

SOCIOLOGY 1 (HYBRID): INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Spring 2013, Section #0446, INST. 1002

Tuesdays 12:15 – 1:40PM and online

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Required Textbook: Society in Focus- Introduction to Sociology- William E. Thompson and Joseph V. Hickey- 7th Ed. Version with PIN code.

ISBN 1-2566-7907-0

Purchase ONLY from LAMC bookstore.

Student Learning Outcomes(SLO):

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

- 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.

Teaching Philosophy:

My goal is for you to be successful in this class while strengthening your skills as a life-long learner. If you run into trouble, fear you're falling behind or simply do not understand something, you should never hesitate to come see me during my office hours. Asking questions during class is, of course, welcomed as well. However, I understand some people may be too shy to ask a question in front of other students. So if you have a question but are too shy to ask during class, contact me, and we'll figure out the answers together.

Course Requirements:

Participation and Attendance: (30 points)

This class has both in person and online assignments, therefore it is expected that all students attend class weekly and complete online assignments. I will allow one absence for the semester, then will deduct 10 points from your total points in the class every time you are absent for a total of 30 points. Students with excessive absences will not earn attendance points and students with two or more absences can be excluded from the class. You are responsible for dropping the class through the Admissions Office Online. Please be disciplined about your education and attend consistently. Enrolled students who are absent on the first day of class are subject to being dropped by the instructor.

Participation is expected for group work in class and by Web assignments due each week on Thursdays by 9 pm. Lack of completion of web assignments or in person attendance may cause to be excluded from the class.

Please be on time and plan to stay for the entire class. A late arrival or early departure--10 minutes or more -- is the equivalent of one absence. No walking in and out of class.

Exams (2 Midterm Exams and One Final Exam): (130 points total)

All exams will be in class exams which will focus on the general issues covered in class and the reading. Please note that not all material covered in the reading will be covered in class and vice versa. Thus, you are responsible for both reading and in-class material. The exams will consist of multiple choice questions.

The first midterm covers Chapters 1-5 and is worth 50 points. The second midterm covers Chapters 14, 7, 8 and 10 and is worth 40 points. The final exam covers Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 18 and is worth 40 points.

Topics and Assignments:

Note: Reading assignments should be done prior to coming to class.

- Week 1: In Class, Tues. 2/5 Syllabus, Introductions, Chapter 1 (Discovering Sociology)
Web Assignment #1: Due Thursday 2/7, Plagiarism Assignment (10 points)
- Week 2: In Class, Tues. 2/12 Chapter 2 (Doing Sociology/Methods)
Web Assignment #2: Due Thursday 2/14, Autobiography Discussion (15 points)
- Week 3: In Class, Tues. 2/19 Chapter 3 (Culture)
Web Assignment #3: Due Thursday 2/21, Reality Show Discussion (15 points)
- Week 4: In Class, Tues. 2/26 Chapter 4 (Socialization)
Web Assignment #4: Due Thursday 2/28, Scholarly Articles (30 points)
- Week 5: In Class, Tues. 3/5 Chapter 5 (Social Interaction)
Web Assignment #5: Due Thursday 3/7, Peer Groups Discussion (15 points)
- Week 6: In Class, Tues. 3/12 MIDTERM EXAM 1 (Covering Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
Web Assignment #6: Due 3/14, Gender on Halloween Discussion (15 points)
- Week 7: In Class, Tues. 3/19 Chapter 14 (Education)
Web Assignment #7: Due 3/21, Education Video Discussion (15 points)
- Week 8: In Class, Tues. 3/26 Chapter 7 (Deviance)
Web Assignment #8: Due 3/28, Sexting Article Discussion (15 points)
- Week 9: SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS 3/29 – 4/5)
- Week 10: In Class, Tues. 4/9 Chapter 8 (Social Stratification)
Web Assignment #9: Due 4/11 Observation Project (30 points)
- Week 11: In Class, Tues. 4/16 Chapter 10 (Race)
Web Assignment #10: Due 4/18 Careers in Sociology (20 points)
- Week 12: In Class, Tues. 4/23 MIDTERM EXAM 2 (Covering Chapters 14, 7, 8, 10)
Web Assignment #11: Due 4/25 Academic Cheating Discussion (15 points)
- Week 13: In Class, Tues. 4/30 Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender)
Web Assignment #12: Due 5/2 Online Dating Discussion (15 points)
- Week 14: In Class, Tues. 5/7 Chapter 12 (Aging)
Web Assignment #13: Due 5/9 Aging Discussion (15 points)
- Week 15: In Class, Tues. 5/14 Chapter 13 (Family)
Web Assignment #14: Due 5/16 Social Issue Paper (40 points)
- Week 16: In Class, Tues. 5/21 Chapter 18, (Health)
Web Assignment #15: Due 5/23 Living to 125 Discussion (15 points)
- Week 17: In Class, Tues. 5/28, 12:30PM – 2:30PM FINAL EXAM (covering Chapters 11, 12, 13, 18)

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. Also make sure to answer all the questions asked AND respond to other student posts if instructed. 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. In order to earn full points, the posting must be under the correct assignment and not sent by e-mail. NO MAKE UP discussion boards.

Late Assignments: All work is due on the day stated **before 9:00 pm**. I do not accept late assignments.

Grade Scale

396-440 points = A
352-395 = B

90% - 100% = A
80% - 89% = B

308-351 = C
264-307 = D
263 and below = F

70% - 79% = C
60% - 69% = D
59% and below = F

Classroom Etiquette: Studying Sociology involves discussing topics that may be uncomfortable pertaining to religion, race, gender, age, pornography, sexual orientation and other topics will be discussed. Respect should be given to peers and your instructor at all times. Just remember, treat others as you would like to be treated. Arrive to class on time and stay the entire period. Turn off all cellular phones and sound-emitting electronics upon entering the classroom, unless otherwise given permission. No video or audio recording in class, unless special permission is given.

Study Skills: (or, how to succeed): First, don't be intimidated. There will be many terms/concepts with which you're not familiar. This is natural. You're here to learn, after all! Second, read the material, and when necessary, re-read the material. Highlight key points in your book, make notes in the margins. Third, come to class! Listen. Take notes. If I write something on the board, you should too! Ask questions! If you don't understand something, know that you are not the only one. Fourth, do your work well and on time. Don't wait until the last minute to begin assignments.

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. Procrastination is not a favorable quality in online learning.

Your grades will be posted under "GRADEBOOK".

Assignments are due every Sunday night before 9 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 any in-person class. 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.

Instructions to login to our class website for MYLABSPLUS/ECOLLEGE:

Step 1:

Purchase book from LA Mission Bookstore, comes with MYLABSPLUS access code

Step 2:

Go to www.lamc.mylabsplus.com (also known as ECOLLEGE Login page)

1. Your log in name is your school id 88----- (no spaces or dashes)
2. Then your password is "PASSWORD" all CAPITALS
3. Then you will see our class "Prof. Biondo, SOC 1, Hybrid." You will then be asked to enter your enter PIN code which comes with your textbook.
4. Click on "access course." You will only need to do this once.
5. For security reasons its best if you CHANGE the password as soon as possible by clicking on "my account."
6. After in-putting you PIN code, you will only need your 88# and your password to login.

If you have any questions, please email me at biondojk@lamission.edu.

For IT assistance, please email helpdesk@lamc.mylabsplus.com or call (888) 883-1299.

Keep up with your grades on class website under "GRADEBOOK"