

Sociology 2000
Understanding Human Society/Introduction to Sociology
On-Line
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CRN # 16105
Section 003

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Contacting the Instructor: The best way to contact me is via e-mail. Please use e-mail etiquette appropriate to a workplace. *Please include the course number (SOC 2000) and course section (003)* in the subject line of the e-mail. Under normal circumstances, you can expect me to respond to your email within 24 business hours (weekends do not count). Please provide your student number and full name in each e-mail correspondence and only send me e-mails from your Wayne.edu email account. **You are responsible for contacting me in adequate advance to permit time for the completion of time-sensitive tasks, such as assigned readings and assessments.**

Course Text:

Required Course Materials:

Henslin's *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach*, Books a la Carte Edition & REVEL -- Access Card -- for Sociology Down-to-Earth Pack, 12/E ISBN: 9780133965483

- Access code card +loose-leaf available in the bookstore
- In order to register you will need the course link-
<https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/3kk0f0>

REVEL – You will have weekly quizzes on REVEL, an online learning tool. This is also where you'll be completing your reading assignments.

- If you are interested in checking REVEL out in more detail, you can go here:
<http://www.pearsonhighered.com/revel/students/index.html>
- For help with any technical issues that might occur with REVEL, go to
<http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/>

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the field of sociology. As an academic discipline, sociology is unique because it focuses on people in their social environments. The primary goal of this introductory course is to help you develop what is called a “sociological imagination,” or the ability to see how social forces impact individual lives. In this course we will survey key sociological concepts (e.g. culture and socialization) and sociological perspectives on aspects of the social world (e.g. race, and gender) that shape our lives and the world we live in.

The purpose of this course is to teach students to learn about the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality, such that the student will be able to: (a) describe how

sociology differs from and is similar to other social sciences and to give examples of these differences; (b) describe how sociology contributes to a liberal arts understanding of social reality; and (c) apply the sociological imagination, sociological principles, and concepts to her/his own life.

General Course Policies

Blackboard. This course will be organized via Blackboard (<http://blackboard.wayne.edu>). Once you activate your Wayne State access ID, you will find important announcements and materials. Blackboard uses your WSU account. You are required to learn how to use Blackboard (there are good tutorials on the website). The syllabus, all lectures, any announcements and all tests will be posted here.

All course information will be posted through Blackboard (no exceptions). I do not e-mail lecture slides to student. Each of you have been assigned an email account by WSU that you will need to use if you need to send me an e-mail. I will use your WSU email address to communicate with you.

Remember, this is an ONLINE course. Thus, you must have regular access to a computer and you are required to check blackboard and your e-mail EVERYDAY.

Not checking or not getting your WSU email is no excuse for missing any relevant information for this course.

Final Grades. Final grades submitted by the instructor are **final**. Grades will be based solely on your scores on the tests and the assignment and will not be arbitrarily adjusted at the end of the term.

Makeup Exams. I only permit makeup exams in the case of serious illness or death in the family or dire emergencies. I must be notified as soon as possible of these circumstances. Please send me an e-mail with your full name, and student number. I must have a written note (scanned and e-mailed to me, or delivered to my office) from a health care provider or a funeral director or documentation of the emergency before you take a makeup exam.

If an alternate test date should be approved by me, the test must be taken within 5 days (including weekends) of the originally scheduled date.

Extra Credit. Extra credit will not be offered.

Honor Code. Students are bound by the Wayne State University honor code which states: “Wayne State University holds its students to the highest academic standards. Pride in the University and in oneself requires students to maintain an environment free from any breach of academic honesty. As lifelong representatives of Wayne State, we seek to cultivate honor, integrity, and civility in order to ensure that we earn our degree honestly and that we provide an ethical platform for our continued success”

Registration. Students may *drop* a class for fifteen-week classes through Wednesday, September 16th. Classes that are *dropped* do not appear on the transcript. Beginning September 17th students are no longer allowed to drop but must *withdraw* from classes. It is the student’s responsibility to request the withdrawal through the registrar’s office. Failure to do so will result in a grade of F. Students must be passing at the time of the request to get a ‘WP.’ After November 15th you cannot withdrawal from the course and will receive a letter grade.

