

Sociology 101
Fall 2009 Sec.15732
Sat 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
August 22, 2009 – December 12, 2009

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to examine the fundamental concepts of social organization, culture, socialization, social institutions and social change. The goal of this class is to help students learn about sociological issues beyond the scope of popular culture and mass media reporting with the aim of achieving deeper personal understanding regarding today's world and what the future might hold.

Contact Information:

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Availability: Schedule with Instructor

Required Text:

Macionis, John J. Society: The Basics, Twelfth Edition. Texas: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 2008.

Course Format:

Course instruction will be in the form of lectures, group discussions, guest lectures and classroom participation. Classroom rules, etiquette and individual confidentiality will be required of each student. Course content may vary from this outline to meet the needs of this particular group.

Attendance Policies:

1. Attendance and participation are critical to the success of a student's education.
2. Please review the current GCC student handbook on class withdrawal policies. It is the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course if necessary.

EXAM SCHEDULE / POINT VALUES

5 Exams = 100 points per exam Test Questions will be comprised of multiple choice and true/false. Exams require **scantrons** and a number two pencil.

Grading Scale:

500 – 450 = A 399 – 350 = C
 449 – 400 = B 349 - 300 = D
 299/Below = F

Grading Scale	Dates	Points/Percentages
Exam I	September 12, 2009	100
Exam II	October 10, 2009	100
Exam III	October 31, 2009	100
Exam IV	November 21, 2009	100
Final/Exam V	December 12, 2009	100
Essay	November 14, 2009	100
Lowest Exam Score dropped		Total 500

Grading Policies:

Exams

Make up exams are permissible only until the next testing date. Once the following testing date has past, the student will not be allowed to make up that particular chapter(s) exam.

Essay Papers

Please choose ANY one of the Essay Questions located at the end of each chapter and write a 2-3 page essay. It is important to use at least 2 Sources: **internet articles** and/or **text** to support your ideas. Typed APA or MLA styles and work cited page is required.

Essay Papers are due on November 14, 2009 by the beginning of class. Papers turned in late will automatically be deducted 10 points. Every subsequent day, an additional 20 points will be subtracted from late papers. The Instructor will not accept Essay Papers after December 5, 2009.

You will receive a **zero** for not turning in the essay paper which will have a dramatic effect on your over all grade percentile. An exam score **will not** replace the essay.

Extra Credit (25-50pts.) – The following assignment is used by Sharon Larson at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. You will need a camera for this assignment, if you do not possess one please use the disposable models now available.

Take pictures of something that symbolizes EACH of the following people/things:

An act of socialization
 A role or status
 Social group or formal organization
 Inequality
 Race and/or ethnicity
 Culture
 Gender
 Capitalism
 Something political
 A family
 Something religious
 Education
 Urbanization
 An environmental concern

The developed pictures are to be attached with a two-paragraph explanation (minimum) of the person/object/concept from a sociological perspective. Begin with a formal explanation and then discuss your "Take" on the idea and the picture. Incorporate things you have learned in the class as well as sociological terminology. The pictures and the explanations should be bound together in a folder or notebook.

Course Outlook

Exam I-

Chapter 3	Culture
Chapter 4	Society

Exam II

Chapter 5	Socialization
Chapter 6	Social Interaction in Everyday Life
Chapter 7	Groups and Organization

Exam III

Chapter 8	Sexuality
Chapter 9	Deviance

Exam IV

Chapter 10	Social Stratification
Chapter 13	Gender Stratification

Exam V/Final

Chapter 14	Race and Ethnicity
Chapter 17	Politics and Government

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