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Soochow University

# SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology I

Winter 2024

**Course Credits:** 4

**Contact Hours:** 56 hours

**Instructor:** TBA

**Email:** TBA

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

This course is designed to develop awareness of the relationship between individual beliefs, attitudes and behaviors, and the wider society and culture. Topics will cover sociological theory, research, culture, socialization, interaction, class structure, organizations, deviance, and social stratification. Other key issues to be addressed include deviance and crime, globalization, the environment and social change. Students will develop the ability to apply sociological concepts to current issues that affect individuals, Canadian society and the international community.

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

1. Identify, analyze and apply sociological perspectives to current social issues;
2. Utilize scientific research methodology to explore social questions;
3. Assess the impact of culture and socialization on individuals and groups;
4. Describe how behaviors, attitudes and beliefs are shaped by individual and group experiences;
5. Evaluate and apply various sociological theories as they pertain to culture socialization, social interaction, social structure, groups, organizations, deviant behavior, and social stratification in the world.

## **PREREQUISITES**

None

## **GRADING**

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the



maximum, as follows:

ITEM	POINTS
2 Assignments	20 Points
2 Quizzes	20 Points
Midterm Exam	25 Points
Final Exam	35 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 Press, 2013.

### **Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:**

None

## COURSE TOPICS

MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 1: Introduction to Sociology Topic 2: The Development of Sociology Topic 3: Major Theoretical Perspectives Topic 4: Taking Sociology with You <b>Assessments:</b> Assignment #1



Module 2	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 5: Scientific Methods of Sociology Topic 6: Ethics of Research Topic 7: Culture Topic 8: Role of Language <b>Assessments:</b> Quiz #1
Module 3	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 9: Norms and Values Topic 10: Socialization Topic 11: Social Interaction and Reality Topic 12: Elements of Social Structure <b>Assessments:</b> Assignment #2 Midterm Exam
Module 4	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 13: Sociological Perspectives on the Media Topic 14: The Audience Topic 15: What is Deviance? Topic 16: Social Control <b>Assessments:</b> Quiz #2
Module 5	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 17: Crime: A Sociological Approach Topic 18: Systems of Stratification Topic 19: Poverty Topic 20: Social Mobility <b>Assessments:</b> Final Exam

## 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**



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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 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.