

## SOC 2000 Section 002 Understanding Human Society

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M/W 8am-925am  
Classroom: 0206 State Hall

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### Required Text:

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

### Course Description

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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.

This course is intended to introduce you to the field of sociology. In this class, you will be exposed to the general ideas, concepts, theoretical perspectives, and research methods within the field of sociology. The underlying objective of this course is to help you develop a sociological imagination that will foster an enhanced awareness concerning the effects that social forces have on your lives and the lives of your fellow human beings. Areas of inquiry include social organization and institutional life, processes of socialization, culture, conflict, and social change—just to name a few. This course will stress abstract and critical thinking and to foster such thinking skills the sharing of personal perspectives is encouraged.

### Course Objectives

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- 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.

### Communication

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The best way to get in touch with me is via email. Keep in mind Blackboard is an instrumental part of this course and as such, you are expected to login to Blackboard on a regular basis to gain access to additional course materials, check email, and review announcements.

## Course Policies

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### Attendance and Participation

Students are expected to attend lecture, although it is not required. You do not need permission if you cannot or choose not to attend class at any time. Nevertheless, preparation for class and attendance is directly correlated with success. Therefore, you are expected to participate in class and keep up with the assigned readings. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain class notes and learn the content of the class, by reading the texts and asking your classmates for notes. I will not give out lecture and discussion section notes.

### Academic Dishonesty and Class Conduct

You are required to adhere to university codes of conduct and guidelines throughout this course. In particular, you must be aware of what constitutes plagiarism and cheating. For more details on university guidelines and policies, please check the Student Code of Conduct posted on Blackboard.

## Course Organization and Requirements

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### Quizzes (100 points)

There will be 5 quizzes during the semester, each quiz will be worth a maximum of 20 points. These quizzes will be short and will cover material from lecture and from the readings. They will be made available on Blackboard and you will have 30 minutes to complete each quiz in one sitting. **A missed quiz may not be made up for any reason.**

### Mini-Exams (50 points)

There will be two mini-exams in class, together are worth 50 points. The first mini-exam will cover sociological theories; the second mini-exam will cover research methods.

### Midterm Exam (75 points)

The midterm exam will cover material from the readings and class that we will have covered up to the exam.

### Final Exam (150 points)

The final exam will cover all the material from class and from the readings that we will have covered over the semester.

**\*\* Exams may only be made up in a case of an extreme emergency.** If you missed any of the exams for that reason, you may take a make-up exam only with valid official documentation to excuse your absence. You must e-mail me explaining the situation no later than 24hrs after the missed exam.

## Grading Key

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### Grading Scale

93-100% A	87-89.9% B+	77-79.9% C+	67-69.9% D+
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90-92.9% A-	83-86.9% B	73-76.9% C	63-66.9% D
	80-82.9% B-	70-72.9% C-	60-62.9% D-
			Below 60% F

GRADING RUBRIC: Your grade is based on a total of **375** points.

### Extra Credit

I will not give extra credit assignments and I do not negotiate grades. Focus your time and energy on the learning opportunities that I have provided you with, instead of hoping to do additional work toward the end of the course. If you follow the course plan, you will not need extra credit opportunities. **Students earn grades; they are not given or are they negotiated.**

### Changes to the syllabus

I reserve the right to make adjustments to this syllabus throughout the semester. Please pay close attention to all announcements in class and on blackboard.

### Religious Observances

It is Wayne State's policy to respect the faith and religious obligations of students, faculty and staff. Students with exams or classes that conflict with their religious observances should notify me well in advance (at least 2 weeks), so we can work out a mutually agreeable alternative.

### Students with Disabilities

Wayne State University is working to build a community that is inclusive and welcoming to all people, including those with disabilities. 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 5155 Gullen Mall in the Undergraduate Library. SDS telephone number is [313-577-1851](tel:313-577-1851). 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. Please do not request accommodations directly from me without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services; <http://studentdisability.wayne.edu/>

### Support Services

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- Academic Success Center; <http://success.wayne.edu/>
- Academic Advisor for Sociology  
Stacie Moser, #2245 FAB  
(313) 577-2355  
[Stacie.moser@wayne.edu](mailto:Stacie.moser@wayne.edu)
- Wayne State Writing Center, located in the UGL, #2310;  
<http://clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/writing>
- Counseling and Psychological Services, located in the Student Center Building, #552;  
<http://caps.wayne.edu/>

## Class Readings

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- Chapter 1: The Sociological Perspective
- Chapter 3: Socialization
- Chapter 4: Social Structure and Social Interaction
- Chapter 2: Culture
- Chapter 6: Societies and Social Networks
- Chapter 8: Deviance and Social Control
- Chapter 9: Global Stratification
- Chapter 10: Social Class in the United States
- Chapter 7: Bureaucracy and Formal Organization
- Chapter 19: Medicine and Health
- Chapter 5: How Sociologists Do Research
- Chapter 21: Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- Chapter 22: Social Change and the Environment
- Chapter 11: Sex and Gender
- Chapter 12: Race and Ethnicity
- Chapter 15: Politics
- Chapter 17: Education
- Chapter 20: Population and Urbanization
- Chapter 16: Marriage and Family
- Chapter 18: Religion

## Semester Schedule (Tentative)

Week	Date	Exam Schedule	Notes
<b>1</b>	August 27 First day of class		
<b>2</b>	September 01 University closed (Labor Day)		
	September 03		
<b>3</b>	September 08		
	September 10	<b>Quiz 1</b> [bb] DUE Sep 13, 6p.m.	Last day to drop with 100% tuition cancellation
<b>4</b>	September 15		
	September 17	<b>Mini-Exam 1</b> [in class]	
<b>5</b>	September 22		
	September 24	<b>Quiz 2</b> [bb] DUE Sep 27, 6p.m.	Last day to drop with no grade reported (no refund)
<b>6</b>	September 29		
	October 01		
<b>7</b>	October 06	<b>Midterm</b> [in class]	
	October 08		
<b>8</b>	October 13		
	October 15	<b>Quiz 3</b> [bb] DUE Oct 18, 6p.m.	

<b>9</b>	October 20		
	October 22		
<b>10</b>	October 27		
	October 29	<b>Mini-Exam 2</b> [in class]	
<b>11</b>	November 03		
	November 05		
<b>12</b>	November 10		Last day to withdraw 11.9.14
	November 12	<b>Quiz 4</b> [bb] DUE Nov 15, 6p.m.	
<b>13</b>	November 17		
	November 19		
<b>14</b>	November 24	<b>Quiz 5</b> [bb] DUE Nov 29, 6p.m.	
	November 26 University closed (Thanksgiving)		
<b>15</b>	December 01		
	December 03		
<b>16</b>	December 08 Last day of class	<i>Final Review</i>	
	December 10	<b>NO CLASS</b> – Self-Study	
	WEDNESDAY, December 15	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	8:00am-10:30am