

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
FALL 2017
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
SOCI 1301-002 CRN 13929
MW 3pm – 4:20pm
PSYCH 115

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.**

REQUIRED TEXT & SUPPLIES:

Sociology Matters 6th ed., by Richard T. Schaefer McGraw-Hill Publishers 2014

SCANTRON Form No. 882-E for exams (3)

CLASS FOCUS: INSTRUCTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS:

This course is designed to introduce you to the basic concepts sociologists use to analyze various aspects of social life, including social theory, research methods, culture, social institutions, social interaction and social change. The goal is to give you the tools that will allow you to view the world and your own life through a sociological lens and to begin to think critically about the relationship between individuals (especially yourself) and society.

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic content in sociology.
2. The student will demonstrate the ability to apply the scientific method of sociology.
3. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the broad implications of culture.
4. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the social structures of society.
5. The student will explain the various theories of socialization.
6. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the causes of and methods to control deviant behavior.
7. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the concept and theories of social stratification.
8. The student will demonstrate an understanding of different forms of social inequality in society.
9. The student will demonstrate an understanding of social institutions and their functions in society.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES:

ADA Statement on Discrimination and Disability Support Services:

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass. *CASS' Staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.*

ATTENDANCE:

You should make an effort to ATTEND EVERY CLASS. Arriving prepared and participating in discussions and group or individual work will contribute to your success in this class. **Please arrive on time and remain until I dismiss you.** It is up to you to be in class when work is assigned and collected. Please understand that assignments due at the beginning of class must be submitted by 3:00.00pm, and must be submitted **by you**. There is no “grace period”, if you arrive late (after 3:00.01pm) it is highly unlikely your work will be accepted. Students who submit work then leave before class ends will be considered absent and will not receive credit for the assignment.

All absences will be considered unexcused; there is no need for you to provide evidence to explain your absence. Except where UTEP policy dictates otherwise, make-ups will not be allowed for any work missed during your absence. Students who arrive late during an exam must complete the exam during the time allowed for all. Students who arrive after the first exam has been turned in **will not** be allowed to take the exam.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE & POLICIES:

Please refer to the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures for information about conduct, appeals, student's rights and responsibilities.

You are advised that materials to be discussed in class might be, to some, offensive or controversial. I expect that we will conduct ourselves as adults and with respect for differences of opinions and with respect for ourselves and fellow class members. **I reserve the right to dismiss students who are disrupting class in any form.** Eating, talking out of turn or to your neighbor instead of adding to discussion, packing to leave before you are dismissed, and sending/reading text messages during class are some examples of disruptive behavior that may result in you being dismissed from class. Continued instances of any disruptive, disorderly or disrespectful behavior may result in further action including the student being dropped from the course.

Audio/video recordings are not allowed during class.

Academic dishonesty in any form will neither be tolerated or ignored and will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

Electronic devices should be turned off or placed on silent and kept out of sight at all times during class. **Phones must be turned off during all exams. Phone use or interruptions of any form (ringing, alarms, alerts, incoming text alerts etc...) during an exam may result in a grade of zero.** I reserve the right to answer your phone should it ring during class.

You are expected to arrive prepared for each class with the necessary tools for your success, especially during examinations. It is your responsibility to have scantron, pencil, eraser, etc... and I will not tolerate any disruptions by you seeking those items from classmates who are prepared.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your Final Course Grade will be assigned on a 1000 point scale as follows:

895 – 1000 pts = A

795 – 894 pts = B

695 – 794 pts = C

600 – 694 pts = D

<600 pts = F

YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL RESULT FROM POINTS YOU EARN ON:

A.) Chapter Quiz (10 of 11)

25 pts each

Total 250 pts

Chapter quizzes will be completed online within Blackboard. Quizzes must be submitted before 11:59pm on Tuesday night of the week the chapter is discussed. Each quiz will consist of 20 randomly selected true/false and multiple-choice questions. You will have only one (1) attempt and thirty (30) minutes to complete each quiz.

