SOCIOLOGY 1 - FALL 2012 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Section 0430

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Required Textbook: William E. Thompson – Society in Focus, 7th Edition, Pearson Education. Available ONLY at the Mission College bookstore at www.lamission.edu/bookstore (the bookstore can ship the book if needed)

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):

Upon successful completion of Sociology 1, the student will be able to:

1) Assess and describe the three sociological theories and how they impact sociological research.
2) Distinguish between various research designs and the advantages/disadvantages of using those methods in social research.
3) Compare and contrast between social inequality due to gender, race/ethnicity, and social class, and its impact on specific social problems.

Assignments:

Assignment #1: Plagiarism assignment due before Sunday, September 2 by 8 pm. *I Must receive Certificate of Completion from you via the class website.* (10pts)

Assignment #2: due by Sunday, September 9 before 8:00 pm - Autobiography, (in "assignments") 15 points

Assignment #3: due by Sunday, September 16 before 8:00 pm – Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 1-2 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 40 points

Assignment #4: due by Sunday, September 23 before 8:00 pm – Reality Show Discussion, (in "assignments") 15 points.

Assignment #5: due by Sunday, September 30 before 8:00 pm – Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 3-5 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 60 points

Assignment #6: due by Sunday, October 7 before 8:00 pm - Careers in Sociology (in "assignments"), 20 points

Assignment #7: due by Sunday, October 14 before 8:00 pm –Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 7-8 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 40 points

Assignment #8: due by Sunday, October 21 before 8:00 pm - Observation Project (in "assignments"), 35 points

Assignment #9: due by Sunday, October 28 before 8:00 pm – Gender on Halloween Discussion (in "assignments"), 15 points

Assignment #10: due by Sunday, November 4 before 8:00 pm - Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 10, 11, 12 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 60 points

Assignment #11: due by Sunday, November 18 before 8:00 pm – Education Video Discussion (in "assignments"), 15 points

Assignment #12: due by Sunday, November 25 before 8:00 pm –Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 13, 14 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 40 points

Assignment #13: due by Sunday, December 2 before 8:00pm – Online Dating Discussion (in "assignments"), 15 points

Assignment #14: due by Sunday, December 9 before 8:00 pm - Complete every Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 15, 20 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam") 40 points

Textbook Readings:
Before you read a chapter, take the optional "Pre-Test" then read the chapter and complete the optional "Post-Test" and it will let you know what parts of the chapter you need to review before taking the Chapter Exam. This is one of the greatest tool in ONLINE education. This is completely "OPTIONAL". So use these tools and see how it will help you succeed in the class.

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 "chapter exams" 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.

Discussion Threads require you to write more than just a few lines, a minimum of 2 paragraphs is required. 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:
Plagiarism-10 pts
Autobiography-15 pts
Reality Show-15 pts
Careers in Sociology-20 pts
Observation Project-35 pts

Gender on Halloween -15 pts
Education Video-15 pts
Online Dating – 15 pts.
Exams-280 pts
Total Possible points=420

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 to the DROP BOX located on the Top Right hand tool bar. 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 8 pm to start your assignments or exams. Procrastination is not a favorable quality in online learning.
Please email me through "EMAIL" icon and sign your name each time and put SOC1 as the subject.

Any communication to the class will be sent directly to your personal email account. If you need to change email accounts, please notify me immediately.

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.

Recording devices in the classroom: Section 78907 of the California Education Code prohibits the use of any electronic audio or video recording devices, without prior consent of the instructor. (including cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, and more).

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.

Don't forget to email me anytime you have questions, it is my goal that you succeed in this class. Enjoy the semester and the field of Sociology!!!