The University of Texas at El Paso - Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Fall 2021  
SOCI 1301 CRN 13001- Introduction to Sociology

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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  
- Assess identity and its creation in Society

Required Texts

1. Introduction to Sociology 3rd Edition - Rice University Openstax Edition:  
   Online Copy is Free at: https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-sociology-3e  
   Physical Copy (not required) - only the 2nd Edition is available as a physical copy, it contains 99% of the same material: https://amzn.to/37Hb2Do  
   **Be aware that class instruction will always be based on the 3rd edition**

   W. W. Norton & Company. Needed by Week 3


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:

UTEP’s Academic Honesty Policy – https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/student-conduct/academic-integrity.html

How to avoid Plagiarism – https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/osccr/_Files/docs/Avoiding-Plagiarism.pdf

**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. https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/registrar/Academic%20Calendars/academic-calendar.html

**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 *Introduction to Sociology 3rd Edition* – Rice University Openstax Edition.

- **Short Answers:** From the weeks assigned Chapter the student will select 3 of the Short Answers found at the end of each Chapter to answer. 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.
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. **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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**Fall 2021 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: Aug 23 - 28**

Complete Syllabus Questionnaire - Due Friday 8/27 (10 points)

Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 1 An Introduction to Sociology
2. Assignments: Short Answers #1 - select 3 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm

**Week 2: Aug 30 – Sep 4**

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

**Week 3: Sep 6 - 11**

Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 9 Social Stratification in the United States
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: Sep 13 - 18**

Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 4 Society and Social 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: Sep 20 - 25**

Readings:
1. Openstax: 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: Sep 27 - Oct 2**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 11 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: Oct 4 - 9**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 16 Education
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: Oct 11 - 16**

*Midterm Test will be available Monday Oct 11, is due Oct 14 at 11:59pm*

Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 12 Gender, Sex, and Sexuality

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #8 - 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 9: Oct 18 - 23**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 14 Relationships, Marriage, and Family
2. Abrego (2014), Preface and Chapter 1

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #9 - 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 10: Oct 25 - 30**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 19 Health and Medicine

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #10- 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 11: Nov 1 - 6**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 21 Social Movements and Social Change
2. Abrego (2014)Chapter 4

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #11- 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 12: Nov 8 - 13**
Readings:

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #12- 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 13: Nov 15 - 20**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 7 Deviance, Crime, and Social Control

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #13- 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 14: Nov 29 – Dec 4**
Readings:
1. Openstax: Chapter 18 Work and the Economy
2. Abrego (2014)Chapter 8

Assignments:
1. Short Answers #14- 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 15: Dec 6 - Dec 10
Final Test will be available Monday Dec 6, is due Dec 9 at 11:59pm