

Introductory Sociology

SOCI-1101

Spring 2021 Sections 01, 02 3 Credits 01/09/2021 to 05/11/2021 Modified 01/08/2021

Description

A survey of the discipline of sociology. Topics will include sociological theory, methods and selected substantive areas.

Requisites

Prerequisites:

Corequisites:

Contact Information

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Office Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 - 12:00

Meeting Times

All sections will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays in Nursing, Room 106

Section 01 will meet from 8:00 am to 9:15 am

Section 02 will meet from 9:30 am to 10:45 am

It is important to remember that this is NOT an online class. Rather, this is a fully "face-to-face" class. CourseDen is used in delivering instruction to enhance the learning process and not to replace it. That is, no class sessions are replaced by technology.

It is also required that everyone in the classroom wear a mask/face covering. To further enhance safety within the classroom, seating will be distanced.

Materials

Sociology in Our Times

Author: Diana Kendall

Publisher: Cengage Learning

Edition: 11E - 2017

ISBN: 978-1-305-50309-0

Outcomes

At the end of the course, every student should be able to distinguish between a personal and a public problem; describe the influence of social structure on individual agency; and recognize how culture and socialization shape the development of self.

Evaluation

In this course, students are expected to abide by academic integrity principles. The sociology faculty believe 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." Faculty are also against any form of academic dishonesty as we believe that "integrity should characterize communities both within academia and without, for without it we are corrupted by the threat of untruthfulness, deceit, and fraud." **Therefore, all violations of the UWG Honor Code will result in a failing grade for the course.**

Grades will be based upon overall performance and assigned according to the following scale:

100 - 90 points, A

89-80 points, B

79-70 points, C

69-60 points, D

59 or below, F

No extra credit paper or assignment will be accepted.

Assignments

Exams - 60 Points

There will be four (4) examinations (15 point each) given throughout the semester. Each exam is composed of essay questions and will be based upon both the required readings and classroom lecture/discussions.

All examinations will be traditional online (non-proctored) examinations and posted on CourseDen. Students will be given 48 hours to complete the exam.

All students are expected to complete the examinations as scheduled.

In-Class Writings Assignments - 40 Points

There will be eight (8) writing assignments given during class throughout the semester. Seven of the writing assignments will be related to the topic of study. The eighth writing assignment will be completion of the required, "Core Area E Assessment for Introduction to Sociology." Because these writing assignments will be completed during class, **there will not be any opportunity to make-up any of these in-class writing assignments.**

NO extra credit papers or assignments will be accepted.

Schedule

Class Day	Topic and Assignments
M Jan 11	Course Introduction
W Jan 13	Chapter One
M Jan 18	No Class: MLK National Holiday
W Jan 20	
M Jan 25	Chapter Two
W Jan 27	
M Feb 1	Chapter Three
W Feb 3	Chapter Four
M Feb 8	At the end of lecture, Exam One will open
W Feb 10	No Class - This time can be used to complete Exam One that is due TODAY by 11:00 am
M Feb 15	Chapter Fifteen
W Feb 17	
M Feb 22	Chapter Sixteen
W Feb 24	
M Mar 1	Chapter Seventeen
W Mar 3	
M Mar 8	At the end of lecture, Exam Two will open
W Mar 10	No Class - This time can be used to complete Exam Two that is due TODAY by 11:00 am
M Mar 15	Spring Break
W Mar 17	Spring Break
M Mar 22	Chapter Eight

W Mar 24	
M Mar 29	Chapter Ten
W Mar 31	
M Apr 5	Chapter Eleven
W Apr 7	
M Apr 12	At the end of lecture, Exam Three will open
W Apr 14	No Class - This time can be used to complete Exam Three that is due TODAY by 11:00 am
M Apr 19	Chapter Nineteen
W Apr 21	Chapter Twenty
M Apr 26	At the end of lecture, Exam Four will open
W Apr 28	No Class - This time can be used to complete Exam Four that is due TODAY by 11:00 am
M May 3	Wrap-up

* Course Policies and Resources

From the Vice President:

The University of West Georgia expects students to attend all regularly-scheduled classes for instruction and examination ... When a student is compelled for any reason to be absent from class, the student should immediately convey the reason for the absence directly to the instructor. The student is responsible for all material presented in class and for all announcements and assignments.

Students who stop attending class may be administratively withdrawn (with or without academic penalty); a grade of W may be assigned when students fail to attend 10 percent of any class meetings prior to the midpoint of the term; a grade of WF will be assigned when students stop attending after the Withdraw with a W Deadline.

Institutional Policies

Academic Support

Accessibility Services: Students with a documented disability may work with UWG Accessibility Services to receive essential services specific to their disability. All entitlements to accommodations are based on documentation and USG Board of Regents standards. If a student needs course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if he/she needs

to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, the student should notify his/her instructor in writing and provide a copy of his/her Student Accommodations Report (SAR), which is available only from Accessibility Services. Faculty cannot offer accommodations without timely receipt of the SAR; further, no retroactive accommodations will be given. For more information, please contact [Accessibility Services \(https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/accessibility-services.php).

