

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

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**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.

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Availability: Schedule with Instructor

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**Required Text:**

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

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**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

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

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

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the DSS Office located in TDS 100 for accommodations. Their Phone number is (623) 845-3080.