**SOC 2200 Sociology as a Vocation I**

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**Online**

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**Course Description**

Why are you in college?

Why are you majoring or minoring in sociology?

How can you make the most out of your time at Wayne State University?

This course introduces students to the sociology major and minor, and positions them to take full advantage of the sociology curriculum and more advanced courses. This course introduces students to the sociological literacy framework, the curriculum in the sociology major, the potential career paths that sociology majors can pursue, and sociology as an academic discipline and a vocation rather than just a major. Importantly students would learn that sociology majors most often pursue either academic sociology or public sociology and that students should determine what their desired path is and consider how to maximize their time at Wayne State University.

**Readings:**

Joseph, Cheryl. 2017. *You’re Hired: Putting Your Sociology Major to Work.* Emerald Publishing

**Learning Outcomes:**

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. **Summarize** the sociological literacy framework.

2. **List** the career skills gained in the sociology major.

3. Describe the **recommended** sequencing of courses in the sociology major.

4. **Give examples of** potential career paths in sociology.

5. **Determine** their career goals after graduation.

6. **Produce** an individual development plan.

**Grading Scale:**

This is a pass/fail course. Students **must** complete all course requirements to pass this course.

**Requirements:**

1**. Complete all canvas modules.** All work will be done and submitted through Canvas. Most of these modules will require you to read a small amount of content and answer some basic questions. You must answer all questions correctly to move to the next module.

Students should work through the modules by the noted due dates.Some of the module assignments are graded automatically by Canvas and once you complete them, you will be able to move to the next assignment. Other modules require that I review and grade your answers. Students working ahead of or behind the course schedule should note that I will grade all submissions as they come in but it could take several days for me to review work that is submitted either ahead of or behind a due date.

Toward the end of the term there will be three more involved assignments, which are also contained in Canvas Modules.

2. Individual Development plan: Each student will complete an individual development plan

3. Summary of two individuals profiled in the book “Your Hired”.

4. Informational Interview: Each student will interview a person in a career of their choosing and write a 500 word biography of their interviewee. The interviews can take place in person or can be done through email communication.

**General Course Policies:**

**Canvas.** This online course will use Canvas to organize grades, post important announcements, and communicate information to students. Students should check Canvas regularly and ensure that their notifications are set to receive important updates about the course. Students should consider taking the online Canvas training offered by the Office of Teaching and Learning.

**Office Hours.** Office hours are designed for me to answer specific questions or assist with specific aspects of an assignment. Please come to office hours with questions ready and attempt to complete assignments independently prior to coming to office hours. If you think you will need more that 20 minutes of time, please schedule an appointment.

**Final Grades.** Final grades submitted by the instructor are **final.** If you believe that there has been a clerical error or other mistake you may inquire for an accounting of your grade.  **Grades are based solely on your scores on course assignments and will not be arbitrarily adjusted** at the end of the term. If you are having difficulty with course assignments for any reason, you must contact me as soon as possible.

**Academic Honesty.** Students are expected to display academic integrity in all of their work for this course. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabrication, and plagiarism. I have a zero tolerance policy for academic misconduct; my student who displays academic dishonesty in their work will receive a zero for the assignment in question and may be referred to the dean of students for further disciplinary action. If the behavior is particularly blatant or egregious, you may fail the entire course. If you have any questions about academic honesty, please contact me immediately.

### Honor Code. Students are bound by the Wayne State University honor code that 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 this class through January 19.  Classes that are dropped do not appear on the transcript. After January 19 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 receive a grade of ‘WP.’ After March 23, you cannot withdrawal from the course and you will receive a letter grade. Incomplete ‘I’ grades are given in very limited circumstances to students who are passing the course and cannot complete final assignments due to extraordinary circumstances. Students that get a grade of incomplete must complete all assignments by May 30,2019.

### 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.