

West Los Angeles College

Course Syllabus

Sociology 1, Fall 2013

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<Textbook> Sociology: Concepts & Applications in a Diverse World

By Thomas Sullivan

Course Description:

Sociology is the study of society and human social interactions and membership in social groups. The sociological perspectives stresses the social contexts in which people live and examines how groups influence people in society. This course is an introduction to the basic concepts and theories of sociology emphasizing social organization, culture, socialization, social inequality, and social change as applied to topics such as crime and social delinquency, minorities, family, religion, education, and urban life.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's):

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

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

Dates	Assignments	
8/29	Chapter 1	Introduction & What is Sociology?
9/6	Chapter 12	Education
9/12	Chapter 3	Socialization
9/19	Chapter 9	Family
9/26	Chapter 8	Sexuality & Gender
10/3	Chapter 11	Religion
10/10	Chapter 4	Networks, Groups, & Organizations
	Chapter 14	Population & Urbanization
10/17	Review	Midterm
10/24	Chapter 7	Social Inequality: Race & Ethnicity
	Chapter 6	Social Stratification
10/31	Chapter 5	Deviance & Crime
11/7	Chapter 13	Politics, Work, & Economy
11/14	Chapter 10	Health, Medicine, Disability, & Aging
11/21	Chapter 15	Collective Behavior & Social Movements
12/5	Chapter 2	Culture & Review
12/12	Final	

### Grading System:

Two exams carrying equal weight:

Exam #1	100 points	200 points divided by 2 exams = 100 T/F, MC, Short Answers/Essays
<u>Exam #2</u>	<u>100 points</u>	
Total	200 points	

### Grading Standards:

90-100 points average	A = excellent
80-89 points average	B = good
70-79 points average	C = satisfactory
60-69 points average	D = below satisfactory
59-0 points average	F = fail

- Absences will be excused one time in the course period.
- Pop quizzes may be given according to the instructor's discretion.
- Students will be responsible for adding/dropping classes.