

**Course:** 110 Sociology

**General Information:**

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**Required Text:** Sociology (11<sup>th</sup> edition), Macionis, John J.

**Description:**

Sociology is the scientific study of human society and the social interactions with it. We all obviously have considerable experience living in society and interaction with other people. The study of sociology, interestingly enough is an unfamiliar way of looking at the all too familiar. What makes the sociological approach so unique is the rigorous development and testing of theories about the influence of social context on the lives of individuals. Through this lens of social structure the student will examine issues of the human being in today's world.

We will be introduced to the general theories, methods and technology used within the realm of sociology, then apply these to the areas of human behavior, exterior social forces, labeling, and inequalities. To understand the human being and the experience of being human as a whole, one must understand the numerous, complex social interactions that occur all the time. For it is often said that we are the most social creature of all – in this class you will see how and why.

**Course Objectives:**

The objectives of this course are basic. First, to introduce you to the world of sociology and the resulting work of those “in the trenches”, and secondly, to contribute to the larger puzzle that is your college educational experience. If you develop a good grasp of the materials presented in this course you should be able to understand some of the basic components of human social systems and the scientific methods used to ascertain them. You will then be able to comprehend with a new, more skeptical eye, activities going on around us (in the media and in the private) that have to do with the reasons and tendencies of human behaviors and the functioning of the human social network. As a bonus, you should also come away with an improved general ability to research and think about college-level concepts.

These objectives support the following general education goals:

#2 – to develop thinking skills

#5 – to develop skills in aesthetic appreciation for the world in which we live

#8 – to understand and appreciate cultural diversity

#10 – to foster interpersonal development

**Course Content:**

Week 1 – Chapter 1 The Sociological Perspective

Week 2 – Chapter 2 Sociological Investigation

Week 3 – Chapter 3 Culture

Week 4 – Chapter 4 Society

Week 5 – Chapter 5 Socialization

Week 6 – Chapter 6 Social Interaction in Everyday Life

Exam #1

Week 7 – Chapter 7 Groups and Organizations

Week 8 – Chapter 8 Sexuality and Society

Week 9 – Chapter 9 Deviance

Week 10 – Chapter 10 Social Stratification

Week 11 – Chapter 11 Social Class in the United States

Exam #2

Week 12 – Chapter 12 Global Stratification

Week 13 – Chapter 13 Gender Stratification

Week 14 – Chapter 14 Race and Ethnicity

Week 15 – Chapter 16 The Economy at Work

Week 16 – Chapter 23 Social Movements

Final Exam

### **Course Requirements and Evaluation:**

The formula for grades is as follows.

3 Exams (non-cumulative) 100 points each

In-class assignments 100 points

1 Essay 100 points

Class participation (discussion/participation/prepared for class/assignment read – 2 points  
per class) 100 points

Total points available – 600

A 90-100%

B 80-90%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 59% and below

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