

West Los Angeles College

Course Syllabus

Sociology 1, Winter 2014

Instructor: Dr. Jennie J. Lee

M-Th 10:45 am – 1:20 pm (3 units) Rm.TBA

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No prerequisite for course required

<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	
1/6	Chapter 1	Introduction & What is Sociology?
1/7	Chapter 12	Education
1/8	Chapter 3	Socialization
1/9	Chapter 9	Family
1/13	Chapter 8	Sexuality & Gender
1/14	Chapter 11	Religion
1/15	Chapter 4	Networks, Groups, & Organizations
1/16	Chapter 14	Population & Urbanization
1/21	Review	
1/22	Midterm	
1/23	Chapter 7	Social Inequality: Race & Ethnicity
1/27	Chapter 6	Social Stratification
1/28	Chapter 5	Deviance & Crime
1/29	Chapter 13	Politics, Work, & Economy
1/30	Chapter 10	Health, Medicine, Disability, & Aging
2/3	Chapter 15	Collective Behavior & Social Movements
2/4	Chapter 2	Culture
2/5	Review	
2/6	Final	Regular Class Time

Grading System:

Two exams carrying equal weight:

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

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

Students are expected to attend every class meeting, to arrive on time and stay throughout the class period. Students may be dropped from class for excessive tardiness, for failure to attend class the first day or during the entire first week of the class, or if the total number of absences exceed the twice the number of hours the class meets per week), missed/makeup exams, missed/makeup assignments, late assignments/extensions, reporting absences.

“W’s” now count toward attempts at any one course. After three (3) attempts the state will not pay the college for a student to take a course. The last date to drop without a “W” in person is January 8, or by web January 8, TO DROP WITH a “W”, is Friday, January 31, 2014.

“Students with disabilities who need any assistance or accommodations should contact the instructor. Students should also contact the Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPPS) center located in SSB 320 or call 310-287-4420.”

“Violations of academic integrity of any type by a student provides grounds for disciplinary action by the instructor or college. Violations of Academic Integrity include, but are not limited to, the following actions: cheating on an exam, plagiarism, working together on an assignment, paper or project when the instructor has specifically stated students should not do so, submitting the same term paper to more than one instructor, or allowing

another individual to assume one's identity for the purpose of enhancing one's grade.

Regarding "I"s or incompletes, students will see the instructor to make-up the missed work in a timely manner and schedule a time to do so in agreement with the instructor.

The class syllabus or schedule is tentative and is subject to change as needed or deemed necessary.

Along with the exams and quizzes, students will turn in optional reports not to exceed one page in hard copy regarding any aspect of sociology studied for extra credit during the midterm and/or final.