

Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (Starts 2/10-6/8) Spring 2014 Section # 0448 Online

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Required Textbook: Society in Focus- Thompson and Hickey 7th edition -Available at the Mission College bookstore \$61. The bookstore is at <http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/> shipping is available. You may also purchase the E-version of the textbook on your own.

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 he or she has 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)

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 0448 VD'AN SP14**"

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 February 16 will be dropped to accommodate students on the class waiting list.

Syllabus Quiz (10 points) This quiz will test your knowledge after reading the syllabus carefully. The questions are to ensure that you have an understanding of the course format, when things are due, and expectations for grading.

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.

Discussion Forums-(4 Discussions =40 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 of assignments and deadlines.

Discussion Forum Rubric for grading:

	Excellent	Competent	Needs Improvement
	10 points	5-7 points	0 – 4 points
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, though 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.

Web Activities: (80 points total)

The web activities will be due on Thursdays by 9pm. These activities ask you to view short video segments or read short articles and then answer some discussion questions. The length of these assignments should be no more than 2-3 paragraphs. Each of these web activities supplements the chapter material you are reading on a given topic such as socialization, race, deviance, etc. The objective of these activities is to reinforce what you are learning through direct application of concepts delivered via video or reading.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS: (110 points total)

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.

- Assignment # 7- Census Assignment (20 points) due March 6
- Assignment #13- Observation Project (40 points) due March 27
- Assignment #21- Social Issue Paper (40 points) due May 1
- Assignment #31-Exit Paper (10points) due June 5

Extra Credit- Extra credit is available for a maximum of 20 points for the semester see EXTRA CREDIT assignment in our course site under “Assignments, Tests, Surveys.”

Grading Standards: 500 total possible points for the class: 450-500=A 400-449=B 350-399=C 300-349=D

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 “ Discussions and Private Messages” and use the PM (private messages) function or email me directly at virginia.dantonio@yahoo.com and **sign your full name** each time and put **SOC1 online** in subject line.
- If you need to change email accounts, please update your email in you student portal through LAMC.

- Grades will be posted under “GRADEBOOK”. Use the CALENDAR (last page) to stay ahead of your assignments.
- Assignments are due every **Thursday and 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".

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.

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. Students who do not have regular computer access may use computers in the campus Learning Resource Center (LRC) but be aware of their limited hours of operation.

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 result 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, as determined by the disciplinary action 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!!!

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Sociology 1 Online Deadlines:

PRINT THIS SCHEDULE BELOW- Highlight completed assignments to stay organized

Assign. #1: Due Sun. 2/16 by 9pm- POST Autobiography/Email Etiquette DF in "Discussions" (10 pts)

Assign. #2: Due Thurs. 2/20 by 9pm- Syllabus Quiz (10 pts.)

Assign. #3: Due Thurs. 2/20 by 9pm – Web Activity Sociology songs and theory (10 pts)

Assign. #4: Due Sun. 2/23 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 1 Exam in "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #5: Due Thurs. 2/27 by 9pm- Web Activity Ghost Map and Research (10 pts)

Assign. #6: Due Sun. 3/2 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 2 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #7: **Due Thurs. 3/6 by 9pm – Complete Census Assignment** "Assignments" (20 pts)

Assign. #8: Due Sun 3/9 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 3 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #9: Due Thurs. 3/13 by 9pm- Web Activity Millennials "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(10pts.)

Assign. #10: Due Sun 3/16 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 4 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #11: Due Thurs.3/20 by 9pm – Facebook Discussion in "Discussion Forums" (10pt)

Assign. #12: Due Sun 3/23 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 5 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #13: **Due Thurs 3/27 by 9pm –Observation Project "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (40 pts)**

Assign. #14: Due Sun.3/30 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 7 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #15: Due Thurs. 4/3 by 9 pm- Web Activity Deviance "Assignments, Test, Surveys"(10 pts)

Assign. #16: Due Sun.4/6 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 8 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(20 pts)

SPRING BREAK APRIL 7-13

Assign. #17: Due Thurs. 4/17 by 9pm- Web Activity Race "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(10pts)

Assign. #18: Due Sun.4/20 Ch.10 Exam by 9pm- "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #19: Due Thurs.4/24 by 9pm- Web Activity Gender "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(10pts)

Assign. #20: Due Sun. 4/27 by 9pm- Complete Ch. 11 Exam - "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #21: Due Thurs. 5/1 by 9pm- **Social Issue Paper** "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (40 pts)

Assign. #22: Due Sun.5/4 by 9 pm- Complete Ch. 13 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #23: Due Thurs. 5/8 by 9pm- Who Needs Marriage? Discussion " Discussion Forums" (10pts.)

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW WITH A "W" (INTERNET) A GRADE WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THIS DATE

Assign. #24: Due Sun. 5/11 by 9 pm Ch.14 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(20 pts)

Assign. #25: Due Thurs. 5/15 by 9pm- Complete Education Discussion "Discussion Forums"(10pts)

Assign.#26: Due Sun. 5/18 by 9pm Extra Credit Option due "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20pts)

Assign. #27: Due Thurs. 5/22 by 9pm Web Activity Health "Assignments, Tests, Surveys"(10pts)

Assign. #28: Due Sun. 5/25 by 9pm Ch.18 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20pts)

Assign.#29: Due Thurs. 5/29 by 9pm Web Activity Social Movements "Assignments, Tests," (20pts)

Assign. #30: Due Sun. 6/1 by 9pm Ch.20 Exam "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (20 pts)

Assign. #31: Due Thurs. 6/5 by 9pm Exit Paper "Assignments, Tests, Surveys" (10pts)