Introduction to Sociology - SOCI 1301 CRN 13132

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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:

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 the Textbook Soc5 (Benokraitis, 2016).

- Learning Outcomes: From the weeks assigned Chapter the student will select 2 of the Learning Outcomes found at the beginning of each Chapter to answer. These will be turned in every Friday via Blackboard
- Each question is worth 10 points. There is no word limit, but you must answer the question fully, and it must be written in your own words. 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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Spring 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.

All assignments will be available at the start of the course. However, multiple attempts will not be accepted – be aware that the Instructor may post notes and information throughout the semester corresponding to Weekly material within Weekly folders.

Week 1: Jan 19 - 23
Complete Syllabus Questionnaire - Due Saturday 9/23 (10 points)
Readings: Benokraitis, Chapter 1: Thinking Like a Sociologist, Pages 2-19
Assignments: Learning Outcomes #1 – Select 2 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm

Week 2: Jan 25 - 30
Readings: Benokraitis, Chapter 2: Examining our Social World, Pages 20-37
Assignments: Learning Outcomes #2 - Select 2 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm

Week 3: Feb 1 - 6
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 8: Social Stratification, Pages 138-157
2. Bruder (2017), Forward and Chapter 1

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #3 - Select 2 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 8 - 13
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 5: Social Interaction, Pages 82-99
2. Bruder (2017), Chapter 2 - 3

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #4 - Select 2 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 15 - 20
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 6: Groups. Orgs, Institutions, Pages 100 – 117
2. Bruder (2017), Chapter 4 - 5

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #5 - Select 2 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 22- 27
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 10: Race and Ethnicity, Pages 178 - 198
2. Bruder (2017), Chapter 6 - 7

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #6 - Select 2 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: Mar 1 - 6
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 13: Education and Religion, Pages 247 - 270
2. Bruder (2017), Chapter 8 - 9

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #7 - Select 2 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 8 – 13
Readings: None

Assignments:
1. *Midterm Test* available online Monday 3/8/21 and is due by (and available until) Thursday 3/11/21 at 11:59pm

March 15 -19 Spring Break

Week 9: Mar 22 – 27
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 9: Gender and Sexuality, Pages 158 - 177
2. Bruder (2017), Chapter 10 - 11

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #8 - Select 2 and Submit via Blackboard Due Friday @11:59pm
2. Essay Response #6 – Question Available on Blackboard. Submit Response via Blackboard Due Saturday @11:59pm
3. 

Week 10: Mar 29 – Apr 3
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 12 Families and Ageing, Pages 224 - 244
2. Abrego (2014), Preface and Chapter 1

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #9 - Select 2 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 5 – 10
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 14: Health and Medicine, Pages 272 – 291

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #10- Select 2 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 12 – 17
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 16: Social Action, Pages 314 - 331
2. Abrego (2014), Chapter 4

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #11- Select 2 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 19 – 24
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 15 : Population, Urbanization, Environment, Pages 292 - 313
2. Abrego (2014), Chapter 5

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #12- Select 2 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 26 – May 1
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 7 : Deviance, Crime, Social Control Pages 118 - 137
2. Abrego (2014), Chapter 6

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #13- Select 2 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 3 – 8
Readings:
1. Benokraitis, Chapter 11 : Economies and Politics, Pages 200 - 223
2. Abrego (2014), Chapter 8

Assignments:
1. Learning Outcomes #14- Select 2 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 10 – 15
Readings: None

Assignments:
2. **Final Test** available online Monday 5/10/21 and is due by (and available until) Thursday 5/13/21 at 11:59pm