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Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology Section #7819
Spring 2014 Tu 1:30-4:40pm Vaughn International Studies Academy
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Welcome to Sociology 1! **Course Description:** This lecture and discussion course develops the sociological perspective that behavior is determined largely by human interactions and membership in groups. The main elements of sociological analysis are presented, emphasizing social organization, culture, socialization, social stratification, and population. These elements are applied to topics such as crime and delinquency. (UC:CSU) 3 UNITS

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

- assess and describe the three sociological theories and how they impact sociological research.
- utilize a research design to complete social research and analyze the data to come to a sociological conclusion.
- define a social problem they have experienced and discuss solutions to reduce, educate or eliminate such problems in society.

Tentative Class Schedule: February 11- June 3

Week 1 Getting Started
Feb 11 Syllabus, Speed Intros, Norm Setting, & Alphabetical Introductions
Homework: Read Soc Imagination

Week 2 The Sociological Perspective
Feb 18 Intro to Sociology Lecture & "The Sociological Study of Text Messaging" & TTL
HW: Rd. Soc Beginnings & Social Theories

Week 3 How Sociologists Do Research
Feb 25 Research Methods Lecture & *The Milgram Experiment* HW: Rd. Soc Doing Research

Week 4 Culture
Mar 4 Culture Lecture & "The Nacirema" & Go Over Term Paper Prompt HW: Rd. Culture

Week 5 Socialization
Mar 11 Socialization Lecture & *The Secret of the Wild Child* HW: Rd. Socialization

Week 6 Social Structure & Interaction
Mar 18 Essay Workshop, Peer Review & Midterm Exam Review HW: Rd. Crime & Social Control

Week 7 Deviance & Conformity
Mar 25 Pick Presentation Groups & Midterm Exam HW: Read Deviance

Week 8 Social Groups & Stratification
Apr 1 Review Midterm Exam, Deviance Lecture & Deviance Skits
HW: Rd. Social Groups & Social Stratification

Week 9 Social Class
Apr 8 Perform Deviance Skits & Peer Review & Social Class Lecture HW: Read Race & Ethnicity

Week 10 APRIL 15 NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK

Week 11 Race & Ethnicity, Sex & Gender
Apr 22 Race & Ethnicity Lecture, Presentation Prep & **Term Paper Due** HW: Rd. Sex & Gender

Week 12 The Elderly
Apr 29 The Elderly Lecture & *The Alzheimer's Project* HW: Rd. Family & Religion, Debate Research

Week 13 Politics & The Economy
May 6 Presentations & Class Debate Prep HW: Politics & Economy

Week 14 Populations & Urbanization
May 13 Class Canceled HW: Rd. Populations & Urbanization

Week 15 Class Debate
May 20 Presentations & Class Debate & Final Exam Study Guide HW: Rd. Pop Culture & Media

Week 16 May 27 Non-Instructional Day
Week 17 June 3 3:00pm-5:00pm Final Exam

Assignments: The required textbook for this class is the Open Source Sociology Textbook. It is available for free on our website. You may be required to print chapters from the textbook and bring them to class with you. You will also be given supplemental readings. It is essential that you keep up with the reading for this class. In addition, you will be assigned several projects throughout the course of the semester. These assignments cannot be made up, and will not be accepted past the due date under any circumstances. In addition, you will be assigned one 5-7 page research paper and one group PowerPoint Presentation.

Exams: You will be given one midterm and one final exam in this class. There will be NO make-up exams, but you may arrange ahead of time to take an exam early under special circumstances. I will provide you with a review sheet before each exam.

Privacy and your College Grades: I cannot discuss your grades or any other private information with anyone but you. If a counselor or a parent has questions about your grades, you will need to inform them of this policy. It also means that you must be prepared for content that may be considered adult in nature. Let me know if you have any questions about this policy.

Academic Dishonesty: I take cheating **VERY SERIOUSLY**. You may not communicate with one another for any reason during exams. I reserve the right to move students at will during class time. Students are prohibited from signing in one another on the roll sheet. Please also familiarize yourself with current plagiarism regulations and copyright laws. **Your work must be your own**. According to LAMC's Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Action policy, misconduct may result in probation, suspension, or expulsion. Consider this fair warning: do not cheat in my class.

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: (a) failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions (b) failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof (c) paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution (d) representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own. For the 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: 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).

Email Policy: The best way to reach me is by email. Please allow at least 48 hours for an email response, and longer on the weekends. I respond to every email that is sent to me; if you do not get a response, I did not receive your email. In your email, specify your FULL NAME and the COURSE that you are enrolled in. I do not accept assignments slid under the door, in my mailbox, or by email unless you have received prior consent from me. They must be submitted in person on the day that they are due. I generally do not grant extensions nor do I accept late assignments.

Attendance Policy: I will drop students from the class who do not attend in the first week, but it is the student's responsibility to drop a class if they stop participating beyond the first week. Students may

also be dropped at any time for lack of participation at the instructor's discretion, in accordance with college policies. I typically drop students once they accrue their third absence in the class. Please see the college website for registration and enrollment deadlines**.** Attendance is mandatory. I expect you to show up to and participate in every class. There is no such thing as an excused absence in this class. If you are absent, it is still your responsibility to hand in any work that was due, to get notes from a classmate, and to get any articles or assignments. Please talk to your classmates FIRST if you are absent, and then see me if you have any questions. Students who show up late for class or leave early will be counted as absent. You are prohibited from being in class while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Reasonable Accommodation: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email or speak with me after class. The sooner I am aware of your eligibly 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 number (818) 364-7732 TTD (818) 364-7861 and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Student Portal: update email addresses, view schedule and grades from past semesters
Go to www.lamission.edu →students→student portal
Enter 88 plus your PIN (your birthday in MMDD form) →go to option 1 to update email address

Your final grade is calculated based on the following:	**Grades are determined using a straight scale:**	
30% Midterm Exam	90-100%	A
30% Final Exam	80-89%	B
20% Participation	70-79%	C
10% Term Paper	60-69%	D
10% PowerPoint Presentation	below 60%	F

Important Dates and Deadlines: Call (818) 988-2222 or check www.lamission.edu online
Feb 23: Last Date to Drop Class with Refund and without a "W"
May 11: Last Day to Drop Class with a "W"

Please keep this syllabus, and refer to it each week for assignments and due dates