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Office Location: 207 Pafford - Social Science Bldg. (Carrollton Campus).

Lecture/Class Meeting Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays (3:30 pm-4:45 pm).

Campus Meeting Place: Pafford - Social Science Bldg. (Carrollton Campus).

Class Meeting Place: 1301 TLC Technology Learn Center

Semester Time Frame: FALL 2018, Wednesday, August 15 – Friday, December 14.

Course Overview: This course introduces students to the study of sociology. It also exposes students to the many ways in which sociologists examine human social behavior, and the ways in which research findings contribute to our understanding of society. Students will learn the basic concepts, theories and methodologies used in the field of sociology, and how sociology is employed in studying people’s social behavior. The course will also assist students with developing their critical thinking skill, and wider view of the global world.


Course Requirements: In this course, you are expected to complete the readings assigned before each lecture. You must also come to class prepared to participate in discussions using knowledge of what you have read and applying critical thinking. There will be a midterm, homework assignments, and a final exam given in the course.

Format: Lectures, discussions, reflection papers, collaborative work in small groups, and assigned readings.
**Attendance Policy:** I want to encourage you to come to class regularly. If you miss too many classes, it can affect your performance. Read the assigned sections in each chapter before each lecture. It will make the learning process easier for you. More importantly, the material being covered in class will not be totally new to you if you go through the assigned readings before class. If you miss a class for any reason, you are still responsible for all assignments that are due.

**Encouragement:** I want to encourage you to read all the assigned readings. It is vital that you keep up with the readings and other assigned works. Assignments will be given once the lecture is complete at the end of every two weeks on the assigned chapters.

**Respect for your classmates:** There will be no personal conversations going on among anyone while class is in progress. Any discussions taking place must be pertaining to the class lecture and learning that is taking place in class. You are expected to show respect for your classmates by providing a peaceful and pleasant learning environment. In this class, we will respectfully listen to the views of others during class lectures and discussions.

**CourseDen:** This course uses CourseDen; it is the University of West Georgia’s online course management system. See CourseDen on a regularly for course updates and assignments. Your grades on all exams, assignments and projects will also be posted on CourseDen.

**Homework Assignments:** Practice homework questions will be given after the completion of each chapter every two weeks. The questions are drawn from problems in the textbook. Please follow the instructions of each question when conducting these assignments. Homework assignments will contribute 25% to your final grade.

**Reflection Papers:** Please follow the instructions of each reflection paper when conducting these assignments. Reflection Papers will contribute 25% to your final grade.

**Tests/Exams:** There will be two exams (mid-term and final exam) in this course. Each exam will contribute 25% to your final course grade. Each exam will be taken in class. During each test/exam, you cannot communicate with your classmates. Also, all cell phones must be turned off. Your test/final exam must reflect your knowledge of the course.

**Late Home-works and Works:** Apart from extraordinary situations, I will not accept late work. You are expected to meet most deadlines.

**University of West Georgia Department of Sociology’s Principle on Academic Integrity:** In this course, students are expected to abide by the department of sociology’s academic integrity principle. The department states that “the presence of academic dishonesty in particular frustrates the effort to create and sustain an academic culture and community that nurtures student growth and development.” It is also against any form of academic dishonesty as it states that “integrity [] should characterize communities both within academia and without [it], is corrupted by the threat of untruthfulness, deceit, and fraud.” In this course, we will all live up to the department’s principle on academic integrity. You must abide by the principles stated in the UWG’s Academic Honor Code, which stands against cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty and lack of integrity. For more information on this, see the UWG Student Handbook:
Center for Academic Success: To succeed academically and enhance your learning, please visit the Center for Academic Success at https://www.westga.edu/cas/.

University Writing Center: For the university writing center, please visit the website at https://www.westga.edu/writing/.

University Counseling: Visit https://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/ for more information and for online counselling information please visit https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/online-counseling.php.

University of West Georgia’s Disability Statement: UWG is committed to giving students with disabilities a quality education by providing access to campus resources and opportunities. If you have a disability-related need for reasonable academic adjustments in this course, contact the Accessibility Services Accommodations (ASA) at (678)839-6428 or by email at counseling@westga.edu. For further information regarding ASA, please visit the Accessibility Services Accommodations web site at https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php. To accommodate any of your disability needs, I need a letter of accommodation from ASA.

Campus Emergencies: Information about campus emergencies and weather delays are announced on UWG website, www.westga.edu or enroll in Wolf Alert. Further campus emergency information can be obtained from UWG Police’ website at https://www.westga.edu/police/index.php. To contact the university police dial (678)-839-6000, and for weather information call the Department of University Police Weather Line (678)-839-6200.

University Carry Policy: See https://www.westga.edu/police/policies.php for UWG’s carry information.

Grading System:

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**Grading: There will not be any rounding up of grades.**
## Course Schedule:

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| Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 | Read Understanding Sociology Chapter 1 for Aug 21-Aug 23  
Read Sociological Research Chapter 2 for Aug 28-Aug 30  
Read Culture Chapter 3 for Sep 4-Sep 6  
**Homework 1 due**  
Read Socialization and the Life Course Chapter 4 for Sep 11-Sept 13  
Read Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure Chapter 5 for Sept 18-Sept 25  
**Homework 2 due**  
Read Deviance, Crime and Social Control Chapter 7 for Sept 27-Oct 2  
Read Stratification and Social Mobility in the United States Chapter 8 for Oct 9-Oct 11  
**Homework 3 due**  
**Reflection Paper 1 on Poverty due Oct 20 (Must be Submitted in Course-den)** |
| **Midterm Exam covers Chapters. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 on Tuesday, October 2nd** | **Fall Break Oct 4 No classes**  
Read Global Inequality Chapter 9 for Oct 16-Oct 18  
Read Racial and Ethnic Inequality Chapter 10 for Oct 23 - Oct 30  
Read Stratification by Gender Chapter 11 for Nov 1- Nov 8  
**Homework 4 due**  
**Reflection Paper 2 on Gender due Nov 17 (Must be Submitted in Course-den)**  
**Thanksgiving Break Nov 18-Nov 24**  
Read The Family and Human Sexuality Chapter 12 for Nov 27-Nov 29  
Read Religion and Education Chapter 13 for Dec 4-Dec 6  
**Homework 5 due**  
Read Government and the Economy Chapter 14 for Dec –Dec  
Read Health and the Environment Chapter 15 for Dec –Dec  
**Homework 6 due** |
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