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SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

Summer 2021

Course information

Course Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 55 hours

Class Time: 8:30 - 10:20

Instructor: TBA

Course Format: Online

Course Description

This course introduces the basic discipline 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.

Prerequisite(s)

None



Learning Objectives

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.

Methodology

Methodology	Hours	Hours of work During class	Hours of work After class
Online Video	50	88 hours (60%)	
Online Forum Discussion	8		
Assessment	30		
Personal study	30		68 hours (40%)
Tasks	22		
Practical teaching preparation	10		
Bibliographic search	6		
Total	156	88	68

Textbook(s)

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



Tasks and Evaluation

2 Assignments	20%
2 Quizzes	20%
Midterm	25%
Final exam	35%

Students are required to attend online classes on the scheduled time. 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.

Online forum discussion is required. Students are required to post at least one question and answer at least one question on the forum weekly.

Online Tutorials are mandatory. Students will read and discuss academic articles provided. Students will also discuss the case studies for the week's lectures. Each Tutorial will be 1 hour.

All exams will be held online and the time of each exam will be limited to 1 hour. Exams must also be taken at the scheduled time. There will be no make-up exams.

Rating system:

1. Assessment

ASSESSMENT ITEM	PERCENT OF FINAL GRADE
2 Assignments	20% (10% for each)
2 Quizzes	20% (10% for each)
Midterm	25%
Final exam	35%



2. Grading Scale

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Course Content

Week	Lesson	Content
1	1	Introduction: Understanding Society
	2	Sociological Research
	3	Sociological Research (Cont.)
	4	Culture
	5	Socialization and the Life Course Assignment 1 due
2	6	Social Interaction, Groups, and Social structure Quiz 1
	7	Social Interaction, Groups, and Social structure
	8	The Mass Media
	9	Deviance and Crime
	10	Social Control
3	11	Midterm Test
	12	Stratification
	13	Social Mobility
	14	Global Inequality



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	15	Global Inequality Assignment 2 due
4	16	Racial and Ethnic Inequality
	17	Racial and Ethnic Inequality
	18	Stratification by Gender
	19	The Family and Human Sexuality
	20	Education and Religion Quiz 2
5	21	Government and the Economy
	22	Health and the Environment
	23	Social Change in the Global Community
	24	Final Exam Review
	25	Final Exam



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