

Sociology 2

SPRING 2013 Syllabus



Los Angeles Mission College

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Section # 3430

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Communication: To receive my emails, you must update your email address. Please do so by using these procedures. Go to <http://www.lamission.edu/students/> Click on STUDENT PORTAL. Enter Student ID "88###" then PIN (MMDD) birthday. Click on OPTION 1- update email address

REQUIRED TEXT: James M. Henslin, SOCIAL PROBLEMS: Down-To-Earth Approach. with pin code. You must purchase the pin code from LA Mission College Bookstore to access the website. The book & pin code will cost \$98.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Differentiate between social problems and in which ways it differs 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.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Although Sociology 2 is largely structured as a lecture-based course, a variety of additional instructional methods will be used including, but not limited to, in-class exercises, discussion, small group activities, media presentations, tests, written assignments, and on-line assignments. Student participation in class discussions and activities is required (as a way to facilitate informative and lively discussions of social issues).



Course Evaluation & Grading Standards

Grading Scale

EXAM 1	45 pts	A 243—270
EXAM 2	50 pts	B 216—242
FINAL EXAM	55 pts	C 189—215
Class Participation	30 pts	D 162—188
Social Problems Paper	50 pts	Fail 161—below
On-line Assignments	40 pts	
Total points possible	<u>270</u>	

Please refer to website for assignment guidelines.

Exams: Are given and taken in class. All exams are in multiple-choice format. During the exams, you may not text message or use any media devices.

Written Assignments

All written assignments should be proofread for spelling and grammatical errors. Handwritten papers will not be accepted. Papers should also be stapled. Please note: You will receive an automatic zero for plagiarizing!! I will check on line for plagiarizing.

- Social Problems Paper (5-7 pages): You are to apply sociological theories and concepts to examine and propose solutions for social problems discussed in class. Log in to website <http://lamc.mylabsplus.com> and see assignment guidelines for help.
- On-line Assignments: All students are required to log-into <http://lamc.mylabsplus.com> and complete 4 assignments.

Class Participation

As noted, classroom participation is highly valued as an important tool for learning. Thus, 30 points are available through your classroom participation. Points will be earned for several in-class group activities. You must fully participate to receive credit. I will not give you credit if you are not fully engaged in discussions! Group activities will occur unannounced. These groups will help facilitate discussion on key topics. Groups may consist of 4-8 students. Each group will elect a recorder who will list everyone's name and note significant discussions within the group. They will also share this with the whole class. Points will also be given for full participation. Full participation is attending class for the entire class session. Therefore leaving early, arriving late, and walking in & out of class can result in reduction in class participation points.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory. Students who do not attend the first day of class will be dropped from the course. Excessive absences of two or more can lead to exclusion from class. If you stop attending class (or wish to drop the class), YOU MUST DROP THE CLASS YOURSELF—OFFICIALLY on or before May 5th by internet. Failure to do so may result in a grade of an "F".

Extra Credit(choose ONE of the following)

- Media Analysis Paper (3-4 pages): Students are to analyze how the news media present particular social problems. You may receive up to 15 extra credit points. Log in to website <http://lamc.mylabsplus.com> and see assignment guidelines for help.
- Presentations (7-10 minutes): You can present your Social Problems Paper to the class. You can present your topic in any format (powerpoint, outlines, visuals, graphics, etc). You can not read from your paper word for word. Your presentation can be a minimum of 7 to 10 minutes. You may receive up to 20 extra credit points.



STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Student Preparation

Students SHOULD read and study the assigned chapters and material before the class meets in order to be ready to participate in class discussions.

I will not allow the reading of newspapers or magazines, social chatter or the passing of personal notes during class. Listening to music, playing video games or otherwise engaging in non-classroom focused behavior, such as sleeping, is also not permitted. Such activities distract me, as well as your peers. Failure to follow these important guidelines will result in reduction of points in participation.

Cell Phones: All cell phones must be turned off. No text messaging during class instruction.

Lap Tops: Only use for the purposes of note taking. Web surfing, playing games, instant messaging, e-mail, and working on homework for other classes tends to be distracting to others and is prohibited during class time.

Class Discussion

Class discussion is extremely important in order to have a well rounded sociological perspective. Otherwise students may be exposed to only one view, that of the instructor. Remember discussions are possible only if everyone participates and reads the material. All opinions and comments are valid and important. Rude and disrespectful comments or attacks directed at other classmates, or the instructor will not be tolerated. Also, students are not required to agree with the authors, other students, or the instructor. We each hold the right to respectfully agree and disagree within this class.

Tardy Policy

Students arriving late should not disrupt the class by attempting to take their usual seat but should quickly and quietly take one of the reserved seats near the door. Students should expect to stay for then entire class period. Leaving early is leaving any time before class is ends. I will notice ☺ This can lead to a reduction in points for participation.

