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Soochow University

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

Summer 2024

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 55 hours

Instructor: TBA

Email: TBA

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course introduces the basic theories, principles and researches of Sociology and how the contemporary society works. Social relationships development and the overtime change will be the focus. This course will also discuss on how these changes influence individual behaviors. The topics also includes culture, social structure, social mobility and etc. Students will be granted with the chance for exploring how contemporary society works and what methods social scientists will used in social research.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Define society and sociology from a scientific perspective
2. Describe the basic social structure of current society and identify some social problems
3. Explain how social relationships develop and change, and how they affect individual behaviors
4. Apply sociological theories to solve the social problems in daily life
5. Utilize scientific research methodology to explore social questions

PREREQUISITES

N/A

GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:



ITEM	POINTS
2 Presentations	20 Points
Midterm 1	15 Points
Midterm 2	15 Points
Project	20 Points
Final Exam	30 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$.

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts:

Richard T. Schaefer, *Sociology: A Brief Introduction*, 10th Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2013.

Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:

None

COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	Topics: Topic 1: Introduction: Understanding Society Topic 2: Sociological Research Topic 3: Sociological Research (Cont.) Topic 4: Socialization and the Life Course and Culture Assessments: Presentation#1
Module 2	Topics: Topic 5: Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Ssstructure Topic 6: Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure(Cont.) Topic 7: The Mass Media and Deviance and Crime Topic 8: Social Control Assessments:



	Presentation#2 Project
Module 3	<p>Topics: Topic 9: Stratification Topic 10: Social Mobility Topic 11: Global Inequality Topic 12: Global Inequality(Cont.)</p> <p>Assessments: Midterm#1 Project</p>
Module 4	<p>Topics: Topic 13: Racial and Ethnic Inequality Topic 14: Racial and Ethnic Inequality(Cont.) Topic 15: Stratification by Gender Topic 16: The Family and Human Sexuality</p> <p>Assessments: Midterm#2 Project due</p>
Module 5	<p>Topics: Topic 17: Education and Religion Topic 18: Government and the Economy Topic 19: Health and the Environment Topic 20: Social Change in the Global Community</p> <p>Assessments: Final Exam</p>

ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed



the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for



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access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material.