

SOCIOLOGY 1010

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of societies: how they work, social trends, cultures, social movements, how and why societies are studied, and how it affects the student's personal life. Practical applications will be used to assist the student in applying this knowledge to "real life".

With the knowledge gained from this course, the student should be able to better understand the trends and changes that he/she will face in life.

TEXT:

The required text for this course is SOCIETY: THE BASICS, Eleventh edition, by John J. Macionis.

***** The student is responsible for reading ALL of the chapters in the text, as each will be discussed and tested upon. The chapters should be read PRIOR to class to assist the student in class discussions. *****

MOVIES:

Specific movies will be discussed during class to assist with the application of the course information. The students are required to view the movie outside of class in preparation of discussion. Movie titles will be given in class.

TESTS:

A total of 3 tests and 1 final exam will be given. The 3 tests will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions. These tests will cover specific chapters, lecture information, and terms. A study guide will be provided. They will NOT be comprehensive. However, this information builds on itself; therefore concepts will carry through from test to test. Understand..... If it's in the text, it's fair game for the test.

The tests will be taken at the Testing Center. You will have 3 days to take the test. **NO make-up/late tests will be given!!!!** All tests count – no test will be dropped. See calendar for testing dates.

The final exam WILL be comprehensive!!! This means it will cover information from ALL of the chapters. Again, a study guide will be provided.

QUIZZES:

One quiz per chapter will be given in class. The quizzes will focus on terms from the chapter. The quizzes will have 10 questions and consist of definitions and/or application. If you miss the quiz, **YOU MISSED THE QUIZ! You may NOT make it up.** Please be sure to bring a pencil to class as the quizzes will be completed on a scan-tron sheet.

PARTICIPATION:

To gain a stronger knowledge of the subject, appropriate class discussion will take place. These discussions will include the text information and how it relates to the movies viewed prior to class and life experiences. Participation does NOT mean just being in class. It means actively and appropriately engaging in class conversations related to the topic. Having read the chapter and viewed the movie assigned will make this easy to accomplish. If you are a "talker", please do not dominate the discussion. Everyone needs a chance to share their thoughts/experiences.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you have ANY disability which may impair your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact Accessibility Services Department. Academic accommodations are granted for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. Services will be coordinated with the student and instructor by the Accessibility Services Department.

Please do not be embarrassed!!!! This is an opportunity to learn, NOT struggle.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY:

- Many of the topics to be discussed may be sensitive issues to some students. Because we are all individuals, with our own thoughts and feelings, it is important for the student to respect the feelings and right of others. Therefore, "**BASHING**" will NOT be allowed. Tolerance and understanding will be encouraged.
- This is a college experience and a mature attitude and level of work is expected. Late work will NOT be accepted, and class attendance is expected. Also, please be on time to class.
- Working together is strongly advised. Together you can build a better understanding of the course material. Weekly discussion/study groups have been found to be very advantageous. (It is NOT required.)
- Cheating has become quite a concern lately. The bottom line is **DON'T!!!** This includes sharing test information. This instructor has a zero tolerance for cheating and will formally remove you from the class.
- Be prepared for class. This will help you grasp the information easier and faster.
- Side talking will not be tolerated. If you have something to say that is not part of the class discussion, save it for after class.

POINT BREAKDOWN:

Tests:	600 pts. (200pts. per test)
Quizzes:	260 pts. (20 pts. per quiz)
Participation:	300 pts.
<u>Final Exam:</u>	<u>400 pts.</u>
Total possible:	1560

Being prepared for class will allow more time to be spent in discussion rather than just lecturing. This instructor believes this is a great way to understand the application of the information being presented.

******This course outline and calendar are subject to change at the instructor's discretion.******