SOC 200: Introduction to Sociology
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Course Description
Sociology 200 introduces the basic concepts and perspectives concerning human groups. Presents significant research and theory in areas such as socialization, group membership, gender, minority group relations, stratification, deviance, culture, and community studies. Includes population, social change, and social institutions (family, education, religion, political systems, and economic systems).

Prerequisite
There are no prerequisites.

Course Objectives
Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Explain what sociology is, as well as what sociologists do, and how they go about their work.
- Define the process of socialization and examine dynamic interrelationship among individuals and society.
- Interpret and apply major sociological perspectives.
- Analyze and describe “real life” features of social stratification.
- Formulate sociological explanations for social problems.
- Describe how social change transforms society.

Textbook

SOC 200 Mysoclab Henslin Sociology: A down to Earth Approach, 12e
Access Code: aktepy85877

Course Requirements and Policies
Criteria for Grading:
The final course grade will be determined based on the following weights:

Activities/Participation __________ 15%
Lecture Exams (3) __________ 60% (3@20% each)
Final Exam (1) __________ 25%
Total __________ 100%
Grading Scale:
A  94-100%
A-  90-93%
B+  86-89%
B   82-85%
B-  80-81%
C+  76-79%
C   72-75%
C-  70-71%
D+  66-69%
D   62-65%
D-  60-61%
F   ≤ 59%

Attendance:
Regular attendance is an important factor for your grade in this class and in general, learning. Students should remain seated during the class period and avoid leaving the classroom during lecture, with the exception of scheduled break times or extenuating circumstances. Remember to contact the TA to make up any missed in-class activities for credit if you have a university approved absence. Electronic cigarettes and food are not permitted in class. Water or appropriate beverages with a secure lid are allowed. For this reason these attendance guidelines will be followed:

- Random attendance will be taken during the term. Students are expected to show up to class on time and remain for the entire class.
- Students more than 15 minutes late will be marked as absent.
- Every two tardies without prior approval from the instructor will count as an absence.
- Students are responsible for any notes missed if they are absent. Notes should be obtained from another student. If you have any questions after you have checked with a classmate, contact the instructor during office hours.

Missed Exams:
Students who do not have a university excused absence will not be allowed to make up a missed examination. You must have written documentation for the absence and have notified the instructor prior to the absence in order to be able to schedule a make-up exam. No exceptions will be made. A grade of zero will be assigned for any student who misses an exam without an officially excused absence.

Individual & Group Assignments:
Be prepared for short in-class individual and group assignments on any class day. These will include questions over major points of the readings assigned for that particular week or over the class discussion for the week. A student who is not present to participate will be marked absent and receive a grade of zero, except in the case of a documented excused absence (defined in Missed Exams above).

School Closings/Class Cancellations:
- Students are responsible for checking the PSU website for school closings in instances of bad weather.
- Students are also responsible for checking D2L and PSU email prior to the start of each class for updates from the instructor regarding class cancellations.
If the school is closed due to inclement weather, students should expect to continue the class as soon as it reopens. For example, if a test is scheduled on a day when the college is closed due to bad weather, the test will be given in the first scheduled class once the university is reopened.

Any assignments due on a day when school is closed will not be marked late if turned in the first class after the school reopens.

If the building is evacuated for any reason during a scheduled class time, you should return to the classroom if at least 15 minutes of class time is left when the building is cleared for reentry.

**Technology and Classroom Environment:**
In order to develop and maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning the following guidelines should govern student conduct in the classroom:

- **Cell phones, headphones, laptops, tablets, e-readers should be turned off and put away during class.** Use of this technology may only be used with prior approval from the instructor.
- Students who have approval from the instructor for use of technology to aid in learning during the lecture are required to sit in the first three rows of the classroom. Any student utilizing technology for other reasons, i.e. checking Facebook, etc., will lose their privilege.
- No audio recording, video recording, or photography allowed during class.
- Students are expected to pay attention in class. Sleeping during class will result in a student being marked absent that day.
- If you would like to bring a guest to class, approval in advance from the instructor must be made.
- Classroom guests can only be approved by the course instructor.

**Academic Dishonesty:**
Students are expected to do their own work and maintain academic integrity. Academic dishonesty includes acts of cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Academic dishonesty is a violation of PSUs Student Code of Conduct. Any violations will be reported and result in a grade of zero for the assignment, a grade of “F” for the course, and university disciplinary action will be implemented.

**Classroom Conduct:**
Demonstrating respect for peers, instructors, and TA’s is required by all students. Classroom dialogue is highly encouraged during appropriate times and should be done with forethought, consideration for maintaining an environment that is respectful towards all individuals or groups, and demonstrate the student’s ability to apply the sociological lens. Statements or behavior that is disrespectful to others or distracting to the learning environment is a violation of PSUs Student Code of Conduct and will not be tolerated.

**Required Learning Module:**
PSU’s Student Code of Conduct makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are strictly prohibited and offenses are subject to the full realm of sanctions, up to and including suspension and expulsion. As of Fall 2014, all students are required to take the learning module entitled “Creating a Safe Campus: Preventing Gender Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault.” Please complete the module in D2L.

**Note:** The learning module contains scenarios that may be *triggering.* For alternatives to completing the learning module in D2L please email saveact@pdx.edu. Be sure to include your student ID number. If you need any support around these issues, please contact Student Health and Counseling at 503-725-2800 or stop in to speak with a counselor during daily walk in hours.
The PSU Student Code of Conduct can be found here: http://www.pdx.edu/dos/psu-student-code-conduct. Any violations of the PSU Student Code of Conduct will be reported.

Resources
Desire2Learn (D2L):
This course will take advantage of the D2L system. The instructor will post classroom materials on D2L. For this reason students will need to have access to the internet. Information for accessing the D2L system can be found at http://www.pdx.edu/oit/online-class-support.

Student Email:
It is your responsibility to check your email during the school week. All students are expected to communicate with their instructors using their official PSU student email accounts. Please put “SOC 200” in the subject line of your message.

University Library:
Many resources and tools can be accessed online http://library.pdx.edu/.

Writing Center:
Students are encouraged to utilize the PSU Writing Center when needed http://www.writingcenter.pdx.edu/.

Students with Disabilities:
Students with disabilities who may require accommodations are encouraged to contact the Disabilities Resources Center (DRC) http://www.pdx.edu/drc/. The DRC is located at 116 Smith Memorial Student Union Building and can be contacted either in-person during their drop-in hours from 11:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday, by phone at 503-725-4150, or by email at drc@pdx.edu.

Course Schedule

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**Dates are subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class and via D2L.**