SOCIOLOGY 1 - FALL 2013 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Section 0429
Starts August 26 and ends December 8.

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Required Textbook: William E. Thompson – Society in Focus, 7th Edition, Pearson Education. ISBN: 978-0205-203482
Class Website: http://etudes.org/gateway/login-lamc.html

Catalog Course Description:

Prerequisite: None | Lecture 3 hours
Presents an orientation to the field of sociology, including core sociological theories in the areas of socialization; the impact of social institutions such as the family, culture, religion, education, government; concepts of conformity and deviance; and the study of social inequalities in U.S. society due to race, ethnicity, sex, gender and age.

Student Learning Outcomes(SLO):

1) Student will be able to assess and describe the three sociological theories and how they impact sociological research.
2) Student will be able to utilize a research design to complete social research and analyze the data to come to a sociological conclusion.
3) Student will be able to define a social problem they have experienced and discuss solutions to reduce, educate or eliminate such problems in society.

Assignments:

Assignment #1: due by Sunday, September 1 before 8 pm - Syllabus Quiz (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 10 points
Assignment #2: due by Sunday, September 8 before 8:00 pm - Autobiography (in Discussion and Private Messages) 15 points
Assignments #3A and 3B: due by Sunday, September 15 before 8:00 pm – Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 1-2 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 40 points total
Assignment #4: due by Sunday, September 22 before 8:00 pm – Reality Show Discussion, (in Discussion and Private Messages) 15 points.
Assignments #5A, 5B, and 5C: due by Sunday, September 29 before 8:00 pm – Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 3-5 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys), 60 points total
Assignment #6: due by Sunday, October 6 before 8:00 pm - Careers in Sociology (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 20 points
Assignments #7A and 7B: due by Sunday, October 13 before 8:00 pm – Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 7-8 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys), 40 points total

Assignment #8: due by Sunday, October 20 before 8:00 pm - Observation Project (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys), 30 points
Assignment #9: due by Sunday, October 27 before 8:00 pm – Gender on Halloween Discussion (in Discussion and Private Messages), 15 points
Assignments #10A and 10B: due by Sunday, November 3 before 8:00 pm - Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 10, 11 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys), 40 points total
Assignment #11: due by Sunday, November 10 before 8:00 pm – Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapter 12 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 20 points.
Assignment #12: due by Sunday, November 17 before 8:00 pm – Education Video Discussion (in Discussion and Private Messages), 15 points
Assignments #13A and 13B: due by Sunday, November 24 before 8:00 pm – Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 13, 14 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys), 40 points total
Assignment #14: due by Sunday, December 1 before 8:00pm – Social Issue Paper (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 40 points
Assignments #15A and 15B: due by Sunday, December 8 before 8:00 pm - Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 18, 20 (in Assignments, Tests and Surveys) 40 points total

Course Map:
Take a look at the link on the left called "Course Map." It has every assignment listed in a very readable format. Use this tool to then place all due dates in your private calendar. It is a great place to keep track of all coursework due dates. Also note that you often have multiple exams due on the same night. These exams will be labeled as Assignments 13A and 13B, for example. The A, B, or C denotes multiple chapter exams due the same night.

Chapter Exams: (20 points each)
All the chapter exams are multiple-choice and have a time restriction. You must abide by that time restriction or points may be deducted. You will not have time to use notes or your book during your exam. The exams are located in "Assignments, Tests and Surveys" and will disappear once the deadline is passed. Please use a reliable internet connection for your quiz so your computer DOESN'T CRASH on you. DO NOT USE A WIRELESS CONNECTION ON EXAMS. TIP: Read a chapter, study, then take the chapter exam. Try to space the time out so you can take the exams one at a time.

Discussion Threads (10 to 15 points each)
These require you to write more than just a few lines, a minimum of 2 paragraphs is required. (Located in "Discussion and Private Messages".) Responses to other students should be at least two to three sentences. Please remember that everyone can read your comments, so do not post anything private. Think of it as an open classroom discussion with rules of conduct to follow such as being respectful, no bad words, college essay writing. These are not TEXTS therefore full words need to be written, as well as use proper grammar.

Late Assignments:
All work is due on the day stated before 8:00 pm. I do not accept late assignments.

Grading Standards:
Syllabus Quiz-10 pts
Autobiography-10 pts
Reality Show-15 pts
Careers in Sociology-20 pts
Observation Project-30 pts
Gender on Halloween -15 pts
Education Video-15 pts
Social Issue Paper - 40 points
Exams-280 pts

Total Possible points=435

Grade Distribution
A= 90% and above
B= 80% and above
C= 70% and above
D= 60% and above
F = 59% and below

Helpful Hints:
This class requires that you have consistent access to a computer and a strong reliable internet connection. It also requires you to have some basic knowledge about using email, word document and internet browsing.
Many of your assignments are submitted by you attaching them via the website. Once you click on the assignment, you will see a place to "upload" your assignment. You will be able to see that your file is attached. Please use Microsoft WORD documents ONLY.
STAY AHEAD - if you know you will have some time open, then complete a few of the assignments and submit them. This way, if you get busy with work, families, etc., you have some flexibility and can meet the deadlines. You can always do assignments early, but you can never do them late.
Don't wait until 7:30pm to start your assignments or exams. Procrastination is not a favorable quality in online learning.

Your grades will be posted under "GRADEBOOK". PRINT the "syllabus" to stay organized.

Assignments are due every Sunday night before 8 pm (California time). So plan your time wisely.

Reasonable Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability and require classroom accommodations, please email me to discuss arrangements. The sooner I am aware that you are eligible for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to provide them. For students requiring accommodations, the DSP&S Office at Mission College provides special assistance in areas like: registering for courses, specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, instructor liaisons, community referrals and job placement. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the DSP&S Office in Instruction Building 1018 (phone #818.364.7732/TTD 818.364.7861) and bring or scan a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Cheating:

Unauthorized material used during an examination (including electronic devices), changing answers after work has been graded, taking an exam for another student, forging or altering attendance sheets or other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/scantron/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/exam and referred to the Department chair and/or Student Services for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is defined as the act of using ideas, words, or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving proper credit to the original sources. This includes definitions found online on Wikipedia, materials from blogs, twitter, or other similar electronic resources. The following examples are intended to be representative, but not all inclusive:

- failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions.
- failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof
- paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution
- representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own.

First offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, as determined by the disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Notes:

This class holds the same academic standards as in-person classes. Therefore, respect, honesty, cheating, and plagiarism guidelines are strictly enforced. If any of these are violated, the student may receive a "fail", and/or be excluded from the class/campus. Please see your campus catalog for more information.

This syllabus is a guide to use throughout this course and is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.

Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance; it is my goal that you succeed in this class.