

UTEP INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY FALL 2021
SOCI 1301 CRN 18188
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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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YOUR ANSWER WILL LIKELY BE FOUND HERE.

REQUIRED TEXT & SUPPLIES:

Sociology Matters 7th ed., by Richard T. Schaefer McGraw-Hill Publishers 2019 (Print or digital E-book)

EARLIER EDITIONS OF THIS TEXTBOOK ARE NOT RECOMMENDED

Only the textbook is required.

INSTRUCTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS:

This course will introduce you to the basic concepts used by sociologists 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 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 be able to 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.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. All communication should be through email to recallaway@utep.edu from your @miners.utep.edu account. During the week before 8pm, you should expect a response from me within three hours. After 8pm, you should expect a response by 10am the following morning. Responses may take longer during the weekend.
- Most important course information is provided to you in this document. When necessary I will also communicate important information to you through course announcements. All information related to due dates for assignments are in the course organizer found at the end of this document.
- **Do not look for emails or announcements as reminders of due dates for course work.**
- You will interact regularly with your peers through discussion board posts.
- Times for all deadlines are 11:59pm Mountain Time, or local time for El Paso, Texas.
- I will update and/or post grades for all assignments as soon as possible after they close.
- It is very important that you are organized and pay close attention to the due dates in the course organizer. It is also imperative that you not wait until work is “due” to “do” it. This actually increases the likelihood that work will not be submitted on time. It is also important to remember that work must be submitted **before** 11:59pm. Any submissions after the 11:59.00pm deadline will be considered late and likely **will not be graded.**
- **ASSIGNMENTS ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.** You are allowed to work ahead, especially because make-up work and extensions of deadlines will not be allowed.

ONLINE “NETIQUETTE”:

- Always consider your audience. Remember that your peers and instructor will read any posts.
- Respect and courtesy must be provided to peers and the instructor at all times. No harassment or inappropriate postings will be tolerated.
- When reacting to posts, address the ideas, not the person. Post only what anyone would comfortably state in a face-to-face classroom setting.
- Blackboard is not a public internet venue; all postings to it should be considered private and confidential. Whatever is posted in these online spaces is intended for classmates and professor only. Please do not copy documents and paste them to a publicly accessible website, blog, or other space. If you wish to do so, you have the ethical obligation to first request permission from the author(s).

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FALL 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

23 Aug 21	Classes Begin	06 Sep 21	Labor Day Holiday
08 Sep 21	Census Date	29 Oct 21	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline
25/26 Nov	Thanksgiving Holiday	09 Dec 21	Final Exam and Class End

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your Final Course Grade is assigned on a 1000-point scale as follows:

925 – 1000 points = A	825 – 924 points = B
725 – 824 points = C	625 – 724 points = D
	<625 points = F

FINAL GRADES WILL RESULT FROM POINTS EARNED ON:

A.) Orientation Quiz **5 points** **Total 5 points**
The orientation quiz is found under the “QUIZ” tab. The quiz consists of 10 questions, is untimed, and may be taken as often as necessary to earn maximum points.

B.) Sociology Matters (10 of 11) **18 points each** **Total 180 points**
Instructions for this assignment are found under the “SOCIOLOGY MATTERS” tab.
The lowest one SM grade is dropped.

C.) Chapter Quiz (10 of 11) **25 points each** **Total 250 points**
Chapter quizzes will consist of 25 randomly selected multiple-choice and true/false questions each. You will have two (2) attempts and thirty (30) minutes to complete each quiz.
If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.
The lowest one quiz grade is dropped.

D.) Discussion Board (11 of 12) **15 points each** **Total 165 points**
A minimum of three (3) posts are required within each discussion board forum. Initial posts are worth up to 10 points each. You must also reply to at least two others. Each reply post is worth up to 2.5 points. Posts must demonstrate an understanding of and objective application of terms and concepts in chapter readings. Posts must also address everything required by the prompt.
The lowest one discussion grade is dropped.

E.) Exams (3 of 4) **120 & 160 points each** **Total 400 points**
Exams 1 (Chs 1 – 4), 2 (Chs 5 – 8), and 3 (Chs 9 – 11) will consist of 50 questions each. You will have two attempts and sixty minutes to complete each exam. The Final Exam (Chs 1 – 11) will consist of 80 questions. You will have two attempts and one-hundred minutes to complete the final exam.
If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.
The lowest one grade of Exams 1 – 3 is dropped.

Total 1000 points

*****Your final grade is based on total 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 grade for quizzes and discussions are dropped and will not affect your final course grade.

Extra credit will not be offered.

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

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

WEEK	CHAPTER	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENT & DUE DATE All due before 11:59pm	
1	Orientation Introductions	Navigating Blackboard Introductions	Orientation & Introductions DB posts & Quiz	Th 26 Aug
2	Ch. 1	The Sociological View	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 01 Sep Th 02 Sep
3	Ch. 2	Culture and Socialization	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 08 Sep Th 09 Sep
4	Ch. 3	Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 15 Sep Th 16 Sep
5	Ch. 4	Deviance and Social Control	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 22 Sep Th 23 Sep
6	Exam 1	Chapters 1 – 4	Exam 1	Th 30 Sep
7	Ch. 5	Stratification in the United States and Global Inequality	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 06 Oct Th 07 Oct
8	Ch. 6	Inequality by Race and Ethnicity	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 13 Oct Th 14 Oct
9	Ch. 7	Inequality by Gender	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 20 Oct Th 21 Oct
10	Ch. 8	Social Institutions: Family and Religion	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 27 Oct Th 28 Oct
11	Exam 2	Chapters 5 – 8	Exam 2	Th 04 Nov
12	Ch. 9	Social Institutions: Education, Government, and the Economy	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 10 Nov Th 11 Nov
13	Ch. 10	Population, Community, Health, and the Environment	SM DB posts & Quiz	W 17 Nov Th 18 Nov
14	Ch. 11	Social Movements, Social Change and Technology	SM DB posts & Quiz	T 23 Nov W 24 Nov
15	Exam 3	Chapters 9 – 11	Exam 3	Th 02 Dec
16	Final Exam	Chapters 1 – 11	Final Exam	Th 09 Dec

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

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