SOC200 (001) INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY* (CRN=63287)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will introduce you to basic concepts, theories, and topics in sociology to help you think critically about society. We will cultivate your sociological imagination, examine the social construction of reality, and identify institutions that regulate social life. You will be introduced to fundamental concepts such as culture, socialization, race, class, and gender. The course will conclude with a brief review of substantive areas in sociology including environmental sociology and medical sociology. Upon leaving the course you should be able to apply what you have learned to social problems and think critically about how social structures influence individuals.

REQUIREMENTS

Exams: (50% of Final Grade). Exams are a mix of multiple choice and written questions. The final will not be cumulative. Bring a scantron/bubble sheet and essay booklet to each exam.
   Midterm – Tuesday, May 6 (in-class) -- 25% of final grade.
   Final – Thursday, June 12 (10:15am – 12:05pm)– 25% of final grade.

Written Assignments: (40% of Final Grade). There will be three written assignments. The first two are worth 15% of your grade and the last is worth 10%. The first is due Thursday, April 24. The second is due Tuesday, May 20 and the last due Thursday, May 29. Further instructions will be given in class. Assignments will be posted on D2L.

Attendance/Participation: (10% of Final Grade). Once a week, students will complete in-class assignments which will serve as a record of attendance and participation. You are permitted to miss one attendance day without penalty.

* The instructor reserves the right to modify this document. If changes are made, they will be announced. If you remain registered for this class, you agree to abide by the rules outlined in this syllabus.
POLICIES

Missed classes: My lecture notes will not be posted online. If you miss a class period, it is up to you to obtain notes from a classmate. Irregular attendance will inevitably and negatively impact your final grade. Attendance is not mandatory so you do not need to tell me if you miss class.

If you are going to miss an exam or a deadline for a writing assignment, you must contact me before the deadline and provide documentation of the extenuating circumstance in order for special arrangements to be made. If you do not inform me before the class during which the assignment is due, your assignment will receive a 10% deduction per day of the week (including weekends). Re-scheduling exams is only for emergency situations.

Classroom Conduct: Please turn off and refrain from using cell phones and ipods during class time. Laptop computers and tablets will be permitted only for the purposes of note-taking. Arrive on time and stay until the end of class; I promise I will never keep you late. During class discussions, demonstrate respect for your classmates as they give their opinions.

Email: Please allow the instructor and TA 24 hours to respond to an email. Oftentimes a response will be quicker than that, but particularly over the weekend, allow 24 hours. jloomis@pdx.edu and esbensen@pdx.edu

Academic Honesty: Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade for the course. Please refer to this website for more details about PSU’s academic misconduct policies - http://www.pdx.edu/dos/academic-misconduct

Students with Disabilities: Students with special needs are encouraged to work with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). If you are working with this center, please let the instructor know at the beginning of class so we can implement any necessary accommodations.

Inclement Weather: Check pdx.edu for notifications on university closures due to weather.

SCHEDULE (do the reading before class for the day listed)

Tues, April 1: Overview and Introduction to the Sociological Imagination
   Read: Chapter 1
   Homework: Put all due dates and exam dates in your calendar

Thurs, April 3: Methods
   Read: Chapter 2

Tues, April 8: Symbolic Interaction
   Read: Chapter 3

Thurs, April 10: Social Structure
   Read: Chapter 4
Tues, April 15: Culture/Media
    Read: Chapter 5
    Pass out: Writing Assignment 1

Thurs, April 17: Gender
    Read: Chapter 11

Tues, April 22: Gender
    Read: Finish Chapter 11

Thurs, April 24: Stratification
    Read: Chapter 9
    DUE: Writing Assignment 1

Tues, April 29: Stratification / Power and Politics
    Read: Finish Chapter 9

Thurs, May 1: Education
    Read: Chapter 15 – Sections 1-4

Tues, May 6: MIDTERM

Thurs, May 8: Race
    Read: Chapter 10 – Sections 1 and 2
    Pass out: Writing Assignment 2

Tues, May 13: Race (cont.)
    Read: Chapter 10 – Sections 3 and 4

Thus, May 15: Deviance/social control
    Read: Chapter 16 – Sections 1, 2, 4

Tues, May 20: Deviance/social control (cont.). Social Movements
    Read: Chapter 17 – Sections 1 and 2
    DUE: Writing Assignment 2
    Pass out: Writing Assignment 3

Thurs, May 22: Family
    Read: Chapter 13 – Sections 1-5

Tues, May 27: Environmental Sociology
    Read: Chapter 18 – Sections 3 and 4

Thurs, May 29: Sociology of Disasters
    Read: No reading
    DUE: Writing Assignment #3

Tues, June 3: Medical Sociology
    Read: No reading

Thurs, June 5: Medical Sociology
    Read: No reading

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, June 12
    10:15am – 12:05pm