

## SOCIOLOGY 101-INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY-3 UNITS

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an introduction to the study of society. There will be an overview of major concepts, methods and theoretical perspectives including: culture, social structure, institutions, socialization, gender, race, social class, inequality, deviance and social control.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, 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 as they relates to both society and the prison experience.
2. Understand that race, gender and family systems are social constructions.
3. Distinguish different major sociological theoretical perspectives that explain social behavior and what behaviors enable success or prosperity in a social situation.
4. Assess both macro and micro social influences in understanding a particular social issue.
5. Define and operationalize 50-100 terms related to sociology.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. Describe how the sociological imagination helps people understand their own lives and how confusion or faulty beliefs can lead to frustration, conflict and personal failure.
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, in different groups, society at large, 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 cause and process of deviant behavior and the mechanisms for 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.
9. Write short essays on social topics that demonstrate critical thinking, organization and models for social change.

### TEXTBOOK

Ferris, K. Stein, J., (2016 ). The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology (5<sup>th</sup>/ed). New York, W.W. Norton & Company. ISBN: 978-0-393-92258-5.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

#### Two Exams (100, 200 points)

There will be a midterm exam (100) and a final exam (200). Each exam will cover 8 chapters in the book, discussions, information from presentations and lectures. Exams will be both multiple choice and short essay answers. Student can expect to see some previous quiz/exam questions on the final.

#### Socio-Biography (100 points)

Students will write a an 5-7 page autobiography in which they will use **10 terms** from the text to analyze their personal, family, social and group experiences. Students will be expected to define the terms and use sociological theory to analyze and evaluate the life experiences of self, peers and/or family. All writing will be word processed using a 12 point font. All writing will be word processed using a 12 point font. **When using a term from the text, please note the author's name, date and page number ( Stein, 2014, p. 77).**

### Three Quizzes (20 points each)

Each quiz will cover a certain amount of content from the text. The first quiz will be on Chapter 1 and 2 and so on. The purpose of the quizzes is to evaluate comprehension of the text and motivate students to read and take notes on the text.

### Tech Report (20 points)

Two page summary of how you have used technology to conduct sociological research or increase your awareness of social problems using the internet, social media or other forms of digital learning.

### Current Event Analysis /A Literature Review (40 points)

Students will write a 2-3 page analysis of a current event using vocabulary, theory, self-reflection, research or interviews with other students. The project will contain a copy of the current event and 2-3 pages of word processed text.

### Portfolio (20 points)

The week before the final exam, students will turn in a portfolio of class work to demonstrate organizational skills and to help prepare them for the final. The portfolio will contain quizzes, exams, quick writes, socio-biography, tech report, notes, and analysis of a current event from a sociological perspective. Each student will do a quick write response to guest presenters on topics related to racism, education, culture shock, LGBT issues, social change, poverty, etc.)

### Class Attendance/Participation (20 points)

There are many ways to participate in the class. The first is to show up. ("You miss all of the shots you don't take"- Michael Jordan). Verbal participation is rewarded but optional. Written participation is mandatory. A "quick write" is a minimum of one half page, written response to a topic, lecture, story, video or other learning activity. It will involve at least two paragraphs and a theoretical, emotional or experiential response analysis or response.

### Absence Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes. If there is illness or other reasons for students to miss class, they can make up attendance by defining a minimum of 10 terms from the weekly reading material and a 2-3 quick write about the reading material or current events. All writing should involve the use of theory, vocabulary and classroom learnings.

### Grading Policy

<b>A</b>	<b>90-100%</b>	<b>504-560 points</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>80-90%</b>	<b>448-503 "</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70-80%</b>	<b>392-447 "</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60-70%</b>	<b>336-491 "</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Below 60%</b>	<b>Below 335 points</b>

### CLASS SCHEDULE

<b>Day 1</b>	June 11	Intro/Syllabus/Quick Writes Organize Portfolio; Lecture Ch.1	Read Chapter 1-Soc. and Real World
<b>Day 2</b>	June 12	Discuss Paper; Lecture Ch. 2 Prep for Quiz	Read Chapter 2 –Soc. Research
<b>Day 3</b>	June 13	Discuss paper; Lecture Ch. 3 Test taking strategies	Read Ch. 3-Culture <b>Quiz #1</b> Ch.1 and 2
<b>Day 4</b>	June 14	Review quiz; lecture Ch. 4; Discuss Socio-Biography	Read Ch. 4-Self and Interaction

<b>Day 5</b>	June 17	Lecture Ch. 5-Families Support groups; The 12 Steps	<b>Turn in Socio-Biography;</b> Read Ch. 5 Life in Groups <b>Quiz #2</b> , Ch. 3 and 4
<b>Day 6</b>	June 18	Lecture Ch. 6-Deviance, substance abuse; poverty and culture	Read Ch. 6 Deviance-
<b>Day 7</b>	June 19	Lecture Ch. 7-Inequality and social slavery, castes, class, glass ceilings	Read Ch. 7-Understanding Inequality
<b>Day 8</b>	June 20	Lecture Ch. 8-The "Isms"-racism Sexism, ageism, heterosexism, etc.	Read Ch. 8-Race and Ethnicity <b>Quiz #3</b> Ch.5-7
<b>Day 9</b>	June 21	Lecture Ch. 9-Sexism, gender issues Roles, family, women's movement	Read Ch. 9 Constructing Gender and sexuality <b>Exam #1</b>
<b>Day 10</b>	June 24	Lecture Ch. 10-Politics, education Religion,	Read Ch. 10-Macro/Micro and everyday social institutions. <b>Current Events Essay Due</b>
<b>Day 11</b>	June 25	Lecture-Ch 11-Economic systems; Small business/corporate America	Read Ch. 11-The Economy and Work
<b>Day 12</b>	June 26	Lecture Ch. 12-Parenting, roles Coping with problems,	Read Ch. 12-Life at Home <b>Turn in Socio-Biography</b>
<b>Day 13</b>	June 27	Lecture Ch. 13-culture, electronics Values and television, gaming	Read Ch. 13-Leisure and the Media
<b>Day 14</b>	June 28	Lecture Ch 14-Stress management Wellness; sleep management; Medical care issues	Read Ch. 14-Health and illness <b>Turn in Portfolios</b> Current Event Presentations
<b>Day 15</b>	July 1	Lecture Ch. 15/16-family planning Urban and rural issues, Environmental change	Read Ch. 15-Populations, cities and the Environment; Ch. 16-Social Change
<b>Day 16</b>	July 2	Ch. 9-16	<b>Final Examination</b>