Please note: This class will end on November 19, 2015 because I am having a baby anytime in the last week of November/first week of December. I will be submitting your final grades by November 23rd. Therefore, I will not allow any students to take the final test (scheduled for November 19th) beyond November 22nd (with appropriate documentation and only in extreme circumstances).

Incomplete 'I' grades are not given for individuals that do not complete their assignments and take tests when they are assigned.

Disability. If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you 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 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.

Course Requirements and Grading

Tests: There will be 3 tests (each worth 25.5% of your final grade – total 76.5%) administered in this course. The examinations are scheduled below. The questions on the exams will be taken from the readings & lecture. Students are responsible for all of the materials covered in the lectures and the text. Exams will consist of True/False & multiple choice questions. ***Students will take all of the tests on the blackboard site.*** You will have a maximum of 2.5 hours to take each test. The test will shut down 2.5 hours after you begin your test. **Thus, once begun you cannot suspend and return to the exam.** All three tests will be available on the scheduled day (see below) from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m (the test closes at this time – thus the last hour that the test can be taken will be 9:29 pm). These cannot be rescheduled. To take the test, you must follow the instructions listed below.

1. Go to www.blackboard.wayne.edu
2. Click **Fall 2015 (SS)Undst Human Sct Sec 003**
3. Click on test
4. Click on the appropriate test (i.e test #1, test #2, test #3)
5. Follow instructions and take test.

Weekly mini Quizzes (worth 1.5% each for a total of 13.5% of your final grade)

Each quiz will be available on REVEL after you complete reading the weekly chapter(s) and must be completed by **Saturday of that week at 5 pm**. For example, for week 1 (The Sociological Perspective (Ch.1)), you will have to complete quiz 1 by Saturday, September 5th at 5 pm. You will have to answer at least half of the questions correctly (50%) to get full credit for each quiz. ***IF you miss the deadline, you will not be allowed to complete the quiz for that week. NO EXCEPTIONS.***

Note: Since the quizzes are only available on REVEL, the grade for your quizzes will not be imported to Blackboard until the end of the term (you will have one final grade for this portion of the course once all quizzes have been completed).

Class Discussion Leader (CDL) (worth 10% of your final grade)

- submit via Blackboard by 11:59 pm on the scheduled day you are a CDL (schedule will be posted on Blackboard – under course content). NOTE: It is your responsibility to check Blackboard and determine the date you are to submit your responses to me. Late assignments are not accepted and I do not give extensions for this assignment as it will be posted on BB a week in advance and can be

completed with the help of the weekly assigned chapter reading(s). YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SUBMIT ANSWERS ONLY FOR THE WEEK YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THE CDL SCHEDULE.

I will post a number of questions pertinent to each week’s readings (these questions should be read and answered by all who wish to do well in this course – The answers will be posted on BB). If your name is listed for that week you are responsible for submitting your answers to me via blackboard inbox by the due date at 11:59 p.m. **Late assignments are not accepted.** To submit your answers to my blackboard inbox, you must take the following steps;

1. Go to www.blackboard.wayne.edu
4. Click [Fall 2015 \(SS\)Undst Human Sct Sec 003](#)
5. Click Tools (It’s located on the left hand side of the page).
6. Click Course Messages
7. Click Create Message
8. Click To
9. Click Shirin Montazer (Instructor)
10. Follow the rest of prompts and send me your answers AS AN ATTACHEMENT (Make sure that your name and student number appear at the top of the submitted answer sheet).

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Please note: Clear and concise writing is an essential aspect of college-level work. All written work should be properly punctuated, grammatically correct, and clearly written. If you need writing assistance, please contact the WSU Writing Center (2310 Undergraduate Library, 313-577-2544). For more information about the Writing Center, visit <http://www.clas.wayne.edu/writing>.

