* (pgs. 136 – 150)

WEEK FOUR

January 26-30, 2015

2nd Exam (Chapters 7-10) on Blackboard (opens Monday 01/26/15, closes Wednesday 01/28/15 @ 11: 59 PM)

Chapter 10: Socialization *Core Concepts* (pgs. 152- 168)

Chapter 11: Deviance and Social Control *Core Concepts* (pgs. 169 - 193)

Chapter 12: Stratification and Inequality *Core Concepts* (pgs. 195 – 210)

WEEK FIVE

February 2-6, 2015

3rd Exam (Chapters 11-114) on Blackboard (opens Wednesday 02/04/15, closes Friday 02/06/15 @ 11: 59 PM)

Chapter 13: Inequality and Achievement *Core Concepts* (pgs. 213 – 234)

Chapter 14: Inequality and Ascription *Core Concepts* (pgs. 238 - 262)

Have a great break!!!!