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

Class Meeting Place: 1303 TLC – Technology Learn Center


Teaching Assistant: TBA

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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.


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**Course Requirements:** In this course, you are expected to complete the readings assigned for each chapter. You must also be prepared to answer each questions in the homeworks using knowledge of what you have read and applying critical thinking. There will be a homework assignments, midterm, and a final exam given in the course.

**Course Learning Outcomes:** At the end of this course, you should be able to 1) distinguish between a personal and a public problem, 2) describe the influence of social structure on individual agency, and 3) recognize the how culture and socialization shape the development of self.

**Format:** Assigned readings, on-line homeworks through having Connect PLUS access to the e-textbook, and midterm, and final exams on line.

**Attendance Policy:** I want to encourage you to visit the course’s Course Den page regularly. If you miss too many assignments, it can affect your performance. Read the assigned sections in each chapter for each week. It will make the learning process easier for you. More importantly, the material being covered in the course will not be totally new to you if you go through the assigned readings each week. If you miss a reading 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 reading 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/Group Work:** 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. There will also be a group work. Homework assignments and group work will contribute 33% to your final grade.
Tests/Exams: There will be two exams (mid-term and final exam) in this course. Each exam will contribute 33% to your final course grade. Each exam will be taken through the course’s Course Den page. Midterm and final exams will be posted on Course Den. 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: https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/ocs/assets/docs/2016_2017_UWG_Student_Planner.pdf.

Dishonesty on Assignments: Any submitted assignments with plagiarism and/or copying of textbook authors’ or classmates words will be graded an automatic zero. There is no exception.

University Language for Course Syllabi: See http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf for UWG’s academic support information.

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/UWGCaress/ 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.**
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| Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 | Read Understanding Sociology Chapter 1 for (Week 1-2, Aug 14 – Aug 24)  
Read Sociological Research Chapter 2 for (Week 3, Aug 25 – Aug 31)  
**Aug 31 no classes**  
Read Culture Chapter 3 for (Week 4, Sep 1 – Sep 7)  
**Sep 2 no classes Labor Day**  
**Homework 1 due** (covers chapters 1, 2 & 3). (Due by Aug 24)  
Read Socialization and the Life Course Chapter 4 for (Week 5, Sep 8 – Sep 14)  
Read Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure Chapter 5 for (Week 6, Sep 15 – Sep 21)  
**Homework 2 due** (covers chapters 4 &5). (Due by Sep 7)  
Read Deviance, Crime and Social Control Chapter 7 for (Week 7, Sep 22 – Sep 28)  
Read Stratification and Social Mobility in the United States Chapter 8 for (Weeks 8-9, Sep 29 – Oct 12)  
**Oct 3-4 Fall Break; No classes**  
**Homework 3 due** (covers chapters 7 & 8). (Due by Sep 21)  
**Midterm Exam Week** (Week 8, Sep 29 – Oct 1)  
**Last Day to Withdraw** (Oct 9)  
**Midterm Exam covers Chapters. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 on Tuesday, October 1st**  
| Chapter 9, 10, 11, 12,13,14,15, 16 | Read Global Inequality Chapter 9 for (Week 10, Oct 13 – Oct 19)  
Read Racial and Ethnic Inequality Chapter 10 for (Week 11, Oct 20 – Oct 26)  
Read Stratification by Gender Chapter 11 for (Week 12, Oct 27 – Nov 2)  
**Group Work due** (Reflection Paper on Gender). (TBA after lecture on Stratification by Gender)  
**Homework 4 due** (covers chapters 9, 10 & 11). (Due by Oct 12)  
Read The Family and Human Sexuality Chapter 12 for (Week 13, Nov 3 – Nov 9)  
Read Religion and Education Chapter 13 for (Week 14, Nov 10 – Nov 16)  
**Homework 5 due** (covers chapters 12 & 13). (Due by Oct 26) |
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<td><strong>Final Exam Chap. 9, 10, 11, 12,13,14,15. (University of West Georgia Final Exam Schedule Starting Saturday, Dec 7th – Dec 13th)</strong></td>
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