

SOCIOLOGY 2 - American Social Problems, Fall 2012

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Section 0441

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Required Textbook: Social Problems- Henslin, James M., 10th edition- ISBN:

1-2566-7910-0. Available ONLY at the Mission College bookstore at

www.lamission.edu/bookstore (they can ship the book if needed).

Catalog Course Description:

Prerequisite: None/3 units

Sociological concepts and theories are used to describe and explain social problems in the United States such as gender roles, race/ethnicity, urbanization, immigration, drugs, marriage, populations, aging, crime, violence, poverty, and the health care system.

Student Learning Outcomes(SLO):

Upon successful completion of Sociology 2, the student will be able to:

1. Differentiate between social problems and in which ways they differ from individual problems, and the impact these differences can have on finding solutions.
2. Analyze social problems in the context of their family of origin and its continued impact.
3. Apply sociological theories and practices to evaluate and find solutions for social problems.

Assignment #1: Plagiarism assignment due before [Sunday, September 2 by 8 pm](#). I Must receive Certificate of Completion from you. 10pts (in "Assignments")

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 Chapter Exams for Chapters 1-2 (in each chapter unit) 40 points

Assignment #4: Due by [Sunday, September 23 before 8:00 pm](#) – Prostitution Discussion (in "Assignments") 15 points

Assignment #5: Due by [Sunday, September 30 before 8:00](#) – Complete Chapter Exams for Chapters 3, 4, 5 (in each chapter unit) 60 points

Assignment #6: Due by [Sunday, October 7 before 8:00 pm](#) - Drug Discussion (in "Assignments") 15 points

Assignment #7: Due by [Sunday, October 14 before 8:00 pm](#)- Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 6, 7 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 40 points

Assignment #8: Due by [Sunday, October 21 before 8:00 pm](#) – GLEE Discussion (in "Assignments") 15 points

Assignment #9: Due by [Sunday, October 28 before 8:00 pm](#) – Social Problems Paper (in "Assignments") 30 points

Assignment #10: Due by [Sunday, November 4 before 8:00 pm](#) - Complete Chapter Exams for Chapters 8, 9, 10 (in each chapter unit) 60 points

Assignment #11: Due by [Sunday, November 18 before 8:00 pm](#) – News Article Assignment (in "Assignments") 20 points

Assignment #12: Due by [Sunday, November 25 before 8:00pm](#) - Complete Multiple Choice Chapter Exam for Chapters 11, 12 (in each chapter unit by clicking on "chapter exam"), 40 points

Assignment #13: Due by [Sunday, December 2 before 8:00 pm](#) - Gender and Ads Discussion (in "Assignments") 15 points

Assignment #14: Due by [Sunday, December 9 before 8:00 pm](#) – Complete Chapter Exams for Chapters 13, 14 (in each chapter unit) 40 points

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 test. The tests are located in each chapter unit and will disappear once the deadline is passed. Please use a reliable internet connection for your test so your computer doesn't CRASH on you and DO NOT use a wireless connection.

Late Assignments:

All work is due on the day stated [before 8:00 pm](#). Late assignments will not be accepted.

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.

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.

Grading Standards:

Plagiarism - 10 pts
Autobiography - 15 pts
Prostitution – 15 pts
Drug Discussion – 15 pts
GLEE Discussion – 15 pts
Gender and Ads Discussion – 15 pts
News Article – 20 pts
Social Problems – 30 pts
Exams - 280 pts
Total Possible points = 415

Grade Distribution:

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

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 SOC2 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!!!