



### Course Information:

Course Title: Internet Introductory Sociology  
Course Prefix & Number: SOCI 1301.W1

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### Textbook and Course Materials:

Required Text: Introductory Sociology 1301 Packet (written by Dr. Alyce Bunting). It is linked at our class homepage.

PLEASE USE THE LINKS AT OUR CLASS HOMEPAGE, UNDER THE HEADING "TEXT FOR OUR CLASS." The copy in the bookstore is for the classroom sections of this course. If you want, you can print a copy for yourself, or just use the links to access the text.

### Subscribe to blog:

At our class homepage, in the blue bar at the top of the page, you will see the heading "Class Information." This is a blog and you need to subscribe to it. To do this, click on "Class Information," then click on "Subscribe," check "By email," and then click "Subscribe." That way any information I post about class activities will not only appear at the top of our class homepage, but also be sent to you in an email to your TC email account.

### Communication between Instructor and Student:

All communication for this course will take place through our class Jenzabar homepage. Once you enroll in the course, you will send all messages to me through our class homepage, not to my Texarkana College email address. To do this, first click on the "Discussion Forum," and then, under "Communication between Instructor and Student," click on "Ask the Professor." This way, we have a history of every message we send to each other, so, hopefully, no messages will go astray!

I will respond to any message you send me within 24 hours, if sent during the week, and Monday, if sent over the weekend. Keep this in mind if you are trying to complete an assignment at the last minute and run into a problem. Because, if that happens, and you message me for help, there is a good chance that I won't respond until after the assignment is due! In other words, plan accordingly.

Remember, once you are enrolled in the course, I will only respond to messages sent to me through our "Discussion Forum"!

## Grading:

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

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| (1) Course Worksheet (your bonus points) -      | 50 total points        |
| (2) Mid-Term and Final Exam (100 points each) - | 200 total points       |
| (3) Quiz Activities -                           | 90 total points        |
| (4) Assignments -                               | 90 total points        |
| (5) Movie Quizzes -                             | 60 total points        |
| (6) "Getting to Know You" forum -               | <u>10 total points</u> |
|   | 500 total points       |

Grades are available at the "Gradebook" link at our class homepage. When you complete any of the quiz activities, assignments, movie quizzes, or exams, you will be able to see those grades at the "Gradebook" link. Texarkana College is not responsible for issues related to your computer or internet service. Any problem with your computer or internet service is not an excuse for not completing your assignments by their due dates.

## Grading Scale and Student Assessment:

I use total points to determine final grades in this class. The "Gradebook" link will show both how many points you have earned, as well as a letter grade and an average (%). **IGNORE THE LETTER GRADE AND THE AVERAGE! THEY WILL NOT BE ACCURATE UNTIL ALL GRADES HAVE BEEN ENTERED! YOU ONLY NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE TOTAL POINTS!**

Grades will be assigned as follows:

A = 405 - 500

B = 360 - 404

C = 315 - 359

D = 270 - 314

F = less than 270

## Coursework/Exams:

All assignments will also be sent through our Jenzabar class homepage. The Course Worksheet, quiz activities, assignments, movie quizzes, mid-term and final exams will be answered directly at Jenzabar. **THE MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMS ARE TIMED, BUT NONE OF THE OTHER COURSEWORK IS TIMED.**

As you can see at the "Course Organizer" link, the course material is divided into two units. Unit 1 covers information and work for Part 1 and Part 2 of our text; Unit 2 covers the information and work for Part 3 and Part 4 of our text.

(1) **COURSE WORKSHEET:** After familiarizing yourself with all of the information contained at the various links at our class homepage, you will then complete a Course Worksheet, which is available at "Course Organizer" (Unit 1) at our class homepage. This worksheet is a 50 question test over the course information, and the maximum number of points to be earned on the worksheet is 50 points. However, each incorrect response will result in a 5 point deduction, so if you miss more than 10 questions, you will earn no bonus points. **THE POINTS YOU EARN ON THE COURSE WORKSHEET WILL BE YOUR ONLY BONUS**

**POINTS FOR THIS COURSE. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER BONUS POINTS FOR THIS COURSE, SO IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO DO WELL ON THE WORKSHEET.**

**PLEASE NOTE: You may look at the class homepage, syllabus, and information contained at the links at our class homepage when working on the Course Worksheet! In fact, please do!**

(2) **EXAMS:** There will be a Mid-Term Exam and a Final Exam given in this class. Both exams are comprised of 100 multiple-choice questions. These two exams will be taken online and can be taken at home or at any computer connected to the internet. The two exams are timed, and you will have one hour to complete each exam.

