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SOC1 - West Los Angeles College



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Fall 2015

Section # 8237

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*3 units; 3 hours lecture
Transferable CSU, UC*



ABOVE: This video provides a personalized overview of the course that is being taught this semester by Professor Stone.

Course Overview

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology and its contribution in a diverse world. The objective of the course is to understand the interconnectedness of culture and society in today's world and the trends toward unification across cultures..

Course Objectives:

1. Define and describe sociology as a field of study and distinguish it from other disciplines in the social sciences.
2. Explain and apply the sociological imagination as defined by C. Wright Mills.
3. Identify and describe key theoretical perspectives in sociology, including functionalism, conflict, and interactionism. Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each perspective relative to a variety of social situational circumstances.
4. Identify and analyze prominent classic theorists in sociology, such as Karl Marx, Max Weber, and Emile Durkheim, as well as contemporary theorists, such as Peter Berger, George Ritzer, and Talcott Parsons and their contributions to the field of sociology.
5. Identify the six steps in the scientific method and distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research methods.
6. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of research methodologies sociologists use to gather and analyze data.
7. Articulate dimensions of material and nonmaterial culture, including norms, values, and symbols.
8. Classify and define micro and macro elements of social structure, including status, role, social groups, organizations, and institutions.
9. Identify agents of socialization and describe the process of socialization throughout the life course. Explain the "nature vs. nurture" debate and assess socialization theories of human development.

10. Define deviance and social control. Identify and apply theories used to explain deviant behavior.
11. Demonstrate an understanding of sociological concepts relating to social stratification and inequality.
12. Describe major social institutions and evaluate their impact on individuals and groups in American society. Discuss historical and contemporary changes in these institutions.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Recall and define sociological terms and concepts to use in the analysis of social institutions such as the family, religion, politics, economics and healthcare.
- Describe, compare and contrast major theoretical perspectives in sociology such as Functionalism, Conflict Theory and Interactionism.
- Describe and apply theories of social stratification including those that address social inequality based on factors such as race, gender, ethnicity and social class.

Required Materials

- [Sociology In Our Times: The Essentials](#) (8th or 9th Edition or later) by Diana Kendall (Thomson Learning)
- Access to a computer for exams and discussion posts.
- Please note: I do not use MODULES in eTudes so the TEXTBOOK is required.

Schedule & Supplements

- Visit the Course Map on eTudes for a listing of all due dates.
- All coursework must be completed on the eTudes site.
- Additional supplements can be found at sociologyonline.weebly.com (<http://sociologyonline.weebly.com>).

Course Expectations

- Participation - students enrolled in the course are expected to complete all assigned weekly readings, actively engage in online discussions and login to eTudes regularly.
- Academic dishonesty – cheating on exams and/or plagiarism will result in an "F" (failure) for the specific assignment. All written assignments must be your original work. When using other works for support or direct quotes, indicate the source using the appropriate formalized method (MLA style or APA).

Exams

- You will have four exams that will count towards your grade. You will have 70 minutes to complete each exam once you click on "begin" so be sure you are focused and ready.

Accommodations

- To receive accommodations for a special need or disability, students must register with the Office of Disabled Student Program and Services. Please contact the DSPS Director at (310) 287 4450 for information and assistance. Location: Student Services Building, 3rd floor, room SSB 320.

Grading

- Four Exams worth 80 points each = 320 pts.
- Two [Discussion Posts \(/soc-1--discussion-posts.html\)](#) per chapter, 5 points each (choose from what is posted) = 120 pts.
- [Video Blogs \(/soc-1--video-blog-instructions.html\)](#) total of four, 25 pts. each = 100 pts.

TOTAL POINTS FOR CLASS: 540 PTS.

Letter grade calculation: Divide total points by 540 to get %

A = 90 - 100 %

B = 80 - 89 %

C = 70 - 79 %

D = 60 - 69 %

F = 59 % or less

***** Students are responsible for formally dropping the class through the registration office. PLEASE CONSULT THE COURSE SCHEDULE for SPECIFIC DATES. *****
