Instructor  
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About this Class  
Introduction to Sociology is designed to give students a fundamental understanding of Sociology, the scientific study of human behavior in society. A wide range of sociological concepts and theories will be discussed in order to better understand how, as social actors, we create and are affected by the social world in which we live.

Learning Objectives  
Upon completion of Sociology 1301, students should be able to:
- Understand social stratification in modern society  
- Explain the Sociological research process and its methods  
- Produce Sociological explanations for Social phenomena  
- Asses identity and its creation in Society

Required Texts


Important note: Additional readings for this course will be available on Blackboard.

Class Policies and Expectations

This class is entirely online with limited instructor interaction. Each student is expected to read and complete the assignments as per the class schedule. I am always available for questions and concerns. **Always use Blackboard to message me with questions or concerns.**

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any work you do must be your own and if it is not your own it must be properly cited. Any Plagiarism found will be immediately referred to the UTEP Dean of Students and you will receive an ‘F’ on the material submitted and possibly the course. Please review the following material:
Online Etiquette - This class is conducted online, therefore it is vital that you maintain high standards of etiquette towards all students and participants. All online interaction must be courteous.

ADA policy
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability and need 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.

Course and Academic Deadlines:
It is the students’ responsibility to be aware of UTEP’s Academic Calendar. The Instructor will not Drop or Add Students from this course. It is up to students enrolled to determine their continued presence in this course. Students are encouraged to meet with the Instructor to discuss options, grades, or assignments. 

Assignment Structure

*No Late Work will be accepted without a University Approved Excuse.*
*All written work must use APA standards for all citations and references.*

Each Week students will read a Chapter from *Sociology The Essentials (Textbook) - 10th Edition. Andersen, Margaret.*

- **Short Answers:** From the weeks assigned Chapter the student will select 3 of the statements from the *‘In this chapter, you will learn to’* section at the beginning of each chapter to answer as a question. These will be turned in every Friday via Blackboard. Be aware that the Week# and Chapter# rarely correspond, turning in the wrong Chapter answers is a ‘0’.
- There is no word limit, but you must answer the question fully, and **it must be written in your own words, and not submitted as a list.** Information taken from the textbook (or texts) must be cited. Use textbook examples to support your answers. Short Answers are worth 20 points.
Each Week, starting on Week 3, there will be an Essay question assigned from one of the book readings, either *Nomadland* (Bruder, 2017) or *Sacrificing Families* (Abrego, 2014)

- **Book Essay Question**: An Essay question on the Book assigned for the time period will be created by the Instructor and posted to Blackboard in the weekly folder. **This question is expected to be thoroughly answered by the student** using the readings for the time period in question. These are meant to be reflective responses, I am not necessarily looking for a ‘correct’ answer, but the essay must show understanding of the Sociological Themes studied.
- **Essay responses must be at least 150 words** and in your own words. Information taken from a text must be cited properly. Essays are worth 10 points.

**Grading**

Students grades are based on a total of 610 points:

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Spring 2022 Semester Schedule
Instructor reserves the right to modify the schedule at any time over the course of the semester. Any modifications to this schedule will be announced via Blackboard.

**Week 1: Jan 18 - 22**
**Complete Syllabus Questionnaire - Due Saturday 1/22 (10 points)**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 1 The Sociological Perspective

Assignments:
2. Short Answers #1 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday@11:59pm

**Week 2: Jan 24 - 29**
Readings:
1. Readings: Chapter 3 Doing Sociological Research

Assignments:
2. Short Answers #2 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday@11:59pm

**Week 3: Jan 31 - Feb 5**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 8 Social Class/Stratification
2. Bruder (2017), Forward and Chapter 1

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #3 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday@11:59pm
2. Essay Response #1 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 4: Feb 7 - 12**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 5 Social Structure/Interaction

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #4 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday@11:59pm
2. Essay Response #2 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 5: Feb 14 - 19**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 6 Groups and Organization
2. Bruder (2017)Chapter 4 - 5

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #5 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday@11:59pm
2. Essay Response #3 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm
**Week 6: Feb 21 - 26**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 10 Race and Ethnicity
2. Bruder (2017)Chapter 6 - 7

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #6 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #4 - Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 7: Feb 28 - Mar 5**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 14 Education and Health
2. Bruder (2017)Chapter 8 - 9

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #7 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #5 - Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 8: Mar 7 - 12**

*Midterm Test will be available Monday Mar 7, is due Mar 9 at 11:59pm*

Spring Break 2022 March 14 – March 18

**Week 9: Mar 21 - 26**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 11 Gender

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #9 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #6 - Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 10: Mar 28 - Apr 2**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 12 Sexuality
2. Abrego (2014), Preface and Chapter 1

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #10 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #7 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 11: Apr 4 - 9**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 13 Family and Religion

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #11- select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #8 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 12: Apr 11 - 16**
Readings:
2. Abrego (2014)Chapter 4

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #12- select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #9 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 13: Apr 18 - 23**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 7 Deviance and Crime

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #13- select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #10 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

**Week 14: Apr 25 - 30**
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 15 Economy and Politics

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #14 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #11 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm
Week 15: May 2 - 7
Readings:
1. Sociology The Essentials (Textbook): Chapter 9 Global Stratification
2. Abrego (2014)Chapter 8

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #15- select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #12 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm

Week 16: May 9 - 13
Final Test will be available Monday May 9, is due May 11 at 11:59pm