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Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology Section #0440
Fall 2012 TuTh 2:00-3:25pm INST 1002
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Welcome to Sociology 1! **Course Description:** This lecture and discussion course develops the sociological perspective that behavior is determined largely by human interactions and membership in groups. The main elements of sociological analysis are presented, emphasizing social organization, culture, socialization, social stratification, and population. These elements are applied to topics such as crime and delinquency. (UC:CSU) 3 UNITS

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- apply the three major sociological theoretical approaches to social issues.
- identify the impact of gender, race and social class in the process of socialization.
- differentiate and apply different research designs to perform social research.

Tentative Class Schedule: August 28- December 11

Week 1 Getting Started

Aug 28 Syllabus & Speed Intros

Aug 30 Norm-Setting & Ch.1 Lecture Homework: Buy the Textbook & Read Chapter 1

Week 2 The Sociological Perspective

Sept 4 Finish Ch.1 Lecture & “The Sociological Study of Text Messaging”

Sept 6 Ch. 2 Lecture HW: Read Ch. 2 in text

Week 3 How Sociologists Do Research

Sept 11 *The Milgram Experiment* HW: Read Ch. 3

Sept 13 Quiz on Ch. 1 & 2

Week 4 Culture

Sept 18 Ch. 3 Lecture HW: Read Ch. 4

Sept 20 *The Secret of the Wild Child* HW: Read: Ch. 5

Week 5 Socialization

Sept 25 Ch. 4 Lecture, “The Nacirema”

Sept 27 Quiz on Ch. 3 & 4

Week 6 Social Structure & Interaction

Oct 2 Class Cancelled

Oct 4 Ch. 5 Lecture & Research Paper HW: Read Ch. 7 in text & begin paper

Week 7 Deviance & Conformity

Oct 9 Ch. 7 Lecture

Oct 11 Deviance Skits HW: Rd. Ch. 8 in text & work on paper

Week 8 Social Class

Oct 16 Quiz on Ch. 5 & 7

Oct 18 Ch. 8 Lecture (Library Orientation) HW: Read Ch. 10 in text & work on paper

Week 9 Race & Ethnicity

Oct 23 Writing Workshop & Peer Review

Oct 25 Ch. 10 Lecture HW: Read Ch. 11

Week 10 Sex & Gender

Oct 30 Quiz on Ch. 8 & 10 **Term Paper Due**

Nov 1 Ch. 11 Lecture HW: Rd. Ch. 12

Week 11 The Elderly

Nov 6 Ch. 12 Lecture & Presentation Directions

Nov 8 *The Alzheimer's Project* HW: Read Ch. 16 & Work on Presentations

Week 12 Politics & The Economy

Nov 13 Quiz on Ch. 11 & 12

Nov 15 Presentation Prep HW: Read Ch. 17

Week 13 Presentations

Nov 20 Presentations

Nov 22 NO CLASS- Thanksgiving

Week 14 Presentations

Nov 27 Presentations

Nov 29 Class Debate Prep HW: Debate Research

Week 15 Class Debate

Dec 4 Class Debate

Dec 6 Final Exam Study Guide

Week 16 Dec 11 3:00pm-5:00pm Final Exam

Assignments: The required textbook for this class is *Society in Focus: an Introduction to Sociology* by William E. Thompson and Joseph V. Hickey, 7th ed. There is a copy on reserve at the main campus library. You will not need an online access code. Plan to read a chapter in the book per week. You will also be given supplemental readings. It is essential that you keep up with the reading for this class. In addition, you will be assigned one 5-7 page research paper and one group PowerPoint Presentation.

Exams: You will be given several non-cumulative exams throughout the course. There will be NO make-up exams, but you may arrange to take ONE exam early under special circumstances. You will also have a cumulative final exam at the end of the course. I will provide you with a review sheet before your final exam. Computers may be permitted in class, except during exams. If you do take notes on a computer, please print these out well ahead of time.

Privacy and your College Grades: I cannot discuss your grades or any other private information with anyone but you. If a counselor or a parent has questions about your grades, you will need to inform them of this policy. It also means that you must be prepared for content that may be considered adult in nature. Let me know if you have any questions about this policy.

Academic Dishonesty: I take cheating **VERY SERIOUSLY**. You may not communicate with one another for any reason during exams- this includes sharing books, notes, or any other material. I reserve the right to move students at will during class time. Students are prohibited from signing in one another on the role sheet. Please also familiarize yourself with current plagiarism regulations and copyright laws. **Your work must be your own.** According to LAMC's Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Action policy, misconduct may result in probation, suspension, or expulsion. Consider this fair warning: do not cheat in my class.

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

Email Policy: The best way to reach me is by email. Please allow at least 48 hours for an email response, and longer on the weekends. I respond to every email that is sent to me; if you do not get a response, I did not receive your email. In your email, specify your FULL NAME and the COURSE that you are enrolled in. I do not accept assignments slid under the door, in my mailbox, or by email unless you have received prior consent from me. They must be submitted in person on the day that they are due. I generally do not grant extensions nor do I accept late assignments.

Attendance Policy: I will drop students from the class who do not attend in the first week, but it is the student's responsibility to drop a class if they stop participating beyond the first week. Students may also be dropped at any time for lack of participation at the instructor's discretion. Please see the college website for registration and enrollment deadlines. Attendance is mandatory. I expect you to show up to and participate in every class. If you are absent, it is still your responsibility to hand in any work that was due, to get notes from a classmate, and to get any articles or assignments. Please talk to your classmates FIRST if you are absent, and then see me if you have any questions. Students who show up late for class or leave early will be counted as absent. You will be assigned several in-class projects throughout the course of the semester. Your participation grade is determined week by week, and cannot be made up, no matter the reason.

Reasonable Accommodation: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. The sooner I am aware of your eligibility for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to assist the DSP&S Office in providing 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 Instructional Building 1018 (phone number (818) 364-7732 TTD (818) 364-7861) and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Student Portal: update email addresses, view schedule and grades from past semesters
Go to www.lamission.edu →students→student portal
Enter 88 plus your PIN (your birthday in MMDD form) →go to option 1 to update email address

All students should have the Sheriff's Department saved in their cell phones (818) 364-7843

Your final grade is calculated based on the following:

50% In-Class Exams
20% Final Exam
10% Term Paper
10% PowerPoint Presentation
10% Participation

Grades are determined using a straight scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
below 60%	F

Important Dates and Deadlines: Call (818) 988-2222 or check www.lamission.edu online
Sept. 7: Last Date to Drop Class with Refund and "W"
Sept 9: Last Day to Drop Online
Nov 18: Last Date to Drop with a "W"

Please keep this syllabus, and refer to it each week for assignments and due dates