Grade Chart:

Evaluation

Exam 1	25.5%
Exam 2	25.5%
Exam 3	25.5%
Weekly Quizzes	13.5 % (1.5% each * 9)
Short answers (CDL)	10 %

TOTAL 100 %

To calculate your final grade, plug your grades in the following formula:

$$\text{Final Grade} = (\text{Exam 1} \%.255) + (\text{Exam 2} \%.255) + (\text{Exam 3} \%.255) + (\text{Weekly Quizzes total } \% \%.135) + (\text{CDL} \%.10)$$

For example, if you received:

Exam 1	92%
Exam 2	88%
Exam 3	75%
Weekly Quizzes 4	
CDL	75%

Your final grade would be:

$$(92 \cdot .255) + (88 \cdot .255) + (75 \cdot .255) + (88 \cdot .135) + (75 \cdot .10) = 84.405 = 84\% \text{ (B+)}$$

Grades (%): A (100-90) A- (89-85) B+ (84-80) B (79-75) B- (74-70) C+ (69-67) C (66-63) C- (62-60) D (59-50) F (<50)

Tentative Course Schedule –Subject to change

Date	Heading
September 3	The Sociological Perspective (Ch.1) Mini-Quiz 1 – due by Saturday, Sep 5 th at 5:00 pm
September 10	Culture (Ch. 2) Mini-Quiz 2 – due by Saturday, Sep 12 th at 5:00 pm CDL 1* ; <i>Group 1 submission by 11:59 pm</i>
September 17	Socialization (Ch. 3) Mini-Quiz 3 – due by Saturday, Sep 19 th at 5:00 pm CDL 2 ; <i>Group 2 submission by 11:59 pm</i>
September 24	Exam 1 (All material from September 3 to September 17) (Exam will be available from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.)
October 1	How Sociologists Do Research (Ch. 5) Mini-Quiz 4 – due by Saturday, Oct 3 rd at 5:00 pm CDL 3 ; <i>Group 3 submission by 11:59 pm</i>
October 8	Deviance and Social Control (Ch. 8) Mini-Quiz 5 – due by Saturday, Oct 8 th at 5:00 pm CDL 4 ; <i>Group 4 submission by 11:59 pm</i>
October 15	Social Class in the United States (Ch. 10) Additional Reading: The Growth and Spread of Concentrated Poverty, 2000 to 2008-2012, Elizabeth Kneebone, July 31, 2014 http://www.brookings.edu/research/interactives/2014/concentrated-poverty#/M10420 Mini-Quiz 6 – due by Saturday, Oct 17 th at 5:00 pm

	CDL 5; Group 5 submission by 11:59 pm
October 22	Exam 2 (All material from October 1 to October 15) (Exam will be available from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.)
October 29	Sex and Gender (Ch. 11) Additional Reading: How Boys Teach Each Other to Be Boys, Noah Berlatski, June 6, 2014 (Posted on Blackboard) Mini-Quiz 7 – due by Saturday, Oct 31 st at 5:00 pm CDL 6; Group 6 submission by 11:59 pm
November 5	Race and Ethnicity (Ch. 12) Additional Reading: Defining Racism: Can We Talk? (Will be posted on Blackboard) Mini-Quiz 8 – due by Saturday, Nov 7 th at 5:00 pm CDL 7; Group 7 submission by 11:59 pm
November 12	Religion (Ch. 18) & Medicine and Health (Ch. 19) Mini-Quiz 9 – due by Saturday, Nov 14 th at 5:00 pm CDL 9; Group 9 submission by 11:59 pm
November 19 Last day for this course	Exam 3 (All material from March 5 to March 26) (Exam will be available from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.)

* Questions for this week will also include some based on Chapter 1 from September 3rd.

** This is a *tentative* schedule. Unforeseen circumstances sometimes require flexibility in scheduling. If that occurs, I will notify students through Blackboard in advance and provide a revised schedule.