

**Introduction to Sociology**

**SOC - 001 Section 1829**

**Course Outline Fall 2015**

**Monday and Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-2:25 p.m.**

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**Course Description:**

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.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, students will be capable of:

- Know the sociological perspective theories; what is sociology, culture, society and diversity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the individual in society, socialization, groups and organizations, deviance, crime and social control.
- Identify problems stratification and social inequality.
- Have an understanding of social institutions such as the family, religion and Education.
- Know about human ecology and social change
- Interpret numerical data and abstract models as presented in tables, graphs, charts, and diagrams.

Ultimately, the goal of the class is to foster the student's own sociological imagination in linking his or her own private experiences with public issues at local and global levels of society.

If there are special accommodations that you require to be successful in this course, please request assistance from the professor. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, room SSB 320.

**Course Requirements:**

- 1) TEXT BOOK "Sociology Concepts and Applications in a Diverse World" Problems" eight edition. *Authors: Thomas J. Sullivan*
- 2) Attendance and participation is required; students are expected to complete their weekly reading assignments before coming to class and be prepare for group discussions. You will be **EXCLUDED** from the course for unexcused class absences; more than **(2) absences** will impact your grade
- 3) EXAMS- there are five quizzes each worth 10 points and two exams; a Midterm and Final; each worth 50 points.

Midterm Exam	50
Final Exam	50
2 Current Events 15 points each total of:	30 points
Participation	10
Presentation	20
5 Quizzes 10 points each total of:	50 points

**Total Points = 210**

105-125 = F, 126-146 = D, 147-167 = C, 168-188 = B, 189-210 = A

### **Class Expectations:**

You are expected to conduct yourself with the highest order and decorum in this class. Arriving late and/or leaving early from this class is disruptive and unacceptable behavior. There will be no cell phone use, iPod's, lap top computer or any type of electronic devises.

### **Current Events:**

- The current events sources must be journal articles or newspapers
- Essays format: 1 1/2 sheets long; with a title, 12 font, double space
- MLA format and a cited page.

### **Plagiarism**

I will uphold the West Los Angeles Community College policy on Academic Integrity. You may access this policy through the institutional catalog. Please note that I reserve the right to ask you to submit your work in electronic form.

### **Group Presentation**

Present a topic on a social issue:

- students must present utilizing a poster or creating a power point presentation
- 10 minutes not less

**LATE WORK** *will not be accepted, no makeup for Quizzes or Tests*

**NOTE: SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Introduction to the course and *Chapter 1-What is Sociology?*

**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> LABOR DAY-No Class**

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 2- Culture, Society, and Diversity*

Sept. 14<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 3- Socialization (Quiz 1-on Wednesday).*

Sept. 21<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> *Chapter 4-Groups and Organizations (Current Event # 1 Peer Editing on Wednesday)*

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 5- Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (Quiz 2 on Wednesday)*

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 6- Social Stratification and Social Inequality (Mid Term Study Guide; Current Event #1 Due both on Wednesday)*

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 7–Social Inequality: Race and Ethnicity (Quiz 3 on Wednesday).*

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> *Chapter 8-Social Inequality: Gender (Mid Term Exam on Wednesday).*

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 10- Health and Health Care Institutions (Current Event # 2 Peer Editing on Monday and Quiz 4 on Wednesday).*

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 11- Religion (Current Event # 2 Due Wednesday)*

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 12-Education and Mass Media (Presentations Begin)*

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> VETERANS DAY- No Class**

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 13-Political and Economic Institutions (Presentations and Quiz 5 on Wednesday)*

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> **(Presentations)**

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> *Chapter 14–Human Ecology: Population, Community, and Environment (Presentations and Final Study Guide)*

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> *Chapter 15-Collective Behavior, Social Change, and Modernization*

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> **Final Exam**