

Sociology II: Course Syllabus



Sociology: Your Social Life

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Sociology is the study of people, social life and society. The development of a sociological imagination will enable students to examine how society shapes human actions and beliefs, and how such actions and beliefs in turn shape society. Exciting online video journeys to different areas of the sociological world are also presented in the course.

Unit 1: Marriage & Family

Objectives:

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

- * Learn about different family arrangements around the world.
- * Think about the different functions that families provide for individuals and society.
- * Examine the patterns in mate selection for marriage.
- * Investigate the factors that have led to an increase in divorce.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Marriage & Family: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Marriage & Family: 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 – Marriage & Family</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: Religion & Education

Objectives:

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

- * Learn what functions religion provides for individuals and society.
- * Examine different types of religious organizations.
- * Investigate the functions of education in society.
- * Examine the relationship between education and social inequality.
- * Discuss the growth on online education.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Religion & Education: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Religion & Education: 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 – Religion & Education**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 3: The Economy & Politics**Objectives:**

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

- * Learn the differences between capitalism and socialism.
- * Discuss several recent trends in the economy.
- * Examine the three types of authority.
- * Investigate the differences between totalitarianism, authoritarianism, and democracy.
- * Discuss several models of power to explain the political system.

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Economy & Politics: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
The Economy & Politics: 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 – The Economy & Politics	Quiz	15 points

Unit 4: Sport & Entertainment

Objectives:

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

- * Learn how sports reinforce social enequality in society.
- * Discuss how sports contribute to socialization into North American culture.
- * Investigate the functions that the mass media provide.
- * Consider how the concentration of the media and gatekeeping activities influence what we are exposed to.
- * Examine the controversy over violence in the media and how individuals receive messages in the media.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Sport & Entertainment: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Sport & Entertainment: 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 – Sport & Entertainment</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

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

Unit 5: Population & Environment**Objectives:**

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

- * Understand the basic concepts used in the study of population.
- * Investigate several theories of population growth.
- * Examine some trends in population growth and the effects that these may have on society and the environment.
- * Discuss how the culture of North America contributes to environmental problems.
- * Understand what environmental racism is and how it reinforces social inequality.

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Population & Environment: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Population & Environment: Online Sociology Lab Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – Population & Environment	Quiz	15 points

Unit 6: Cities & Urban Life

Objectives:

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

- * **Understand some of the factors that led to the development of cities.**
- * **Learn what urbanization is and how it affects society, individuals, and the environment.**
- * **Examine how cities may affect those who live in them.**
- * **Investigate the trends of urban decline, the growth of Sunbelt cities, and sprawl.**
- * **Understand some of the effects that urban decline and sprawl have on society, cities, and individuals.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Cities & Urban Life: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Cities & Urban Life: Online Sociology Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points

Unit 6 Quiz – Cities & Urban Life**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 7: Collective Behavior & Social Movements**Objectives:**

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

- * **Understand the forms of collective behavior.**
- * **Examine explanations for collective behavior in society.**
- * **Investigate the difference categories of social movements and how they change society.**
- * **Discuss why social movements develop and the stages that they go through.**

ASSIGNMENTS:**Collective Behavior & Social Movements: Unit Text Questions****Homework**

10 points

Collective Behavior & Social Movements: Online Sociology Lab Questions**Homework**

10 points

Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2**Discussion**

5 points

Unit 7 Quiz – Collective Behavior & Social Movements**Quiz**

15 points

Unit 8: Social Change

Objectives:

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

- * **Understand what social change in society is and what causes it.**
- * **Examine how theorists have explained social change.**
- * **Discuss how society has changed since the Industrial Revolution.**
- * **Learn the common characteristics of postmodern societies.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

<i>Social Change: Unit Text Questions</i>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<i>Social Change: 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 – Social Change</i>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

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