

SOCIOLOGY 1113: Introduction to Sociology
T TH 9:30-10:45; SH 207
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Course Description:

Analysis and description of society, culture, the socialization process, social institutions, and social change; consideration of basic sociological theories.

Course Objective:

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to basic sociological concepts using the sociological imagination. In addition, you should gain an understanding of the questions sociologists ask regarding the social world through sociological theory.

Required Text:

Society in Focus, 4th edition. William E. Thompson and Joseph V. Hickey

Course Requirements:

4 objective exams (multiple choice and true/false) = 50 points each (200 points possible)

12 in-class activities = 10 points each. You will be permitted to throw out 2 activities (100 points possible)

Film analysis = 100 points

Total points possible = 400

Course Grading:

360-400 = A

320-359 = B

280-319 = C

240-279 = D

Below 240 = F

Class Attendance:

Class attendance is expected. You are also expected to arrive to class on time and not leave early (unless an emergency occurs). Attendance will be taken at the time of in-class activities. Students will be penalized only for course work they miss (i.e., in-class assignment, exam, paper).

Make-up Exams and Assignments:

Make-up exams will only be permitted if the student receives permission from the instructor. Permission will be given only if a problem occurs that is out of the student's control (i.e., death in the family, serious illness, etc) and then only if written documentation is provided (i.e., doctor's note etc). Make-up exams and in class exams

will not be the same. Make-up exams will consist of essay questions only. There will be no make-ups for in-class activities. Late film analyses will receive one grade reduction for every day (not class period) the paper is late. No exceptions.

Academic Misconduct:

Students who commit academic misconduct will be given a grade of zero on the assignment or exam. If a second offense is committed, the student will be given a grade of “F” in the course. Plagiarism will be treated in the same manner.

ADA Compliance:

If a student feels he/she has a disability requiring special accommodations, he/she should inform the instructor so the University’s Office of Student Affairs can be contacted. The instructor will work with students to ensure that they have equal opportunity to complete the class.

Course Schedule (may change at instructor’s discretion):

Week 1

Course Introduction and Chapter 1 (Discovering Sociology)

Week 2

Finish chapter 1 and chapter 2 (Doing Sociology)

Week 3

Chapter 3 (Culture)

Week 4

Chapter 4 (Socialization)

EXAM 1: Thursday, February 5

Week 5

Chapter 5 (Society and Social Interaction)

Week 6

Complete Chapter 5

Week 7

Chapter 6 (Social Groups and Organizations)

Week 8

Chapter 7 (Deviance and Conformity)

EXAM 2: Thursday, March 4

Week 9

Begin Chapter 8 (Social Stratification and the U.S. Class System)

Week 10

Finish Chapter 8 and cover Chapter 9 (Global Stratification)

Week 11

Chapter 10 (Race and Ethnicity)

Week 12

Finish Chapter 10

EXAM 3: Thursday, April 1

Week 13

Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender)

Week 14

Chapter 13 (Families)

Week 15

Begin Chapter 14 (Education)

Film Analysis due, Thursday, April 22 in class

Week 16

Finish Chapter 14 and cover Chapter 20 (Social Change and the Future)

FINAL EXAM

Thursday, May 6

9:00-10:50