Make-up Policy and Late Assignments

Students are required to complete all course assignments. Assignments are communicated to students in advance so that adequate time is given for their completion. Therefore, all late assignments will receive an automatic reduction of one letter grade unless there is sufficient evidence for the absence or arrangements were made prior to the absence.

Make-up exams are granted only in the case of true personal emergency and require sufficient documentation for excuse. You must most notify the instructor well in advance.



Important Policies & Course Schedule

Reasonable Accommodations

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.

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)

Cheating (Administrative Board Rules 9803.28)

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 Student Services for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism (Administrative Board Rules 9803.28)

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:

- o Failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions or failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof.
- o 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.

Week	Topic & Assignments
1-Feb. 4	Course review, syllabus, introductions, & Ch.1
2-Feb. 13	Ch.1 & Ch.2
3-Feb.20	Ch. 3 On-line Assignment #1 Due Feb. 24 at 9 pm
4-Feb.27	Ch. 4
5-Mar.6	Ch. 5 Review Study Guide
6-Mar.13	Ch. 6 EXAM #1 Ch. 1-4
7-Mar.20	Continue Ch.6 & 7 On-line Assignment #2 Due Mar.24 at 9 pm
8-Mar.27	Continue Ch. 7 & 8
9-Apr.3	SPRING BREAK: No class
10-Apr.10	Continue Ch. 8 & 9 On-line Assignment #3 Due Apr.14 at 9 pm
11-Apr.17	Ch.9 &10 Review Study Guide
12-Apr.24	Ch.10 EXAM #2 Ch. 5-9
13-May 1	Ch.11
14-May 8	Ch. 12 Sign-up for Extra Credit Presentations On-line Assignment #4 Due May 12 at 9 pm
15-May15	Ch.13 Social Problems Paper is due
16-May 22	Ch.14 Review Study Guide & Extra Credit Paper may be turned in and Extra Credit Presentations begin
17-May 28 FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM Ch. 10-14 Extra Credit Paper is due and continue Extra Credit Presentations 8pm-10pm

Schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Chapter reading assignments should be read by date by which they are listed.

Important Add & Drop Dates

February 15, 2013

LAST DAY TO ADD FULL TERM CLASS.

LAST DAY TO DROP TO RECEIVE NO "WITHDRAWAL" (IN PERSON & BY INTERNET)

May 3, 2013

LAST DAY TO WITH "WITHDRAWAL" (IN PERSON)

May 5, 2013

LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A "WITHDRAWAL" (BY INTERNET)

NEW CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICY:

A new state policy in effect as of Summer 2012 **limits students to 3 attempts per course**. Receiving a grade or "W" for a course counts as an attempt, regardless of when the course was taken. Withdrawal by February 15, 2013 (avoiding a "W") will not count as an attempt.



Student Log-In Procedures

Buy access code and book at **LA Mission College Bookstore:**
www.lamission.edu/bookstore



Student Quick Reference Guide

This quick reference guide is intended for students using Pearson's **MyLabsPlus (MLP)** website. **MyLabsPlus** is a dynamic online learning environment designed to support you with rich, engaging, customized content.

3 Easy Steps to MyLabs Plus

- 1) Log in to your course via your campus url www.lamc.mylabsplus.com
- 2) Your login name is: **Student ID Number**
Your Password is: **PASSWORD** (Please type it in all caps)

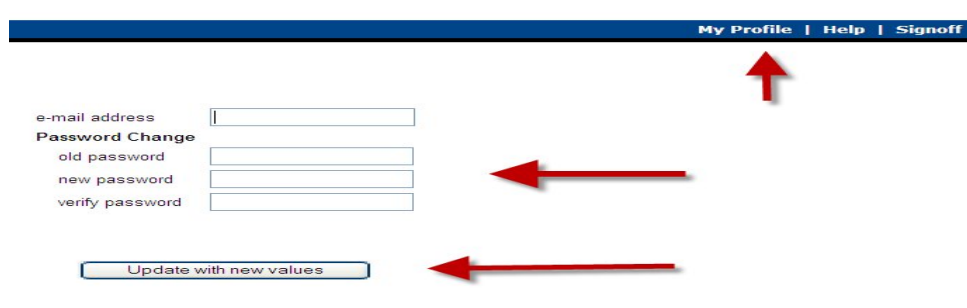
The screenshot shows the Pearson MyLabsPlus login interface. On the left, there is a 'Sign in' section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Forgot your Username/Password?' link, and a blue 'Sign in' button. A red arrow points to this button. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Pearson MyLabsPlus' heading, a sub-heading 'Welcome to Pearson MyLabsPlus!', and a paragraph describing the platform. Below this is a 'Help your students succeed with MyLabsPlus!' message. On the right, there is a 'MyLabPlus Information' sidebar with links for 'Product Information', 'Tours & Training', and 'News & Events'.

