



SOCI 101 – Introduction to Sociology

Course Information

Semester	: Winter 2021 (December 23, 2021 – January 17, 2022)
Credit	: 4
Teaching Hours	: 50 Hours
Location	: Online
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DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the basic concepts, research, and theories sociologists use to increase our understanding of social behavior and human societies. Students discuss such topics as culture, social interaction, social inequality, crime, class, race and ethnic relations, and family, as well as various social problems in modern society.

1.000 Credit hours

4.000 Lecture hours.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will know:

1. The basic principles of sociology
2. How people are socialized into the cultures
3. The relationship between individuals and the groups they belong to
4. Major institutions of society including work, the family, education and religion;
5. Key dimensions of inequality in society, including class, and gender

REQUIREMENTS & GRADING CRITERIA

Exams: (60% of final grade) There will be three exams over the four-week term.

Paper: (30% of final grade) Each student is required to do a 3-5 pages paper on a topic of their choosing. The paper should be double spaced in Times New Roman 12 or Calibri 11.

Topic: Choose any topic we have covered over this semester relating to sociology. Choose a topic you are interested in/ one that you can relate to. For example: one could choose to focus on culture, define culture, talk about how their culture has come to be what it is today and how their culture has influenced their life and the lives of the people around them. Research this topic by focusing on the following:

- Define and describe topic.



- What is the history of this topic?
- How does this topic relate to sociology?
- Look at the topic from the different sociological perspectives (Functionalist, Interactionist, Feminist, Conflict)
- How does it relate to other people?
- How do people cope with this topic?
- Why did you choose this topic?
- How does this topic relate to your life?

Grading

Research of topic	50 points
How does topic relate to sociology, sociological perspective	40 points
<u>APA format</u>	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points

Attendance and Participation: (10% of final grade) Discussions are worth 10% of your final grade. Each student is required to post their own original post about the readings AND reply to a classmate's post on the discussion board each week. You will get one final discussion grade at the end of the semester. Your post should contain your opinions, reactions and interpretations of the reading and not just a copy and paste from the text book. The discussion board is meant to mimic a real classroom discussion. Although I do read each post, I do not respond to every single post.

TEXTS AND MATERIALS

Schaefer, R. (2012). *Sociology: A Brief Introduction (10th Edition)*. New York: McGraw Hill Publishing.

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COURSE CONTENT/OUTLINE

Weekly schedule of the topics that will be covered and all assignments due for that week. Also, include expected dates for returning assignments.

WEEK 1	Ch. 1: Understanding Sociology
	Ch. 2: Sociological Research
	Ch. 3: Culture
	Ch. 4: Socialization and the Life Course
	Exam 1



Week 2	Ch. 5: Social Interaction
	Ch. 6: The Mass Media
	Ch. 7: Deviance and Social Control
	Ch. 8: Stratification and Social Mobility in the U.S.
	Ch. 9: Global Inequality
	Exam 2
Week 3	Ch. 10: Racial and Ethnic Inequality
	Ch. 11: Stratification by Gender and Age
	Ch. 12: The Family and Intimate Relationships
	Final Paper due
WEEK 4	Ch. 13: Religion and Education
	Ch. 14: The Government and the Economy
	Ch. 15: Population, Communities and Health
	Ch. 16: Social Change in the Global Community
	Exam 3- Friday

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

You may hand in your work early, but for each day an assignment is late it will be marked down an entire letter grade.

Workload Expectations

Since the winter course meet for two contact hours daily (12.5 contact hours of classroom time weekly), the students should spend 25 hours per week doing out-of-class work. For the four week 4-credit hour course, this reflects 50 hours of classroom time and 100 hours of out-of-class time.

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