1. COURSE NUMBER AND INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION
INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
SOCL 1301
3 CREDIT HOURS

INSTRUCTOR: CARLA NEWMAN

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Introduces the scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Provides an analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance.
II. TEXTS AND MATERIALS:
REQUIRED TEXT:


III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Grades will be based on a combination of participation in weekly discussion boards (18%), three essay assignments (12%), one group assignment (7%) and three exams (60%). See class calendar for due dates. Total points possible for class = 100.

A= 90-100
B= 80-89
C= 70-79
D= 60-69
F= 0-59

Instructions for each discussion topic and assignment will appear in that week’s area on Blackboard.

Exams will be multiple choice questions based on the readings from the textbook. The exams will be timed, and you will have two attempts to take each exam during the open exam period for that unit.

IV. INSTRUCTOR’S POLICIES:
ATTENDANCE:
I will use a student’s submissions of discussion posts, assignments and exams as indicators a student is logging on frequently and is actively ‘pursuing’ the course. I may also use the Track Student tool within Blackboard to determine whether a student is active in the class. If these indicators suggest a student is not successfully meeting course objectives, I may decide to drop the student. However, if you have stopped participating in the course, and would like to avoid a failing grade, then it is your responsibility to drop the course officially before the drop deadline. See school calendar for this date.

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS:
It is recommended that you use Chrome or Firefox browsers (and not Internet Explorer) while taking exams. If you are having unforeseen problems with your computer, be aware that there are computer labs at UTEP that you may use. Please allow adequate time to complete your assignments and exams.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:
Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated! Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will be given a grade of F for that activity, assignment, or exam, and may be sent to the Vice President for disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action goes into your permanent record and future universities and employers have access to this information.

V. CALENDAR

WEEK ONE Aug. 22 – Aug. 28
Read Chapters 1 and 2. Participate in Discussions 1 and 2. Assignment: Email instructor via Blackboard Course email.

WEEK TWO Aug. 29 – Sept. 4

WEEK THREE Sept 5 – Sept. 11

WEEK FOUR Sept. 12 – Sept. 18
Read Chapters 6 and 7. Participate in Discussion: Social Mobility.

WEEK FIVE Sept. 19 – Sept. 25

WEEK SIX Sept. 26 – Oct. 2

WEEK SEVEN Oct. 3 – Oct. 7

The instructor reserves the right to change this calendar, as needed.