Quizzes for each chapter will be found by clicking on the QUIZ tab on the left side of the course page in Blackboard. Only when you are ready to complete the quiz should you access it. Once you begin a quiz the system will consider that your attempt whether or not you submit it. You will have only one attempt per quiz and 30 minutes to complete it. Please keep in mind that although you will have a set amount of time to take the quiz, it will "turn off" or deactivate at the specified time indicated. For **example:** All quizzes should be submitted before 11:59pm, are considered late as of 11:59.01pm, and will close at midnight. If you log on to take the quiz at 11:45 PM you will have less than fifteen minutes to take the quiz. Pay close attention to the due dates for each quiz.

The lowest one (1) quiz grade is dropped.

B.) In-Class Activities & Assignments **Varied pts** **Total 200 pts**
Individual and/or group in class and homework activities will be assigned throughout the course to enhance our learning experience. Specific instructions will be provided for each activity.

C.) Exams (3 of 4) **100 pts each** **Total 300 pts**
Exams 1 – 3 will consist of 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions. The comprehensive final exam 4 will consist of 100 multiple-choice and true/false questions.
The lowest one (1) exam grade is dropped.

D.) Sociology Matters (10 of 11) **25 pts each** **Total 250 pts**
These assignments, SM1 – SM11, will be due by 2:45pm on the due dates listed in your syllabus course organizer & outline. Click on the “SOCIOLOGY MATTERS” tab within our course in Blackboard to access these instructions and submit each.
Specific instructions are provided below. **The lowest one (1) SM grade is dropped.**

Total 1000 pts

*****Your final grade in the course will be based on points earned, not a percentage.*****

*****Lowest grades are dropped from the beginning, not at the end, of the course.*****

Make-Up and/or Late Work & Extra Credit:

No exceptions will be made for the times or dates work is assigned or due. You **will not** be allowed to make up any missed work or exams. Note that the lowest one (1) grade for chapter quizzes, sociology matters assignments, and exams will be dropped and will not affect your final course grade. **Extra credit will not be offered in this course.**

Exceptions, although unlikely, to any policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

IMPORTANT CLASS DATES:

FALL 2017

28 Aug 17	Classes Begin
04 Sept 17	Labor Day Holiday
13 Sept 17	Census Date
03 Nov 17	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
23 -24 Nov	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
07 Dec 17	Last Day of Classes
11 Dec 17	Final Exam

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:**Course Organizer & Outline**

Week 1 August 28 th & 30 th	Introductions & Course Foundations Ch 1 The Sociological View
Monday September 4 th	Labor Day Holiday – University Closed
Week 2 September 6 th SM1 due Wednesday	Ch 1 The Sociological View
Week 3 September 11 th & 13 th SM2 due Wednesday	TP-HW due Monday Ch 2 Culture and Socialization
Week 4 September 18 th & 20 th SM3 due Wednesday	Ch 3 Interaction, Groups and Social Structure
Week 5 September 25 th & 27 th	Exam 1 (Ch. 1, 2, 3) Monday
Week 6 October 2 nd & 4 th SM4 due Wednesday	Ch 4 Deviance and Social Control
Week 7 October 9 th & 11 th SM5 due Wednesday	Ch 5 Stratification and Global Inequality
Week 8 October 16 th & 18 th SM6 due Wednesday	Ch 6 Race and Ethnicity
Week 9 October 23 rd & 25 th SM7 due Wednesday	Ch 7 Gender
Week 10 October 30 th & November 1 st	Exam 2 (Ch. 4, 5, 6, 7) Monday
Week 11 November 6 th & 8 th SM8 due Wednesday	Ch 8 Family and Religion
Week 12 November 13 th & 15 th SM9 due Wednesday	Ch 9 Education, Government, and Economy
Week 13 November 20 th & 22 nd SM10 due Wednesday	Ch 10 Pop., Comm., Health, and Environment Happy Thanksgiving
Week 14 November 27 th & 29 th SM11 due Wednesday	Ch 11 Social Movements, Change, & Tech.
Week 15 December 4 th & 6 th	Exam 3 (Ch. 8, 9, 10, 11) Monday
Week 16 Monday December 11 th 1pm – 3:45pm	Final Exam

*****THE DUE DATE IS NOT NECESSARILY THE “TO-DO” DATE*****

*****LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. MAKE-UPS ARE NOT ALLOWED*****

***NOTE: I reserve the right to change any information contained in this document, when necessary, with adequate notice given to the student.**
