



Syllabus:

Course Number: SOCI 1301.W

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Internet Introductory Sociology 1301.W Syllabus, 2024: The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include such topics as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives of sociology.
2. The student will identify the various methodological approaches to the collection and analysis of data in sociology.
3. The student will describe key concepts in sociology.
4. The student will describe the empirical findings of various subfields of sociology.
5. The student will explain the complex links between individual experiences and broader institutional forces.

TEXT: Introductory Sociology 1301 (written by Dr. Alyce Bunting). It is available at our class homepage. You do not need to buy any materials for the class.

Communication between Instructor and Student:

You can send messages to me about our class to my email address, alyce.bunting@texarkanacollege.edu. 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.

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 |



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 deadlines.

Grading Scale and Student Assessment:

Grades are available at the link for our class at myTC under the heading "Jenzabar Attendance and Grades." I use total points to determine final grades in this class. Grades will be assigned as follows:

A = 405 - 500
B = 360 - 404
C = 315 - 359
D = 270 - 314
F = less than 270

Section Videos:

At our class homepage, you will find a link "Section Videos." At this link you will find short (approximately 10 minute) videos for each of the nine sections of our text. Some of the sections have more than one video. And, for the most part, the content of the videos follows the material found in our text. There may be slight differences in the video information and what I have written in the text, but I think the videos will do a lot to enhance your learning this semester as you read through the text and complete the assignments and tests. You don't have to watch them, but I think it would benefit you if you did.

Coursework/Exams:

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

The course material is divided into two units. Unit 1 covers information and work for Part 1 ("The History of Sociology," "The Science of Sociology," and "The Theories of Sociology") and Part 2 ("Culture" and "Socialization") of our text; Unit 2 covers the information and work for Part 3 ("Deviance" and "Race and Ethnicity") and Part 4 ("Social Stratification" and "Sex and Gender") of our text.

PLEASE NOTE: All coursework, including the exams, is available for you to work on now. Each assignment and exam has a due date, but work can always be sent in early. In fact, I would suggest you work ahead on the coursework in case an emergency arises and you are not able to send in work on time. And, since all coursework is available for completion now, there is no excuse for not getting work done on time. Therefore, if an emergency arises for you when an assignment is due, **DO NOT ASK FOR EXTENDED TIME.** Your extended time for completing coursework starts now!

(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. 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 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 our class homepage.

(4) ASSIGNMENTS: You will find links for Assignments #1, #2, #3 and #4 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 links “Unit 1 Movie Quiz” and “Unit 2 Movie Quiz” at our class homepage.

(6) FORUM: We will have a forum, “Getting to Know You,” which will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to our class and get to know a little about your classmates. 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 or assignments. 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.

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

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