

Introduction to Sociology: Course Syllabus



Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The world is becoming more complex. How do your beliefs, values and behavior affect the people around you and the world we live in? In this increasingly connected world, students will examine problems in our society and learn how human relationships can influence the life of the student. Exciting online video journeys to different areas of the world are also presented in the course.

Unit 1: An Invitation to the World of Sociology

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Learn about the sociological approach.
- * Learn what sociologists do.
- * Understand the development of sociology.
- * Understand the major sociological perspectives.
- * Understand sociology today.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>An Invitation to the World of Sociology: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>An Invitation to the World of Sociology: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

<i>Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 1 Quiz – An Invitation to the World of Sociology</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: Our Culture

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand what culture is.**
- * **Learn how culture develops in a society.**
- * **Learn what language, norms, values, and sanctions are.**
- * **Understand cultural variations like subcultures and countercultures.**
- * **Learn about cultural diversity.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Our Culture: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Our Culture: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 2 Quiz – Our Culture**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 3: Socialization**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand what socialization is and how people learn to be members of their culture.**
- * **Examine the different socialization processes throughout the life course.**
- * **Learn how the agents of socialization teach individuals culture.**
- * **Examine how socialization affects the development of the self.**
- * **Understand the role of the family, school, peer group, media, and workplace in the socialization process.**

ASSIGNMENTS:**Socialization: Unit Text Questions****Homework**

10 points

Socialization: Online Sociology Lab Questions**Homework**

10 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 3 Quiz – Socialization**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 4: Social Structure & Group Behavior

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Examine the social structure of society and how this structure affects your everyday life.**
- * **Learn about the statuses in society that you may hold and the roles that follow from these statuses.**
- * **Follow the development of technology in society from preindustrial societies to postmodern ones and examine how these changes affect the social structure of societies.**
- * **Explore social interactions between groups of people.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Social Structure & Group Behavior: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Social Structure & Group Behavior: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 4 Quiz – Social Structure & Group Behavior</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Sociology Midterm Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * **Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

<i>Sociology Midterm Exam</i>	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
<i>Midterm Discussion Assignment</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 5: Deviance & Crime

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand what deviance is and how it affects society.**
- * **Examine the different explanations for deviance.**
- * **Discuss how society encourages conformity and how it uses social control to discourage deviance.**
- * **Understand the different types of crime and how society deals with crime.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Deviance & Crime: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Deviance & Crime: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

<i>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 5 Quiz – Deviance & Crime</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 6: Social Stratification & Class

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand what social stratification is and how it affects society.**
- * **Learn about the three types of social stratification.**
- * **Examine the major theories of social stratification.**
- * **Investigate the social classes that exist in the United States and Canada.**
- * **Learn about poverty in North America and which groups are more likely to be poor.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Social Stratification & Class: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Social Stratification & Class: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 6 Quiz – Social Stratification &</i>		

*Class**Quiz*

15 points

Unit 7: Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Learn what race and ethnicity are.
- * Investigate the characteristics of a minority group.
- * Understand what prejudice, racism, and discrimination are.
- * Examine the different ways that group relationships may be organized in society.
- * Discuss how a minority group may respond to repression.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 7 Quiz – Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 8: Gender

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Learn what gender and gender roles are.
- * Examine how gender roles and expectations influence the positions and opportunities available to men and women.
- * Discuss the social construction of gender.
- * Investigate how the socialization process teaches gender.
- * Look at gender inequality in society and how it affects men and women.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Gender: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Gender: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<i>Unit 8 Quiz – Gender</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Sociology Final Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- * Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

ASSIGNMENT:

<i>Sociology Final Exam</i>	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
<i>Class Reflection Discussion Assignment</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points

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