

Wayne State University

Sociology 2000: Understanding Human Society /Introduction to Sociology

Course ID Soc_2000_1409_010 Section Number 16588 Fall 2014

Meeting Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Meeting Place: STAT 0206

Meeting Time: 1:25 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

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Required Text: Sociology –A Down To Earth Approach, 12th Edition by James Henslin

Course Description

This introduction to Sociology course is designed to provide students with the basics and scope of sociology as a social science discipline.

Our Goal

To understand the Sociological Perspective, and explore how it can be applied broadly in (a) Social Groups and Control (b) Social Inequality (c) Social Institutions and Social Change.

Course requirements and Assignments. (TENTATIVE)

1. Four exams consisting of 25 multiple choice questions. Each exam will be equally weighted with a maximum of 50 points (4x50 = 200 points). Exams will cover reading material regardless of whether they are covered in class.
2. You must purchase the TEXT and read the assigned chapters in preparation for class.
3. Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory. Attendance at each class period will be awarded 2.5 points for a total of 50 points. Excused absence is at the discretion of the instructor.
4. Make – up exams are not allowed, except by agreement with instructor prior to exams

Course Policies

Policy on Late Assignments: Assignments are due on their due date. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless you have a legitimate excuse. Such as a medical reason or if there is death in your family (NOTE REQUIRED). Also, you must talk to me prior to the assignment due date, not after.

Students Responsibilities:

- The completion of all assigned readings before coming to class.
- Class discussion of assigned chapter readings.
- Contacting the instructor in the event of a missed exam. This can be done by way of telephone (734) 904-4688 or by e-mail on or before the exam.
- To be courteous and to respect the opinions of others (despite disagreement) with the topic under discussion. Failure to adhere to this policy can result in your being asked to leave the class for the day.
- Turn pagers & cell phones OFF.
- Please do not talk during lectures or presentations
- Plagiarism/dishonesty will result in loss grade points

"If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services 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 or 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."

Grading Scale

A 250 - 241

A- 240 - 231

B+ 230 - 221

B 220 - 211

B- 210 - 201

C+ 200 - 191

C 190 - 181

C- 180 - 171

D+ 170 - 161

D 160 - 151

D- 150 - 141

F 140 - 000

Note: This grading is not on a percentage, but on a raw score.

Course Schedule

This is a tentative schedule and may be altered or adjusted during the semester

Week 1 8/28	Course Overview and Sociological Perspective	Chap1
Week 2 9/02-4	Culture	Chap2
Week 3 9/09-11	Socialization	Chap3
	Social Structure and Social Interaction	Chap4
Week 4 9/16-18	How sociologists do research	Chap5
Week 5 Exam 1 9/23-25	Societies to Social Networks	Chap6
Week 6 9/30-10/2	Bureaucracy and Formal Organization	Chap7
	Deviance and Social Control	Chap8
Week 7 10/7-9	Global Stratification	Chap9
	Social Class in the US	Chap10
Week 8 10/14-16	Sex and Gender	Chap11
Week 9 Exam2 10/21-23	Race and Ethnicity	Chap12
Week 10 10/28-30	The Elderly	Chap13
	The Economy	Chap14
Week 11 11/4-6	Politics	Chap15
	Marriage and Family	Chap16
Week 12 Exam3 11/11-13	Education	Chap17
	Religion	Chap18
Week 13 11/18-20	Medicine and Health	Chap19
	Population and Urbanization	Chap 20
Week 14 11/25	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	Chap 21
Week 15 12/2-4	Social Change and the Environment	Chap22

Exam 4

