

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 1101 (SECTION E01): INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
FALL 2020

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Lecture/Class Meeting Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00AM-12:15PM.

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

Class Meeting Place: 1203 TLC.

Semester Time Frame: FALL 2020, Wednesday, August 12 – Wednesday, November 25.

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.

Required Textbook: McGraw-Hill Education Connect Access for Sociology: A Brief Introduction, Thirteen Edition, by Richard Schaefer. ISBN: 126-015-4351. ISBN for connect plus access for the e-book (this is the recommended e-book): 126-015-4351. You must purchase the Connect PLUS Access. This is the e-book. You are not required to have print text and please be aware if you purchase a used textbook you will still need to purchase Connect Plus Access.

Purchasing Connect PLUS Access follow these steps: 1) Log into the CourseDen page for the course 2) Under Course Home, look for and click [McGraw-Hill Education Connect](#) on CourseDen and proceed to [Go to my Connect Section](#) by clicking [begin](#) 3) You will be asked for your email address and password in order to register for the course, 4) Follow the on screen direction to complete your registration or you can also call Mc Graw Hill at 1800-331-5094 for help in purchasing the electronic book, and 4) Select option to buy online (cost at \$75.00) follow the steps to complete this purchase.

Course Requirements: In this course, you are expected to complete the readings assigned for each chapter. You must also be prepared to answer each question in the home-works, mid-term exam, and final exam using knowledge from the lectures, text readings, and applying critical thinking. There will be six home-works, a mid-term exam, a final exam, and a final group project 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: Face-to-face lectures, assigned readings, on-line home-works through having Connect PLUS access to the e-textbook, a mid-term exam, a final exam, and final group project.

Attendance Policy: I want to encourage you to attend class and visit the course's Course Den page regularly. If you miss too many assignments, it can affect your performance. Lectures are in class so attending class is important. 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 use all the course learning materials, come to class to get the lectures and in-class learning, and 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 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 in online discussion boards.

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 homeworks, exams, and final group project will also be posted on CourseDen.

Homeworks/Exams/Group Work: Homeworks will be given after the completion of blocks of chapters. The questions are drawn from problems in the textbook and from the in-class lecture and learning. Please follow the instructions of each question when conducting these assignments. Homeworks, exams, and group work will contribute 25%, 50%, and 25%, respectively to your final grade.

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/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:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Percent</i>
A	Excellent	90-100
B	Good	80-89
C	Satisfactory	70-79
D	Passing	60-69
F	Failing	<60 and below
WF	Withdrew, Failing	
W	Withdrew, Passing	
WM	Military Withdrawal	

**Grading: Rounding off of final grades exceptional cases, such as 100% completion of the course evaluation by the entire class.

Course Schedule:

Tentative Materials	Topics
Chapter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	<p>Read Understanding Sociology Chapter 1 for (Week 1&2, Aug 12-Aug 22)</p> <p>Read Sociological Research Chapter 2 for (Week 3, Aug 23-Aug 29)</p> <p>Read Culture Chapter 3 for (Week 4, Aug 30-Sep 5)</p> <p>Home-work 1 due (covers chapters 1, 2 & 3). (Due by Sep 5 at 1100PM)</p> <p>No classes on Saturday, September 5th</p> <p>Read Socialization and the Life Course Chapter 4 for (Week 5, Sep 6-Sep 12)</p> <p>Labor Day No classes and Offices closed Monday, September 7th</p> <p>Read Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure Chapter 5 for (Week 6, Sep 13-Sep 19)</p> <p>Home-work 2 due (covers chapters 4 &5). (Due by Sep 19 at 1100PM)</p> <p>Read Deviance, Crime and Social Control Chapter 7 for (Week 7, Sep 20-Sep 26)</p> <p>Midterm Exam: (Week 7, Sep 20-26)</p> <p>Read Stratification and Social Mobility in the United States Chapter 8 for (Weeks 8, Sep 27-Oct 3)</p> <p>Home-work 3 due (covers chapters 7 & 8). (Due by Oct 3 at 1100PM)</p>
Chapter 9, 10, 11, 12,13,14,15, 16	<p>Read Global Inequality Chapter 9 for (Week 9, Oct 4-Oct 10)</p> <p>Read Racial and Ethnic Inequality Chapter 10 for (Week 10, Oct 11-Oct 17)</p> <p>Group Work: Sociological Imagination. Due Saturday, October 17th at 1100PM.</p> <p>Read Stratification by Gender Chapter 11 for (Week 11, Oct 18-Oct 24)</p> <p>Home-work 4 due (covers chapters 9, 10 & 11). (Due by Oct 24 at 1100PM)</p> <p>Read Family and Human Sexuality Chapter 12 for (Week 12, Oct 25-Oct 31)</p> <p>Read Religion and Education Chapter 13 for (Week 13, Nov 1-Nov 7)</p> <p>Home-work 5 due (covers chapters 12 & 13). (Due by Nov 7 at 1100PM)</p> <p>Read Government and the Economy Chapter 14 for (Week 14, Nov 8-Nov 14)</p> <p>Read Health and the Environment Chapter 15 for (Week 15, Nov 15-Nov 21)</p>

	<p>Home-work 6 due (covers chapters 14 & 15). (Due by Nov 22-Nov 25) Last Day of Classes Wednesday, November 25th</p>
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	<p>Final Exam Monday, November 30th</p>
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