

UTEP WINTERMESTER 2021
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
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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

ISBN: 978-0-07-782327-6 **EARLIER EDITIONS OF THIS TEXTBOOK ARE NOT RECOMMENDED**

INSTRUCTOR'S OVERVIEW OF THE CLASS:

This course is designed to 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. The method of communication should be through email to recallaway@utep.edu from your @miners.utep.edu account.
- Most important course information has been 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. **I will not email or post announcements as reminders of due dates for course work.**
- You will be expected to interact regularly with your peers through discussion board posts.
- Deadlines for all assignments is before 11:59.00pm 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. Please also 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.
- **ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.**

ONLINE “NETIQUETTE”:

- Always consider your audience. Remember that your peers and instructor will read any posts in the discussion forums.
- 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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IMPORTANT CLASS DATES: WINTERMESTER 2021

04 Jan 21	Classes Begin	Census Date
11 Jan 21	Course Drop/Withdrawal Deadline	
15 Jan 21	Last Day of Classes	
16 Jan 21	Final Exam Due	

GRADING CRITERIA:

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

925+ points = A

825 – 924 points = B

725 – 824 points = C

625 – 724 points = D

<625 points = F

YOUR FINAL GRADE WILL RESULT FROM POINTS YOU EARN ON:**A.) Orientation Quiz****25 pts****Total 25 pts**

The orientation quiz is found at the “Start Here” tab. The quiz consists of 10 questions.

The untimed quiz may be taken as often as necessary to earn maximum points.

B.) Chapter Quiz (11)**45 pts each****Total 495 pts**

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.

C.) Discussion Board (12)**15 pts each****Total 180 pts**

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.

D.) Exams (2)**150 pts each****Total 300 pts**

Each exam—Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 6) and Final (Chapters 7 – 11)—will consist of 60 randomly selected multiple choice and true/false questions. You will have two attempts and seventy-five (75) minutes to complete the exam. **If taken, the result of the second attempt, even if lower than the first, will be recorded.**

Total 1000 points

*****Your final grade is based on points earned, not a percentage.*****

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

No exceptions will be made for the times or dates work is due.

You will not be allowed to make up any missed work. Extra credit will not be offered.

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

DAILY CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:

READ	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENT & DUE DATE All due by 11:59pm on:	
	Navigating Blackboard Introductions	**DB/Orientation Quiz M 04 Jan** **Due by 5pm**	
Ch 1	The Sociological View	DB/Quiz	M 04 Jan
Ch 2	Culture and Socialization	DB/Quiz	Tu 05 Jan
Ch 3	Interaction, Groups and Social Structure	DB/Quiz	W 06 Jan
Ch 4	Deviance and Social Control	DB/Quiz	Th 07 Jan
Ch 5	Stratification and Global Inequality	DB/Quiz	F 08 Jan
Ch 6	Race and Ethnicity	DB/Quiz	Sa 09 Jan
	Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 6)	Exam 1	Su 10 Jan
Ch 7	Gender	DB/Quiz	M 11 Jan
Ch 8	Family and Religion	DB/Quiz	Tu 12 Jan
Ch 9	Education, Government, and Economy	DB/Quiz	W 13 Jan
Ch 10	Pop., Comm., Health, and Environment	DB/Quiz	Th 14 Jan
Ch 11	Social Movements, Change, & Tech	DB/Quiz	F 15 Jan
	Final Exam (Chapters 7 – 11)	Final Exam	Sa 16 Jan

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PLAN AHEAD TO ENSURE ALL WORK IS SUBMITTED ON TIME.