

Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Human Society

Mondays and Wednesdays

8:00 AM ó 9:25 AM

State Hall 106

Credits: 3

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Office Hours

I am available in my office at 9:30 AM on Monday and Wednesday and after lecture until 11:30 AM. I am also available by appointment. If you want to meet with me please email me to set up an appointment or to tell me you want to see me during office hours.

Course Description: Analysis of basic sociological concepts and principles to give the student an understanding of the perspective that sociology brings to the study of human society.

Course Objectives

- To have a basic understanding of the foundational theorists and their theories.
- To have a brief overview of some contemporary sociological theories and theorists that explains human behavior.
- To be able to look at social phenomenon and apply multiple theories to explain what is happening.
- To open your mind and see society in a different way.

Measurement of Course Objectives

- There will be five multiple choice quizzes given during the semester. Each will include the identification and definition of key terms from three chapters.

- The quizzes and exams will ask you to apply the three main sociological theories to fictional social phenomena.
- The quizzes and exams will ask you to interpret social (real or fictional) phenomena using key terms and theories.

Required Text

Henslin, James (2012) *Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach (11 Edition)*. Boston, MA. Pearson.

ISBN: 978-0-205-09654-1

Blackboard

I will post the syllabus and any other material that I think will be relevant for you in this class. Please make sure if you are not using a Wayne State email account that your email is being forwarded to the email account you prefer to use.

Grading

5 Quizzes 100pts

Midterm 40pts

Final 40pts

Class Participation 20pts

Total points for the class 200.

Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage
A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	86-89
B	83-85
B-	80-82
C+	76-79

C	73-85
C-	70-72
D+	66-69
D	63-65
D-	60-62
F	Ö59

Quizzes

There are five quizzes. I will drop the lowest grade. Each quiz will be 25 multiple choice questions. You will have an entire class period to complete the quiz.

Midterm and Final

Each exam will be 40 multiple choice questions. You will be given the entire class period to finish. They will each be cumulative.

Participation

Sociology is about interactions. Therefore I expect you to come to class prepared to take part in discussions with me as well as with your classmates. The more you participate the more you will get out of the course. If ideas are not challenged, knowledge is not stretched and new ideas are not formed.

Makeup Policy

I understand that there may be cause for a makeup of a quiz or an exam. A Make up exam or quiz will be provided if I am given 24 hour notice (unless there is an emergency in which case email me ASAP) prior to the quiz or exam. Also I need documentation for the reason you are unable to attend.

Class Room Etiquette

- 1) Please keep cell phones off or on vibrate.
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3) Do not listen to music, watch movies, update Facebook, or participate in anything else that is disruptive to students or the instructor. If you are being disruptive you will be asked to leave.

4) Sociology involves the study and analysis of different people, groups, institutions, etc. We live in a complex world of diverse opinions, beliefs, practices, and cultures. As sociologists and good-willed citizens we have to accept that this as a social fact. It is inevitable that all of us will not be able to agree on all the issues and topics discussed in class. We must anticipate this and behave accordingly.

I ask that everyone keep this in mind during the readings, lectures, or any conversations that may take place in class. Sociology is a tool used to help us understand diversity and the qualities that make us unique. Any disagreements you may have do not warrant rudeness, hostility, or provocation.

Debates are great and a necessary component of learning and progress. Biased and inflammatory arguments are not welcomed. So I ask everyone to be aware of your biases and the manner in which you disagree. If this is too much to ask, you are probably in the wrong class. Sometimes we will have to agree to disagree.

Academic Dishonesty

You are not allowed to cheat during exams. You cannot use any electronic devices during exams. You cannot ask anyone for answers to questions either. Please refer to the student code of conduct (<http://www.doso.wayne.edu/codeofconduct.pdf>) if you feel this may be a problem.

If you cheat and/or plagiarize you will fail this class.

Students with disabilities

If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services (SDS) for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. SDS telephone number is [313-577-1851](tel:313-577-1851) or [313-577-3365](tel:313-577-3365) (TDD only). Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs. Student Disability Services' mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University.

Please be aware that a delay in getting SDS accommodation letters for the current semester may hinder the availability or facilitation of those accommodations in a timely manner. Therefore, it is in your best interest to get your accommodation letters as early in the semester as possible.

Drop Date

Friday January 18th is the last day for tuition cancellation. If you are going to drop this class, do it before Friday January 18th!

Class schedule

Attached is a tentative class schedule for the semester. **This schedule may change during the semester.** There may be additions and/or deletions. If changes are made to the schedule, I will email the change, post it on blackboard, and announce it in class. You are responsible to know if any changes have been made.

Class Schedule

Day	Date	Scheduled Material and Topics
Monday	1-7	Introduction and Overview of Syllabus
Wednesday	1-9	Chapter 2 Culture
Monday	1-14	Chapter 3 Socialization
Wednesday	1-16	Chapter 4 Social Structure and Social Interaction
Monday	1-21	Quiz 1
Wednesday	1-23	Chapter 6 Societies to Social Networks
Monday	1-28	Chapter 7 Bureaucracy and Formal Organization
Wednesday	1-30	Chapter 8 Deviance and Social Control
Monday	2-4	Quiz 2
Wednesday	2-6	Chapter 9 Global Stratification
Monday	2-11	Chapter 10 Social Class
Wednesday	2-13	Chapter 11 Sex and Gender
Monday	2-18	Quiz 3
Wednesday	2-20	Chapter 12 Race and Ethnicity
Monday	2-25	Chapter 13 The Elderly
Wednesday	2-27	Chapter 14 The Economy
Monday	3-4	Midterm
Wednesday	3-6	Chapter 15 Politics
Monday	3-11	No Class Spring Break
Wednesday	3-13	No Class Spring Break
Monday	3-18	Chapter 16 Marriage and Family
Wednesday	3-20	Chapter 17 Education
Monday	3-25	Quiz 4
Wednesday	3-27	Chapter 18 Religion

Monday	4-1	Chapter 19 Medicine
Wednesday	4-3	Chapter 20 Population and Urbanization
Monday	4-8	Quiz 5
Wednesday	4-10	Chapter 21 Collective Behavior
Monday	4-15	Chapter 22 Social Change
Wednesday	4-17	Review
Monday	4-22	No Class Study Day
Wednesday	4-24	Final