

SOCIOLOGY 020

Introduction to Sociology

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Office Hours (SSC 5431): Tues. & Thurs. 10:30-11:30 or by appointment

Class Hours: Monday-Friday 9-12 noon

Course Objectives:

The primary objectives of the course are twofold: (1) to introduce you to sociology as a way of thinking about and making sense of the society and world in which you live; and (2) to help you begin thinking sociologically about your own biography and about events and issues in the larger world.

A well-known sociologist, C. Wright Mills, once said that the promise of sociology is to enable “us to grasp history and biography and the relation between the two in society”. This suggests that the purpose of sociology is to help individuals transcend their own unique identities and niches in history by facilitating their understanding of the array of social forces that structure and mold their life circumstances and experiences. To develop a keen understanding of the social forces that structure one’s life history or biography is to “think sociologically”. It is also to understand oneself as both a social product and a social actor.

Text:

Teevan and Hewitt. (2000). Introduction to Sociology (7th Edition).

Evaluation:

5 Quizzes each worth 5%	=25%
Presentation and 2 page essay	=20%
Final Examination (in the exam period)	=50%
Attendance	=5%
TOTAL	=100%

Tests:

- To be held on May 17th, 24th, and 30th, and June 7th, and 14th.
- There will be a test at the end of every week that will assess what you have learnt that week. It will consist of fill in the blank, matching, and short answer questions.

Presentation and 5-7 page essay:

- Students will find a newspaper article (from 2002) and will summarize the article, define the key terms, discuss the themes of the article from one of the main theoretical perspectives (conflict, structural functionalism, or symbolic interaction), and will provide discussion questions for the class. The presentation should be about 5 minutes long and, after the student presents, they will hand in an essay with the above elements in the next class.

Students will sign up for a presentation in the first week of class. If a student misses their presentation, they will lose half of their mark (10/20), unless they can provide appropriate documentation. In this situation, students will present at the next class.

Final Examination:

The final examination will be held in the exam period (June 24th or 25th). It will be composed of short answer, fill in the blank, and 2 essay questions. The exam will cover all material from lecture and all chapters in the textbook (with the exception of Chapters 9 and 16).

There will be only one makeup exam given for those missing the final exam with proper documentation and permission. Without an acceptable and documented reason for missing the exam, the student will receive a zero (0%) for the exam. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Outline for the Course:

May 13 th	Chapter 1: What is Sociology?
May 14 th -15 th	Chapter 2: Research Methods
May 16 th -17 th	Chapter 3: Culture (17 th – Test)
May 20 th	No class (Victoria Day)
May 21 st -22 nd	Chapter 4: Socialization
May 23 rd -24 th	Chapter 5: Deviance (24 th – Test)
May 27 th -28 th	Chapter 6: Social Inequality
May 29 th -30 th	Chapter 7: Gender Relations (30 th – Test)
May 31 st	No class
June 3 rd -4 th	Chapter 8: Race and Ethnic Relations
June 5 th -6 th	Chapter 10: Families
June 7 th and 10 th	Chapter 11: Religion (7 th – Test)
June 11 th -12 th	Chapter 12: Media
June 13 th -14 th	Chapter 13: Work and Organizations (14 th – Test)
June 17 th -18 th	Chapter 14: Social Movements
June 19 th -20 th	Chapter 15: Demography
June 21 st	Review
June 24 th -25 th	Final Examination (TBA)