SOE200 (002) INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY* (CRN = 43359)

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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: (60% 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 – Friday February 7 (in-class) -- 30% of final grade.
- Final – Wednesday, March 19 (10:15am – 12:05pm) – 30% of final grade.

Written Assignments: (30% of Final Grade). There will be three written assignments; each is worth 10% of your final grade. The first is due Monday, January 27. The second is due Friday, February 21, and the last due Friday, March 7. Further instructions will be given in class.

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.

* The instructor reserves the right to modify this document. If changes are made, they will be announced. If you decide to take 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. Note that irregular attendance will inevitably impact your final grade. You do not need to tell me if you are missing 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. 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. 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.

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

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

Mon, January 6: Overview of course.

Wed, January 8: Introduction to the Sociological Imagination
    Read: Chapter 1

Fri, January 10: Symbolic Interaction
    Read: Chapter 3

Mon, January 13: Social Structure
    Read: Chapter 4
Wed, January 15: Social Structure (cont.)
Read: Finish Chapter 4

Fri, January 17: Culture/Media
Read: Chapter 5
Pass out: Writing Assignment 1

Mon, January 20: No Class

Wed, January 22: Methods
Read: Chapter 2

Fri, January 24: Methods (cont)
Read: Finish Chapter 2

Mon, January 27: Stratification
Read: Chapter 9 - Section 1
DUE: Writing Assignment #1

Wed, January 29: Stratification (cont.)
Read: Chapter 9 – Section 2

Fri, January 31: Stratification (cont.)
Read: Chapter 9 - Sections 3 and 4

Mon, February 3: Gender
Read: Chapter 11 – Sections 1 and 2

Wed, February 5: Gender (cont.)
Read: Chapter 11 – Section 3

Fri, February 7: EXAM 1
No reading for today. Bring scantron form and essay booklet.

Mon, February 10: Race
Read: Chapter 10 – Section 2
Pass out: Writing Assignment #2

Wed, February 12: Race (cont.)
Read: Chapter 10 – Sections 3 and 4

Fri, February 14: Family
Read: Chapter 13 – Sections 1 and 2

Mon, February 17: Family (cont.)
Read: Chapter 13 – Sections 3 and 5

Wed, February 19: Education
Read: Chapter 15 – Sections 1 and 2

Fri, February 21: Education (cont.)
Read: Chapter 15 – Section 3
DUE: Writing Assignment #2

Mon, February 24: Deviance
Read: Chapter 16 – Sections 1, 2, and 3
Pass out: Writing Assignment #3

Wed, February 26: Deviance (cont.)
Read: Chapter 16 – Section 4

Fri, February 28: Social Movements
Read: Chapter 17 – Sections 1, 2, and 3

Mon, March 3: Environmental Sociology
Read: Chapter 18: Sections 1 and 2

Wed, March 5: Environmental Sociology (cont.)
Read: Chapter 18: Section 3

Fri, March 7: Sociology of Disasters
Read: No Reading
DUE: Writing Assignment #3

Mon, March 10: Medical Sociology
Read: Chapter 19 - Section 3

Wed, March 12: Medical Sociology (cont.)
Read: Chapter 19 – Section 4

Fri, March 14: Medical Sociology (cont.)
Read: No reading