- 3) Click on your **MyLab Course Name** (i.e., Psych 1, English 101, Soc 1 etc.)

The screenshot shows a list of courses under the heading 'Social Sciences'. A red arrow points to the first course link: **Philosophy 6- Intro to Logic Philosophy 6- Intro to Logic (Dyas)** (Admin Access) - eCompanion.NExT. Other courses listed include Psychology 1 (16week) Psychology 1 (Dr. McKenna), Sociology 1- (On-line) Sociology 1- (Biondo), Sociology 1- (On-line) Sociology 1- (Layne), and Sociology 2 Social Problems Sociology 2 Social Problems (biondo).

How do I change my password?

- 1) Click on My Profile
- 2) Type in old password and new password
- 3) Click on Update



The screenshot shows a user profile page with a navigation bar at the top containing "My Profile | Help | Signoff". Below the navigation bar, there is a form for changing a password. The form includes an "e-mail address" field, a "Password Change" section with "old password", "new password", and "verify password" fields, and an "Update with new values" button. Red arrows point to the "My Profile" link, the password fields, and the "Update with new values" button.

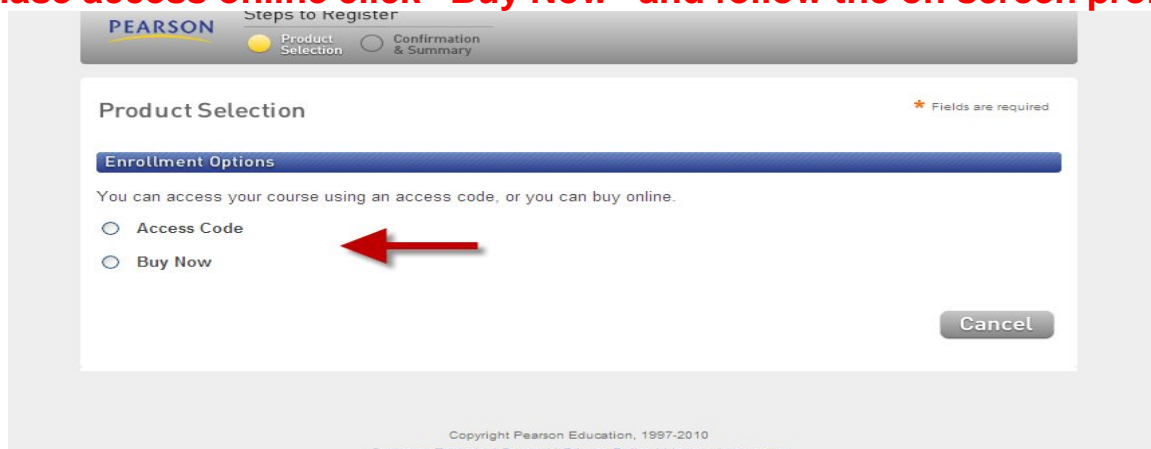
WHAT DO I DO WITH THE ACCESS CODE THAT CAME WITH MY BOOK?

The first time that you click on a content item you will be asked to read and accept the privacy policy. – Click Accept



You will be given a choice: Access Code or Buy Now

To purchase access online click "Buy Now" and follow the on screen prompts.



The screenshot shows a registration page for Pearson. At the top, there is a "Steps to register" section with two steps: "Product Selection" (indicated by a yellow circle) and "Confirmation & Summary" (indicated by a grey circle). Below this, there is a "Product Selection" section with a sub-section titled "Enrollment Options". The text below "Enrollment Options" reads "You can access your course using an access code, or you can buy online." There are two radio buttons: "Access Code" and "Buy Now". A red arrow points to the "Buy Now" radio button. At the bottom right of the form, there is a "Cancel" button. The footer of the page contains the text "Copyright Pearson Education, 1997-2010" and "Customer Technical Support | Privacy Policy | License Agreement".

Enter in the MyLabPLUS access code number that came with your book.

Product Selection * Fields are required

Enrollment Options

You can access your course using an access code, or you can buy online.

Access Code

* Enter Your Access Code

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Example
SIMPLE-FRILL-TONLE-WEIRS-CHOIR-FLEES

Buy Now

HOW DO I GET HELP?

MyLabsPlus offers 24/7 support at 888-883-1299 or helpdesk@esc.mylabsplus.com

Additional Help Logging In

- Go to <http://lamc.mylabsplus.com> and click on to Need additional help signing in?
- For further assistance go to <http://247support.custhelp.com>

