Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (Starts 8/26-12/8) Fall 2013 Section # 0432 Online
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Phone: (818) 833-3414 Class website: https://myetudes.org/portal
On Campus Drop in Hours: M/W/Th 8:25-8:55, Mon 12-2:30, Tues 10:45-12:15 or by appt.
Location: Instruct Building, Faculty Office #9
Required Textbook: Society in Focus- Thompson and Hickey -Available at the Mission College bookstore $61. The bookstore is at http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/ shipping is available or purchase the Etextbook version of the text in the class website under "announcements"

Instructions to login to our class website on ETUDES
Step 1: If new to Etudes, please complete orientation video http://usdegreeonline.wlac.edu/pages/129.asp
Step 2: Log in at https://myetudes.org/portal (save it as your favorite on your browser)
Step 3: Your login name is your student id # (example: 881234567 (no spaces or dashes)
Step 4: Then your password is your **Month and Day** of your birthday. For example: if you were born on Jan 14 than your password is "0114".
Step 5: Click on the TOP Tab for this class, listed as "**LAMC SOC 001 0432 MLEVY F13**"
Step 6: If you are interested in purchasing the Etextbook version of the book, see "Announcements" when inside the course website.
Step 7: Its best to change your password later, by clicking on "my account"
For additional assistance, please visit http://www.lamission.edu/online/ or Call Help Desk 818-415-2015

Students who do not log into the class website by Sept. 3 may be dropped to accommodate students on the class waiting list.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this class, a student will be able to
1. Assess and describe the three sociological theories and how they impact sociological research.
2. Utilize a research design and complete social research and analyze the data to come to a Sociological conclusion.
3. Define a social problem they have experienced and discuss solutions to reduce, educate or eliminate such problems in society. Also (Develop a passion for this discipline and find out how SOCIETY plays a huge role in your life)

Chapter exams- (260 points for 13 chapter exams) You will have 20 minutes to complete 20 multiple choice or T/F questions for each chapter exam assigned. You will be able to utilize notes and the book during these exams but you will be restricted to one question at a time and a 20 minute deadline. So I strongly suggest that you be prepared when you open and START the exam. There will be no reset of exams or time extensions, so use a reliable internet connection and computer (not a SMART phone) for your exams so your computer doesn't CRASH on you.
NOTICE:
1. You may answer a question only once. Please review your answers closely prior to clicking on "Next". When you move on to the next question, you will not be able to return to any previously answered questions to change your answers.
You may click on "Continue Later" at any time and return to where you left off to finish the assessment later BUT THE 20 minutes are still going, so if you return after the 20 minutes are up, you will not be able to finish the chapter exam. No resetting.
It's best to complete your exam from beginning to end in 20 minutes PERIOD.
Syllabus Quiz- **(10 points)** Complete this quiz for Assignment #4 to ensure that you read this entire syllabus located in "assignments, tests, surveys". ☺

Absent Fathers Assignment- (10 points) Complete short answer assignment #19 in "assignments."

Discussion Forums-(DF 50 points) These assignments require you to POST (write) a minimum of 2 paragraphs using the rubric below to earn the maximum of 10 points per forum. 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, using college essay writing. These are not TEXTS, therefore full words and sentences are required, as well as proper grammar and punctuation. Posts that simply agree with the previous students do not earn points. Go to "Discussions" for details and deadlines.

Discussion Forum Rubric for grading:

	Excellent (10 pts)	Competent (5-7 points)	Needs Improvement (0 – 4)
Describes topic clearly	Description is clear, complete and accurate	Description is somewhat clear, complete and accurate	Description is weak, unclear, incomplete, inaccurate and/or missing entirely
Gives reaction/ opinion to the topic with personal relevance/experience	Thoughtful reaction/opinion, supported with personal experience	Offers opinion, though limited relevance to self.	No reaction, or very poor personal relevance
Grammar	No errors or very few grammatical errors.	A significant number of errors, but not enough to interfere with comprehension	Grammatical errors interrupt reading/ understanding of discussion topic.
Reply to another student's reaction or opinion (if applicable)	Thoughtful, meaningful response	Good response, through limited	No response, or very superficial (e.g. "I agree!")

There will be no extensions or make up for discussion forums, so keep track of the deadlines.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS: **(100 points total)**
You will have access to ONLINE TUTORS at LAMC to help your prepare for two of your main essays due in this class. You will receive an additional 10 points of extra credit per paper for using these Online Tutors to review the draft of your paper for Assign# 8 Observation Project and Assign# 21 Social Issue Paper only. The tutors will directly provide me with proof of your participation and this is an optional service to you. It's been my experience that students who use them earned better grades than those who did not use the service. See instructions on how to make an appointment in "Discussions" under "ONLINE TUTORS". Many of your "assignments" are submitted by you attaching them to the assignment itself. You will be able to see that your file is attached as verification. These assignments can either be copy/paste into the BOX of your assignment or attached. Please use WORD files only.
Assignment # 6- Census Assignment (20 points) due Thurs 9/19 by 9 pm
Assignment #8- Observation Project (40 points) due Thurs 9/26 by 9 pm
Assignment #21- Social Issue Paper (40 points) due Thurs 11/21 by 9 pm

