

SOCIOLOGY 1: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Spring 2013, Section #3429, INST. 1001

Thursdays 6:50 – 10PM

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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):

- 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:

- 1) Participation and Attendance: (30 points)

Since Sociology is the study of people and their behavior, your participation is not only welcomed, but required. Attendance is mandatory in this class and points can be earned for students with two absences or less. 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 three 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.

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.

- 2) Article Presentation: (15 points) Due date TBD

We will begin each class with a conversation about some current sociological related topics. Each student will be asked to bring in one current, relevant article dealing with some social problem related topic to discuss with the rest of the class.

- 3) Observation Project/Presentation: (40 points) Due 4/18

4) Social Issue Paper: (40 points) Due 5/16

5) Exams (1 Midterm Exam and 1 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.

All papers must be typed, using fonts no bigger than 12 with margins no larger than one inch. Please use spell check.

Grade Scale:

229 points – 255 points = A

204 - 228 = B

178 - 203 = C

153 - 177 = D

152 or below = F

90% - 100% = A

80% – 89% = B

70% - 79% = C

60% - 69% = D

59% and below = F

Topics and Assignments:

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

Week 1: 2/7 Syllabus, Introductions, Chapter 1 (Discovering Sociology)

Week 2: 2/14 Chapter 2 (Doing Sociology/Methods)

Week 3: 2/21 Chapter 3 (Culture)

Week 4: 2/28 Chapter 4 (Socialization)

Week 5: 3/7 Chapter 5 (Social Interaction)

Week 6: 3/14 Chapter 7 (Deviance) and midterm review

Week 7: 3/21 MIDTERM EXAM (covering Chapters 1-5, 7)

Week 8: 3/28 NO CLASS

Week 9: SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS 3/29 – 4/5)

Week 10: 4/11 Chapter 14 (Education)

Week 11: 4/18 OBSERVATION PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Week 12: 4/25 Chapter 10 (Race)

Week 13: 5/2 Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender)

Week 14: 5/9 Chapter 12 (Aging) and Chapter 8 (Social Stratification)

Week 15: 5/16 Chapter 13 (Family) (Social Issue Paper Due)

Week 16: *5/23 Chapter 18, (Health) and final review

Week 17: 5/30, 8-10PM FINAL EXAM (covering Chapters 8, 10 - 14, 18)

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.

General Policies:

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.

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. Whether the material be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof, you will receive a zero for the first offence for the assignment or test in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, or more as determined by the disciplinary action 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). All electronic devices are strictly prohibited during exams.

Update Email and emergency contact information:

To update your email address and home phone number, please login to the District Student Information System at this link: <https://eweb3.laccd.edu/WebStudent/signon.asp>. To update or add your cell phone number to the BBC system, please login to LAMC Student Portal at this link: <https://mymission.lamission.edu/studentlogin.aspx>. This number will be used only for emergencies.

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 818/364-7732 TTD 818/364-7861) and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Medical Conditions-If you have any conditions that I need to know about, please notify me immediately by email and provide me with an emergency phone number.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes and adjustments to the syllabus throughout the course, as needed.

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

Step 1:

Purchase book from LA Mission Bookstore, comes with MYLABSPPLUS 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, Sec. 3429." 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"

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.

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