

SOC101
CRN 3321

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Principles of Sociology

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Course Description: This is an introductory level course that provides a general overview of modern society's institutions, its organization, groups and social roles. Topics of study will include patterns of social interaction, the organization and stratification of groups ranging from families to corporations, and others. The course is meant to foster understanding, open-mindedness and the valuing of others through an appreciation of human differences. This may include race, ethnicity, culture, religion, physical disability as well as class, age, gender, sexual orientation, or other considerations.

Prerequisites: Placement in ENG 101.

Required Text: Macionis, John J. 2016: Society the Basics, 14th edition. Pearson.

General Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in behavioral sciences. This will be demonstrated by students' ability to: Describe the nature of sociology as a discipline.
2. Use the concepts, language, and major theories of the discipline to account for sociological phenomena.
3. Explain major perspectives of sociology (e.g., structural-functionalism, social conflict, feminism, and symbolic-interaction).
4. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of sociology.
5. Acquire a working knowledge of basic sociological concepts and principles
6. Be able to evaluate the impact of social class, gender, race/ethnicity/immigrant status, age, and sexual orientation on people's chances in life, their practices, and attitudes.
7. Analyze, explain (orally and in writing), and apply key sociological theories, concepts and terms to social issues.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to be familiar with the substantive contents of all class materials: assigned readings, lectures, handouts, and discussions.

Assigned readings must be done thoroughly as they will provide the basis for weekly discussions.

Failure to prepare adequately may impede your participation and the ability to benefit fully from the course.

Evaluation Methods:

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| a) Discussions | =15%. |
| b) Quizzes (4) | = 60% |
| c) Final Exam | = 25% |

Total =100%

1. **Quizzes & Exams:** will consist of objective multiple choices questions based on assigned readings, lectures, and handouts.
2. Must be taken within the indicated 3- day period. **Once you start a test, you have only a pre-set amount of time to finish it. My advice: don't start a test unless you're SURE you can finish it.**
3. **DON'T wait until the last minute.** If you wait until the last hour to take the test, AND your computer happens to crash at that same time, I won't be sympathetic – in that case, you'll have to miss that test. Test questions will consist of multiple choices based on lectures/handouts and chapter readings.
 4. **DO NOT USE** unauthorized materials, such textbooks, or lecture notes. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive an "F" Grade in the course and could be subjected to further punishment deemed necessary by the college authorities. *****SAVE EACH INDIVIDUAL ANSWER BEFORE YOU PROCEED**
 5. **No Make-ups** for missed quizzes or exam, except with excused absence (death in the family, religious holiday, being hospitalized).
6. **No Extra Credit:** The best way to improve your grade is to put effort into the course material and study well for the quizzes, tests, and the final exam

Grading System:

93 - 100 = A
90 – 92.9 = A
87 – 89.9 = B+
84 – 86.9 = B
80 – 83.9 = B-
77 – 79.9 = C+
74 – 76.9 = C
70 – 73.9 = C-
67 – 69.9 = D+
63 – 66.9 = D
60 – 62.9 = D-
Below 60 = F

WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS - (5 points): You ABSOLUTELY need to stay up-to-date in this course. It's structured so that everyone is looking at the same lesson and participating in the same discussions, every week. If you'll notice, the topics correspond to "Weeks" in a semester-long course. Besides "Course Content," the only other thing you'll need on the left-blue-margin is "Discussions," and "Quizzes and Exams," for when it's quiz or exam time. Those are calendar-controlled, so they'll only be available during certain windows of time during the course.

Discussion topics are available from Monday 12:01 am to Sunday 6:00 pm. Avoid making submissions at the last minute.

Students must make their initial posting on the topic and respond to at least three of their colleague's comments/postings/arguments etc. **However, one or two lines statement (s) will not count towards your grade.** Maintain civility always during these discussions.

If you agree or disagree, explain why you agree or disagree and remember to identify by name the person(s) your comments or compliments arguments are directed at. **I need names to be able to verify that this interaction took place. Students who fail to identify others by name will lose points.**

The more students you interact or communicate with, the more your comments and questions will not only help me make sure that you understand the material; they will also get some interesting discussions going on that should make the class even more exciting

These are your class participation exercises, therefore, absolutely no make-ups for missed discussions.

Grading: Your grade on the **Discussions** will depend on two factors.

1. The quantity, quality, and thoroughness of your initial reply to the Discussion Question.
2. The quantity, quality, and thoroughness of your responses to the replies of other students in the class.

Withdrawal Policy: "You may withdraw from this class any time before or by November 10th.

- a. A completed and signed withdrawal form must be on file in the Records Office by the deadline to receive a "W" on your transcript.
- b. If you fail to complete this process on time, you will receive a letter grade at the end of the semester, which will include zeroes for any work not submitted.
- c. Course withdrawals may affect financial aid and veteran's benefits.
- d. Please make this decision carefully and with the help of your advisor.
- e. See the Academic Calendar and the College Catalog for specific dates and procedures regarding the withdrawal process."

ADDITIONAL SYLLABUS INFORMATION: For information about the college's policies and procedures regarding academic honesty, accessibility/disability services, attendance, audio-recording in the classroom, grade appeals, plagiarism, religious accommodations, weather/emergency closings, and more, please go to the following website: www.mxcc.edu/catalog/syllabus-policies/

Course Schedule and Reading Assignments: Make sure you stay up on the weekly discussions/lessons, as discussions are mandatory, and will only be "open" for set times. There are differences between editions. What's listed here is the 14th edition (2016). If you have an earlier version, just make sure you're studying the same topic! **Quiz dates are tentative and subject to change.**

Date	Topic	Reading Assignments/Quiz Due Dates
08/29 – 09/03	Sociology: Perspective, Theory, and Methods	Macionis Chapter 1
09/04 – 09/10	Culture	Macionis Chapter 2
09/11 – 09/17	Socialization: From Infancy to Old Age	Macionis Chapter 3.
QUIZ#1	CHAPTERS 1 - 3	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 9/15 - 17
09/18 – 09/24	Social Interaction in Everyday Life	Macionis Chapter 4
09/25 – 10/01	Groups and Organizations	Macionis Chapter 5
10/02 – 10/08	Sexuality and Society	Macionis Chapter 6
QUIZ#2	CHAPTERS 4 - 6	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 10/06 - 08
10/09 – 10/15	Deviance	Macionis Chapter 7
10/16 – 10/22	Social Stratification	Macionis Chapter 8
10/23 – 10/29	Global Stratification	Macionis Chapter 9
QUIZ#3	CHAPTERS 7 - 9	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 10/27 - 29
10/30 – 11/05	Gender Stratification	Macionis Chapter 10
11/06 – 11/12	Race and Ethnicity	Macionis Chapter 11
11/13 – 11/19	Economics and Politics	Macionis Chapter 12
QUIZ#4	CHAPTERS 10 - 12	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 11/17 - 19
11/20 – 11/26	Family and Religion	Macionis Chapter 13
11/27– 12/03	Education, Health, and Medicine	Macionis Chapter 14
12/04 – 12/10	Population, Urbanization, and Environment	Macionis Chapter 15
FINAL EXAM	CHAPTERS 13 - 15	MUST BE TAKEN BETWEEN 12/09 – 11.