



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School**

SOC110 Introduction of Sociology

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office Hours: TBD

Discussion Session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Location: WEB

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

This course focuses on the basic assumptions, research topics, theories and methodologies of sociology. Students will examine the ways in which social norms, values, roles and social structure impact the world around people and their positions in society. Topics include power, submission, conflict, social structure, socialization, social change, and social inequality.

Course Goals:

A student who satisfactorily completes this course should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Compare and contrast the three major schools of sociology and apply the sociological imagination
2. Describe and analyze how social groups affect individual behaviors
3. Distinguish between sociology and other social science disciplines
4. Analyze social behaviors through a sociological lens
5. Understand major sociological methods
6. Explain the relationship between social institutions, social processes, and social change.

Required Textbook:

This course uses one prominent textbook that introduces students to the major areas within the discipline of sociology. We will only read selected chapters from the textbook. Your mastery of materials will be supplemented by the lectures in class. Each week, we will read several chapters that speak to some common thread or theme such as “inequality” or “the family.” The readings supplement the lectures; you are expected to engage with both the lectures and readings accordingly on your exams. Please purchase the e-version of this textbook:



Sociology, 16th edition. (2018) by John J. Macionis. Published by Pearson Publishers.

*Please note to get the 16th edition, published in 2018. You can buy the online e-version on amazon with a kindle app. You can also buy the hard copy, which is the exact version as the online version. ISBN 10: 129-2-16147-7/ISBN 13: 978-1-292-16147-1

Grading Policy:

UIBE awards grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, and F. Most colleges and universities do not award transfer credit for grades of D or F.

In this course, grading will be based on the following:

- 60% Exams (2 @ each 30%)
- 40% Final Paper
- Total: 100%

Please note that all the exams are essay formats, with a minimum writing word length of approximately 1200 words per exam, for a total of 2400 words.

- A. You will gain writing skills through periodic writing assignments, which will measure your mastery of the readings and comprehension of the lectures, and which will be the basis for our discussions.
- B. Writing assignments will be distributed two times throughout the session and students will be required to submit 5-7 pages for each of the two essays.
- C. For your final paper, you can pick any topic of your choice that will be covered this semester. Write a term paper which provides a small overview of how sociology (mainly) has explored or approached the phenomenon. Make sure to explain the basic issue/phenomena, concepts, the different dimensions of the issue that are interesting to sociology and any other information that you think is necessary to explain what we know and what we still need to know about the issue/phenomena. The minimum writing word length of approximately 1500 words.

Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

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| A | 90-100 | C+ | 72-74 |
| A- | 85-89 | C | 68-71 |
| B+ | 82-84 | C- | 64-67 |
| B | 78-81 | D | 60-63 |
| B- | 75-77 | F | below 60 |

Class Rules:

Students are expected to:

- ✦ Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class

- ✦ Review the previous day's notes before class; make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading
- ✦ Complete required written work on time

Academic Honesty:

Students are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty. Specifically, unless otherwise directed by the professor, students may not consult other students, books, notes, electronic devices or any other source, on examinations. Failure to abide by this may result in a zero on the examination, or even failure in the course.

Students are also expected to adhere to appropriate scholarly conventions in essays and research papers. This class includes writing assignment(s) in which students must give credit to all outside sources used by means of citations and a bibliography. Failure to do so may result in a zero on the paper assignment, or even failure in the course.

Course Schedule:

| Date | Topic |
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| Day 1 | Course Introduction and Chapter 1, The Sociological Perspective |
| Day 2 | Chapter 2, Sociological Investigation |
| Day 3 | Chapter 3, Culture |
| Day 4 | Chapter 8, Sexuality & Society |
| Day 5 | Film 1: On the Basis of Sex |
| Day 6 | Review (Exam #1 submitted today) |
| Day 7 | Chapter 10, Social Stratification |
| Day 8 | Chapter 11, Social Class |
| Day 9 | Chapter 12, Global Stratification |
| Day 10 | Chapter 13, Gender Stratification |
| Day 11 | Film 2: Mona Lisa Smile |
| Day 12 | Chapter 15, Aging and Elderly |
| Day 13 | Review (Exam #2 submitted today) |
| Day 14 | Chapter 16, Society and Crime |
| Day 15 | Chapter 18, Families and Youth |
| Day 16 | Chapter 21, Health and Related Issues |
| Day 17 | Chapter 22, Population, Urbanization, and the Environment |
| Day 18 | Chapter 24, Traditional to Postmodern Societies |
| Day 19 | Review |
| Day 20 | Final Paper |