Information covered on the Mid-Term Exam includes Part 1 (“The History of Sociology,” “The Science of Sociology,” and “The Theories of Sociology”) and Part 2 (“Culture” and “Socialization”) from our text, as well as the videos “Lost Boys of Sudan,” “The Cost of Cloth,” and “Dollar Street.”

The Final Exam is over Part 3 (“Deviance” and “Race and Ethnicity”) and Part 4 (“Social Stratification” and “Sex and Gender”), and will also include information from the videos “Lessons from Death Row,” “Eye of the Storm,” “My road trip through the whitest towns in America,” and “A Call to Men.”

Exams can be taken at any time, but must be taken by 11:30 pm of their due dates. Both exams are available to be taken now. **IF TAKEN LATE, THE MID-TERM EXAM WILL BE GRADED AT HALF CREDIT. THE FINAL EXAM CANNOT BE TAKEN LATE.**

To prepare for the exams, use the reviews at the end of each section of the text to help guide you as you study. Also, be sure and watch the videos and read the text. Reviewing the quiz activities would be a good idea, too!

(3) **QUIZ ACTIVITIES:** For each of the four parts of our text, there is a set of multiple choice questions. These quizzes and their due dates can be found at “Course Organizer” at our class homepage.

(4) **ASSIGNMENTS:** You will find links for Assignments #1, #2, #3 and #4 at “Course Organizer” at our class homepage. Instructions for completing the assignments are given at the assignment links.

(5) **MOVIE QUIZZES:** There will be two quizzes over the movies you are required to watch for this class. The first movie quiz will be over the movies “Lost Boys of Sudan,” “The Cost of Cloth,” and “Dollar Street.” The second movie quiz will be over the movies “Lessons from Death Row,” “Eye of the Storm,” “My road trip through the whitest towns in America,” and “A Call to Men.”

These movies can be found at the “Videos” link at our class homepage. Some of the movies are through “Films on Demand,” and may require a username and password. If so, the username is “Texarkana,” and the password is “texas.”

(6) **FORUM:** We will have a forum, “Getting to Know You,” which will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to our class. Responding to the forum is graded and required.

**Absentee Policy:**

For the purposes of this internet class, an absence will be recorded if a student fails to send in any of the required work or respond to a forum by its due date. You are allowed two absences. The third time a student fails to send in work on time, or respond to a forum by the due date, the student will be dropped from the course. These three failures to complete work by due dates do not have to be consecutive.

### **Make-up Policy:**

There will be no credit given for late quiz activities, assignments, or movie quizzes. In fact, the links for those activities close after their due dates. You know at the beginning of the semester what work is required and what the due dates are. Plan accordingly. If the Mid-Term exam is taken after its due date, it will be graded at half-credit. There will be no incompletes given in this class.

Course Worksheet, Quiz Activities, Assignments, Movie Quizzes, Mid-Term and Final Exams must be received by 11:30 pm of their due dates.

### **Academic Dishonesty Policy:**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the course with an "F". This policy applies campus wide, including the TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses.

### **Computer Requirement Policy:**

Students are required to have a computer with Internet access for classes. The computer must be an actual computer – smart phones, iPads, Androids, Chromebooks, etc., are not acceptable substitutes because they lack software compatibility necessary to complete all assignments and tests. Financial costs for the necessary equipment and internet access are the responsibility of the student.

Students needing to purchase a computer may do so through the Texarkana College Bookstore. Systems purchased through the bookstore meet or exceed all requirements, are competitively priced, and may be purchased using financial aid funds. If the system is purchased through another source, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the system meets all requirements.

Computer systems requirements:

- Webcam, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Windows 10 or a recent version of Mac OS (minimum Sierra). Windows 10 S mode is not supported
- Hardware capable of running Microsoft Teams (free download) and supports multi-media playback
- Support for Chrome or Microsoft Edge – Note: Firefox, Safari, or other browsers may not work on all TC applications
- Able to run Microsoft Office which will be provided free to TC students
- Adobe Reader or another PDF viewer
- Antivirus software such as Windows Defender or another 3<sup>rd</sup> party anti-virus solution
- The Respondus Lockdown browser is used for taking tests; therefore, the system must be capable of running this software. Most newer systems that meet other specifications should work.
- Students should regularly backup content to prevent loss of coursework due to hardware failure. Backup copies of documents and other coursework may be placed on OneDrive cloud storage. OneDrive is included free of charge for all TC students.

A list of Internet service providers can be found on the TC website at <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus/>.

### Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website ([www.texarkanacollege.edu](http://www.texarkanacollege.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

### COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

**If any changes are made to this syllabus, the class will be informed.**