Textbook Readings: It's highly recommended that when reading your textbook that you use outlining techniques, make notes as you go and then take your chapter exam as soon as you can after completing the chapter. **Estimated Time per Week:** 6 to 9 hours for reading, studying and completing the assignments and activities. Remember all the assignments are open NOW to be completed BEFORE the deadline. Late work will NOT be accepted. **Required Chapters:** 1-4, 7-8,10-14,18,20(Ch.5 is for extra credit, see Ass.#24)

Extra Credit- Extra credit is available for a maximum of 20 points for the semester see Ass #10 and #24. All options of extra credit will be open until 12/1 by 9 pm.
Grading Standards: 430 points possible- A= 387+, B= 344-386, C=301-343, D= 258-300, F= 257

Helpful Hints: This class requires that you have consistent access to a computer and a strong reliable internet connection. **Stay ahead**- if you know you will have some time open, then complete a few of the assignments and submit them early. 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**.

- Please email me in "Discussion and Private Messages" and use the PM (private messages) function or email me directly at proflevym@hotmail.com and **sign your full name** each time and put **SOC 1 online** in subject line.
- If you need to change email accounts, please update your email in you student portal through LAMC. Please make sure to check your LACCD email account for our class communication. https://student.laccd.edu/sso/
- Grades will be posted under "GRADEBOOK". Use the CALENDAR (last page) to stay on track of your assignments.
- Assignments are due **Thursday and/or Sunday night before 9 pm** (California time). Don't wait until 8:45 pm to start your assignments or exams. Procrastination is not a favorable quality in online learning and that is usually when your computer doesn't work.
- A few handouts are **PDF file**, so you must have **ADOBE** on your computer. You can easily download this program by using google and typing "how to download Adobe for Free".

Computer Skills Level: The technology requirements for the course are basic. You must have an email address, regular access to the Internet, a web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer 9.0 or Firefox 4.0 or Chrome). Firefox and Chrome work best for viewing videos and a word-processing program, Microsoft Word preferred. You will need basic computer skills in using the Internet, be able to create documents using a word processing program, copy and paste text, use a web browser, use email, open documents and attachments to turn in some of your assignments.

Cheating: Copying someone else's answers on a discussion thread or parts of their answer is considered cheating and will results in a zero. It may lead to further action, including exclusion from the class. 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 other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. **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 work such as essays, photographs, 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, and further disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Reasonable Accommodations: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. 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 Instructional Building 1018 (phone 818/364-7732 TTD 818/364-7861) and email me a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

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. Enjoy the semester and the field of Sociology!!!
Prof. Myriam Levy

Sociology 1 Online Deadlines

PRINT THIS SCHEDULE BELOW- Highlight completed assignments to stay organized

Assign. #1: Due Sun. 9/1 by 9pm- POST Autobiography/Email Etiquette DF in "Discussions" (10 pts)
Assign. #2: Due Thurs. 9/5 by 9pm – POST How to Survive Online Class DF in "Discussions" (10 pts)
Assign. #3: Due Sun. 9/8 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 1 Exam in "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Contact "Online Tutors" for Observation project for extra points go to "Discussion"
Assign. #4: Due Thurs. 9/12 by 9pm- Syllabus Quiz in "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (10 pts)
Assign. #5: Due Sun. 9/15 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 2 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" 20 pts)
Assign. #6: **Due Thurs. 9/19 by 9pm** – **Complete Census Assignment** "Assignments" (20 pts)
Assign. #7: Due Sun 9/22 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 3 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #8: Due Thurs. 9/26 by 9pm – **Observation Project** "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (40 pts)
Assign. #9: Due Sun 9/29 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 4 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #10: Due Thurs.10/3 by 9pm – Extra Credit- Option 1 "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"
Assign. #11: Due Sun 10/6 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 14 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #12: Due Thurs 10/10 by 9pm –Post Education DF in "Discussions" (10 pts)
Assign. #13: Due Thurs 10/17 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 7 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #14: Due Sun 10/20 by 9 pm- Columbine DF in "Discussions" (10 pts)
Assign. #15: Due Sun 10/27 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 8 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(20 pts)
Assign. #16: Due Sun 11/3 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 10 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #17: Due Thurs 11/7 by 9pm- Post DF on Domestic Violence Video in "Discussions" (10 pts)
Contact "Online Tutors" for Social Issue Paper for extra points go to "Discussion"
Assign. #18: Due Sun 11/10 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 11 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
LAST WEEK TO DROP CLASSES, after 11/17 A GRADE WILL BE ISSUED BY INSTRUCTOR
Assign. #19: Due Thurs. 11/14 by 9pm- Absent Fathers in "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (10 pts)
Assign. #20: Due Sun. 11/17 by 9 pm- Complete Ch. 12 Exam - "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #21: Due Thurs. 11/21 by 9 pm- Social Issue Paper "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (40 pts)
Assign. #22: Due Sun 11/24 Class Evaluation Optional Survey. Go to "Assignments" for details.
Assign. #23: Due Thurs. 11/28 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 13 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" 20 pts)
Assign. #24: Due Sun. 12/1 by 9 pm Extra Credit Ch.5 exam "Assignments, tests" (maximum 20 pts)
Assign. #25: Due Thurs. 12/5 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 18 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)
Assign. #26: Due Thurs 12/12 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 20 Exam in "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY ASSIGNMENTS IN THIS CLASS!!! No exceptions!