

Introduction to Sociology
Fall 2006

General Information:

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Course Description:

In short, this course explores basic concepts and theories concerning the relationship between individuals and society. This course emphasizes the influence of culture, social structure, and institutions in explaining human activity.

Required Text:

James Henslin, *Essentials of Sociology*, Sixth Edition, 2006. You may substitute an older version of this book but be aware that it may be missing information included on exams.

Class Policies:

In order to ensure a fair academic environment, please note that *no* exceptions will be made regarding the course guidelines as well as the methods of student evaluation. University rules on academic misconduct will be strictly enforced.

Attendance: The student is responsible for all materials covered during class time including lecture material (class notes) and media presentations. Handouts, study guides, and exam grades will be posted on blackboard. Some films shown during class may be available for viewing in the library. Missed lecture notes must be obtained from fellow students. The instructor does not provide copies of lecture notes or outlines, or boil down and repeat an entire lecture during office hours. Of course, specific questions are always welcomed. A make-up exam may be granted in cases of *emergency* and only with a note from a physician, court official, funeral director, or coach.

Student Evaluation: There will be four quizzes, each worth one-fourth of your final grade. Quiz questions draw from readings and lectures. Although I utilize similar concepts, the majority of the class lectures will not directly replicate the required reading. Success in this class will be dependent on *both* class attendance and completing the required reading. Reading the assigned chapters before the scheduled lecture is preferred. The *only* opportunity for extra-credit is the elevator observation (this will be explained in more detail later in the semester).

Final letter grades will be determined on the following scale:

93-100 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	63-66 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	60-62 = D-
87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+	59 > = F

Tentative Schedule:

I reserve the right to make changes to the schedule as necessary during the semester.

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
Week One:		<i>September 8</i> Course Introduction
Week Two:	<i>September 11</i> The Sociological Perspective (Chapter 1)	<i>September 15</i> Culture (Chapter 2)
Week Three:	<i>September 18</i> Culture (Chapter 2)	<i>September 22</i> Socialization (Chapter 3)
Week Four:	<i>September 25</i> Socialization (Chapter 3)	<i>September 29</i> Quiz #1
Week Five:	<i>October 2</i> Social Structure (Chapter 4)	<i>October 6</i> Social Interaction (Chapter 4)
Week Six:	<i>October 9</i> University Closed Columbus Day	<i>October 13</i> Social Groups (Chapter 5)
Week Seven:	<i>October 16</i> Formal Organizations (Chapter 5)	<i>October 20</i> Deviance (Chapter 6)
Week Eight:	<i>October 23</i> Social Control (Chapter 6)	<i>October 27</i> Quiz #2
Week Nine:	<i>October 30</i> Social Class (Chapter 8)	<i>November 3</i> Social Class (Chapter 8)
Week Ten:	<i>November 6</i> Race and Ethnicity (Chapter 9)	<i>November 10</i> Gender (Chapter 10)
Week 11:	<i>November 13</i> Quiz #3	<i>November 17</i> Marriage and the Family (Chapter 12)
Week 12:	<i>November 20</i> Education (Chapter 13)	<i>November 24</i> University Closed Thanksgiving Holiday
Week 13:	<i>November 27</i> Religion (Chapter 13)	<i>December 1</i> Urbanization Chapter 14 (pgs 385-401)
Week 14:	<i>December 4</i> Social Change (Chapter 15)	<i>December 8</i> Final Exams Begin No class meeting
Finals Week: 12/8-12/15	Date and Time of Quiz #4 to be announced.	