Center for Academic Success: The [Center for Academic Success \(http://www.westga.edu/cas/\)](http://www.westga.edu/cas/) provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6280 or cas@westga.edu.

University Writing Center: The [University Writing Center \(https://www.westga.edu/writing/\)](https://www.westga.edu/writing/) assists students with all areas of the writing process. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6513 or writing@westga.edu.

Online Courses

UWG takes students' privacy concerns seriously: technology-enhanced and partially and fully online courses use sites and entities beyond UWG and students have the right to know the privacy policies of these entities. For more information on privacy and accessibility for the most commonly used sites, as well as technology requirements visit the [UWG Online \(https://uwgonline.westga.edu/\)](https://uwgonline.westga.edu/) site.

Students enrolled in online courses can find answers to many of their questions in the [Online/Off-Campus Student Guide \(http://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php\)](http://uwgonline.westga.edu/online-student-guide.php).

If a student is experiencing distress and needs help, please see the resources available at the [UWG Cares \(http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/\)](http://www.westga.edu/UWGCares/) site. [Online counseling \(https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php) is also available for online students.

Honor Code

At the University of West Georgia, we believe that academic and personal integrity are based upon honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Students at West Georgia assume responsibility for upholding the honor code. West Georgia students pledge to refrain from engaging in acts that do not maintain academic and personal integrity. These include, but are not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, aid of academic dishonesty, lying, bribery or threats, and stealing.

The University of West Georgia maintains and monitors a confidential Academic Dishonesty Tracking System. This database collects and reports patterns of repeated student violations across all the Colleges, the Ingram Library, and the School of Nursing. Each incidence of academic dishonesty is subject to review and consideration by the instructor, and is subject to a range of academic penalties including, but not limited to, failing the assignment and/or failing the course. Student conduct sanctions range from verbal warning to suspension or expulsion depending on the magnitude of the offense and/or number of offenses. The incident becomes part of the student's conduct record at UWG.

Additionally, the student is responsible for safeguarding his/her computer account. The student's account and network connection are for his/her individual use. A computer account is to be used only by the person to whom it has been issued. The student is responsible for all actions originating through his/her account or network connection. Students must not impersonate others or misrepresent or conceal their identities in electronic messages and actions. For more information on the University of West Georgia Honor Code, please see the [Student Handbook \(https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/handbook-code-of-conduct.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/handbook-code-of-conduct.php).

UWG Email Policy

University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG e-mail account. The University considers this account to be an official means of communication between the University and the student. The purpose of the official use of the student e-mail account is to provide an effective means of communicating important university related information to UWG students in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to check his or her email.

Credit Hour Policy

The University of West Georgia grants one semester hour of credit for work equivalent to a minimum of one hour (50 minutes) of in-class or other direct faculty instruction AND two hours of student work outside of class per week for approximately fifteen

weeks. For each course, the course syllabus will document the amount of in-class (or other direct faculty instruction) and out-of-class work required to earn the credit hour(s) assigned to the course. Out-of-class work will include all forms of credit-bearing activity, including but not limited to assignments, readings, observations, and musical practice. Where available, the university grants academic credit for students who verify via competency-based testing, that they have accomplished the learning outcomes associated with a course that would normally meet the requirements outlined above (e.g. AP credit, CLEP, and departmental exams).

HB 280 (Campus Carry)

UWG follows University System of Georgia (USG) guidance: [http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information#\(http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information\)](http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information#(http://www.usg.edu/hb280/additional_information))

You may also visit our website for help with USG Guidance: [https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php\(https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php(https://www.westga.edu/police/campus-carry.php))

Mental Health Support

If you or another student find that you are experiencing a mental health issue, free confidential services are available on campus in the [Counseling Center](#). Students who have experienced sexual or domestic violence may receive confidential medical and advocacy services with the Patient Advocates in [Health Services](#). To report a concern anonymously, please go to [UWGCares](#).

ELL Resources

If you are a student having difficulty with English language skills, and / or U.S. culture is not your home culture, specialized resources are available to help you succeed. Please visit the [E.L.L. resource page](#) for more information.

COVID-19

Proctored Exams/Online Instruction: Students should be aware and plan ahead for the possibility of having to complete all courses and/or exams online or in a proctored environment. This means talking with your instructors about what minimum technical requirements (software and hardware) will be required should your class move online or a student's personal needs dictate. This also includes making plans for internet access at whatever location participation may occur.

Virtual or in-person proctored exams, if your instructor should require them, may result in an additional cost to the student. Please discuss these details with your instructor or see the information provided here.

Face Coverings: Effective July 15, 2020, University System of Georgia institutions, including the University of West Georgia, will require all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities/buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. Face covering use will be in addition to and is not a substitute for social distancing.

Face coverings are not required in campus outdoor settings where social distancing requirements are met. Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area.

Reasonable accommodations may be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons.

Student FAQs: For more information about UWG COVID-19 guidance for students visit the [Student FAQ webpage\(https://www.westga.edu/student-services/health/coronavirus-info/return-to-campus/students-faq-return-to-campus.php\)](https://www.westga.edu/student-services/health/coronavirus-info/return-to-campus/students-faq-return-to-campus.php).

Additional Items
