SOCIOLOGY 1 - SPRING 2014 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Section 0449
Starts February 10th and ends June 8th.

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Required Textbook: William E. Thompson – Society in Focus, 7th Edition, Pearson Education.
The book is available at the LAMC's bookstore (http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/) now for $61. Shipping is available.

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 with no spaces/dashes)
Step 4: Then your password is your Month and Day of your birth. For example: Jan 14 than your password is "0114".
Step 5: Click on the TOP Tab for this class, listed as "SOC 001 0449 JBION S14"
Step 6: It is best to change your password later, by clicking on "my account"
For additional assistance, please visit http://www.lamission.edu/online/ or call the Help Desk at 818-415-2015.

You must be logged into Etudes by February 10 or you may be dropped to add students on the waiting list.

Student Learning Outcomes(SLO):
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.

Catalog Course Description:
Prerequisite: None | Lecture 3 hours
Presents an orientation to the field of sociology, including core sociological theories in the areas of socialization; the impact of social institutions such as the family, culture, religion, education, government; concepts of conformity and deviance; and the study of social inequalities in U.S. society due to race, ethnicity, sex, gender and age.

Course Map: Take a look at the link on the left called "Course Map." It has every assignment listed in a very readable format. Use this tool to then place all due dates in your private calendar. It is a great place to keep track of all coursework due dates.

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. The most successful online students review each chapter a second time to optimize their organizational skills and to earn high points for each exam.

Communication: All communication will be sent to your LACCD email account, therefore it is your responsibility to check that email account EVERY DAY. I will send you reminders and any changes, if necessary. If you are not good at keeping up with email communication or logging in every 2 to three days to our Etudes website, this is not the class for you. See "email tips" at the end of this syllabus to help you check your email on your smart phones or tablets. Make sure to put your full name on the e-mail and "Soc. 1 Spring Online" in the subject line. I will not know you by your e-mail address alone.

Due Dates:
All work is to be completed on the assignment due date no later than 9pm. Late work will not be accepted. Plan in advance to get work done early.

Extra Credit:
I will give you an additional 10 points for using this service to complete your Social Issue Paper. If you use the Online Tutors to review your draft of your paper and help you turn in a well prepared written assignment. PLAN AHEAD as the tutors will be busy around the deadline. Plan your appointment ahead then follow the procedure to upload your document to them.

ASC Online Tutoring:

Mary- Fridays online 4-6 pm
Mary- Saturdays online 10-1 pm.

You'll need to make appointments EARLY to ensure they can help you review your paper.

On "Announcements" page, you'll see the link for the online tutoring.

Assignments:

#1: due by Sunday, Feb. 16, 9PM - Syllabus Quiz, 10 points

#2: due by Thursday, Feb. 20, 9PM – Autobiography, 10 points

#3: due by Thursday, Feb. 27, 9PM – How to Survive an Online Class, 5 points

#4: due by Thursday, March 6, 9PM – Chapter 1 Quiz, 20 points

#5: due by Sunday, March 9, 9PM – Chapter 2 Quiz, 20 points

#6: due by Thursday, March 13, 9PM – Sociological Theories Review Quiz, 15 points

#7: due by Sunday, March 16, 9PM – Chapter 3 Quiz, 20 points

#8: due by Thursday, March 20, 9PM – Census, 20 points

#9: due by Thursday, March 27, 9PM – Chapter 4 Quiz, 20 points

#10: due by Sunday, March 30, 9PM – Chapter 5 Quiz, 20 points

#11: due by Thursday, April 3, 9PM – LAMC Assignment, 15 points

#12: due by Thursday, April 17, 9PM – Chapter 7 Quiz, 20 points

#13: due by Thursday, April 24, 9PM – Chapter 8 Quiz, 20 points

#14: due by Sunday, April 27, 9PM – Chapter 10 Quiz, 20 points

#15: due by Thursday, May 1, 9PM – Chapter 11 Quiz, 20 points

#16: due by Thursday, May 8, 9PM - Gender on Halloween Questions, 10 points

#17: due by Thursday, May 15, 9PM – Chapter 12 Quiz, 20 points

#18: due by Sunday, May 18, 9PM – Chapter 13 Quiz, 20 points

#19: due by Sunday, May 25, 9PM – Social Issue Paper, 40 points

#20: due by Thursday, May 29, 9PM – Chapter 14 Quiz, 20 points

#21: due by Sunday, June 1, 9PM – Chapter 18 Quiz, 20 points

#22: due by Thursday, June 5, 9PM – Chapter 20 Quiz, 20 points

Chapter Quizzes: (20 points each)
All the chapter quizzes are multiple-choice and have a time restriction (20 minutes timed; covering 20 questions). 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 exam. The quizzes are located on the Course Map and also under “Assignments, Tests and Surveys” and will disappear once the deadline is passed. You will be restricted to one question at a time. I strongly suggest that you be prepared when you BEGIN the exam.

Please use a reliable internet connection for your quiz so your computer doesn’t crash on you. DO NOT USE A WIRELESS CONNECTION ON QUIZZES. DO NOT USE YOUR SMART PHONE ON QUIZZES. TIP: Read a chapter, study, then take the chapter exam.

You may answer a question only once. Please review your answers closely prior to clicking on "Next". 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 finish the assessment later, but the clock is still ticking away. So if you return after the 20 minutes are up, you will not be able to finish the chapter exam. It’s best to complete your exam from beginning to end in 20 minutes period.

Required Chapters:
Chapter 1 Discovering Sociology
Chapter 2 Doing Sociology
Chapter 3 Culture

Chapter 4 Socialization
Chapter 5 Social Interaction
Chapter 7 Deviance
Chapter 8 Social Stratification
Chapter 10 Race/Ethnicity
Chapter 11 Sex and Gender
Chapter 12 Aging
Chapter 13 Family
Chapter 14 Education
Chapter 18 Health
Chapter 20 Social Change

Grading Standards:
Syllabus Quiz-10 points
Autobiography-10 points
How to Survive an Online Class – 5 points
Sociological Theories Review Quiz - 15 points
Census – 20 points
LAMC Assignment – 15 points
Gender on Halloween – 10 points
Social Issue Paper - 40 points
Quizzes-280 points
Total Possible points= 405

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

Discussion Threads (10 points each)
(Autobiography and Gender on Halloween Assignments) These require you to write more than just a few lines, a minimum of 2 paragraphs is required. (Located in "Discussion and Private Messages".) Responses to other students should be at least thoughtful and respectful. 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.

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.
You can always do assignments early, but you can never do them late.

Your grades will be posted under "GRADEBOOK". PRINT the "syllabus" to stay organized.

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.

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.

EMAIL TIPS:
Student Instructions to forward all your LACCD emails to your private email account:
Step 1: Go to Student Tab on LAMC Website where you REGISTER For CLASSES to find out what is your new LACCD email address.

https://eweb4.laccd.edu/WebStudent/signon.asp
For example: STUDENT6153@STUDENT.LACCD.EDU
STEP 2: Click on here to check your messages https://student.laccd.edu/sso/
LOGIN: use your student id # 88…
PASSWORD: first 4 digits of your birthday January 15 = 0115
STEP 3: To have emails sent to your personal email account

Click on "OPTIONS" (right hand side below photo), then "SEE ALL OPTIONS"
Click on 4th choice on the right "Forward your email"
Bottom right lets you input the email address under "forward"
Then Click on Green Checkmark on corner right and you are done.