Sociology 1101
Introduction to Sociology
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Required Texts:
Brym, Robert J. and John Lie. Sociology: Your Compass for a New World.

Course Description: This course offers a general introduction to the discipline of sociology. Various theoretical and methodological approaches will be reviewed. Special emphasis will be given to social institutions (e.g. the family, the economy, education, and religion) and groups that are impacted by the inequality of the social system (e.g. racial/ethnic minorities, women, and the elderly). Efforts will be made to apply these topics to current events of interest.

Learning Outcomes

1. To learn the fundamental concepts of sociology.
2. To learn the major theoretical and methodological approaches to studying sociology.
3. To understand and to appreciate the application of the perspectives and methods of the human sciences to ‘real world’ circumstances.
4. To demonstrate an appreciation for global and multicultural perspectives on societies and civilizations.

Course Requirements

Exams
There will be four exams throughout the semester. Exams will cover readings, lecture material, classroom discussion and any visual material presented in class. The exam format will be multiple choice. Each exam will be worth 100 possible points. The average test scores will account for 70% of your overall class grade.

Note: Make-up exams will only be given in the case of a verifiable emergency (e.g. medical excuse, jury duty).

“Crisis” Quizzes
Students are expected to attend class regularly and be on time. In addition to the Brym & Lie chapter readings you are expected to complete assigned readings from the “Crisis in American Institutions” text. One unannounced quiz will be administered from randomly selected readings in each section. Attending class regularly ensures that you will be present when an assigned writing is announced. Each writing will be worth 25 possible points (for a total of 100 possible points). The average of the four writings will account for 30% of your overall class grade.

*Note:* There is no make-up option for quizzes. You must be in class on the day that a writing is announced in order to receive credit.

**Overall Grade Breakdown**

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**Academic Alert**

Academic dishonesty is a serious offense will not be tolerated. See the student handbook for policies.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

& Indicates Reading from “Crisis in American Institutions.”
SECTION I

Week One
Aug. 19 Course Introduction
Aug. 21 Chapter One: A Sociological Compass

Week Two
Aug. 26 Chapter One, cont.
Aug. 28 Chapter Two: Research Methods

Week Three
Sept. 2 No Class (Labor Day)
Sept. 4 Chapter Three: Culture

Week Four
Sept. 9 Chapter Four: Socialization
Sept. 11 Exam #1

SECTION II

Week Five
Sept. 16 Chapter Six: Deviance and Crime
Sept. 18 Chapter Six, cont.
& Chapter 39: “Young Black Americans and the Criminal Justice System.”

Week Six
Sept. 23 Chapter Seven: Stratification: US and Global Perspectives
Sept. 25 Chapter Seven, cont.

Week Seven
Sept. 30 Chapter Eight: Race and Ethnicity
Oct. 2 Chapter Eight, cont.
& Chapter 14: “Measuring Employment Discrimination.”

Week Eight
Oct. 7 Chapter Nine: Sexuality and Gender
Oct. 9 Chapter Nine, cont.
& Chapter 18: “Learning Silence.”

Week Nine
Oct. 14 Section II Summary/Review for Exam
Oct. 16 Exam #2

SECTION III

Week Ten
Oct. 21 Chapter Ten: Work and the Economy
Oct. 23 Chapter Ten, cont.
& Chapter 27: “The Forgotten Americans.”

Week Eleven
Oct. 28 Chapter Eleven: Politics
Oct. 30 Chapter Eleven, cont.
& Chapter 1: “Getting Corporations off the Public Dole.”

Week Twelve
Nov. 4 Chapter Thirteen: Religion and Education
Nov. 6 Exam #3
& Chapter 35: “The Great School Sell-Off.”

SECTION IV

Week Thirteen
Nov. 11 Chapter Sixteen: Population, Urbanization, and Development
Nov. 13 Chapter Seventeen: Collective Action and Social Movements
& Chapter 24: “Environmental Racism.”

Week Fourteen
Nov. 18 Chapter Seventeen, cont.
Nov. 20 Chapter Eighteen: Technology and the Global Environment
& Chapter 23: “Why We Have Failed.”

Week Fifteen
Nov. 25 Chapter Eighteen, cont.
Nov. 27 No Class (Thanksgiving Break)

Week Sixteen
Dec. 2 Exam #4
Dec. 4 Review for Final

Final Exam Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 2:00-4:00.

POST SCRIPT: The instructor reserves the right to deviate from the syllabus.