SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

Glendale Community College
SOC 101 Section 23788
MW 5:45-7:00 p.m., CL-12
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Prerequisites: None

Course Description: The content of this course is constructed to study the general methodology of sociology as a science. The fundamental understanding of sociological philosophies, and their historical development and influence will be a central focus of the course. The class is designed to give a broad and effective coverage of sociological history, sociological theory and thought, methods of sociological research, culture, socialization, society, race and ethnic relations, social inequality, sex and gender, deviance, social change and the sociology of information technology.

To successfully complete this course the student will be able to:

• Discuss the general issues surrounding sociology as a science
• Describe the past practices and philosophies of sociology and contrast them with present trends
• List and describe the three major philosophic and scientific branches of sociology
• Define the methodology of sociological research and the context in which it is used to understand social issues
• Identify and describe the methods of influential sociological theorists
• List and identify the basic terminologies of sociology
• Define the ways in which sociology is used to understand social change
• Describe the unique features of sociology as a social science
• Compare and contrast sociology with other social sciences

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

• Retain and discuss valuable information regarding sociology
• Express communicative and written skills
• Successfully complete assigned academic tasks
• Pursue knowledge as a life long endeavor
Course Content and Organization

Course Structure: This course will be a combination of class lecture, possible guest lectures, videos, discussions, and assigned readings. Three exams will be given during the semester, including the final, which will not be comprehensive.

Course Policies: The college and instructor require regular attendance. Absences equaling more than THREE HOURS of instruction may result in the student losing points or being dropped from the class. This policy includes being excessively late or leaving early. In the event a student is faced with a legitimate need to miss class, please contact the instructor.

Grading System

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<td>Three multiple choice exams</td>
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\[\text{Total points possible} = 300 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 300\]

Grading Scale

- 90%-100%    A
- 80%-89%     B
- 70%-79%     C
- 60%-69%     D
- 59% or less F

Disability Statement: If you have a disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, you need to notify the Disability Services and Resources office, located in SPS 31. Their phone number is 623.845.3080.

Recording Lectures: Recording of lectures is only permitted if accommodations have been made through the Disability Services and Resources office.

Make-Up Exams: Students who miss an exam will not be allowed to make-up an exam unless there are extenuating circumstances surrounding their absence. If a student has a legitimate reason for missing an exam, please contact the instructor to make arrangements.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated, and either is grounds for immediate failure and or dismissal from the class.

Cell Phones and Text Messaging: Set your cell phone to SILENT. If you must take a call, please do not do so in class. Text messaging is not allowed during class.
SOC 101: Course Schedule/Reading Assignments - Spring 2010

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4
Sociological Perspective, Sociological Investigation, Culture, Society
Exam 1 – 3/1

Chapters 5, 6, 7
Socialization, Social Interaction, Groups and Organizations
Exam 2 – 4/5

Chapters 8, 9, 14, 24
Sexuality, Deviance, Race and Ethnicity, Social Change
Exam 3 – 5/10

Please note that the schedule described above may be modified by the instructor at any time.