

# SOCIOLOGY 1020 – INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY

Fall 2012

1:40 – 3:00 MWF, 224 Rogers-Stout Hall

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 218A Rogers-Stout; 9:00-12:00 Tuesdays and by appointment

**REQUIRED TEXT BOOK:** *Society: The Basics, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition* by John J. Macionis (ISBN 978-0-205-00378-5)

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** The goal of this course is to provide a brief overview of the sociological perspective, as it is applied to a number of substantive areas studied in sociology. At the conclusion of this course, you should develop the following skills:

- Understand the various schools of thought in contemporary sociology.
- Examine contemporary issues using these schools of thought.

**REQUIREMENTS:** You will be responsible for the information presented both in the book and in lecture. Much of the materials in the book will not be covered in lecture, so make sure you read and take notes. There will be three exams: two midterms and one final. In addition to the exams, grades will entail the following:

- **Reflection Papers:** We will watch a number of videos and other demonstrations in class. You will then be asked to write a short summary which ties the concepts you learn from reading the book to these in-class videos.
  - *Reflection papers will assess your ability to apply sociological thinking to real world phenomena.*
- **In-Class Activities:** You will be given a quiz or reading exercise on each day a reading assignment is due. If you take notes over the reading assignment, you may use your notes on pop quizzes.
  - *In-Class will assess your understanding of the concepts presented in the text, and to encourage sociological thinking about the topic.*

**MYSOCLAB:** Since you are responsible for all materials in the textbook not covered in class, you may consider using MySocLab as an additional study guide. You can access this web site at <http://www.mysoclab.com> and create an account using the number in the card which came with the book (if you bought it at the bookstore). I will not require any of the work from the web site, so this is optional. However, this has videos, audio recordings, study guides, and sample quizzes which may help prepare for your three exams.

**GRADES:** The grades will be determined as follows: 30% from the three midterm exams (10% each), 30% from the final exam (cumulative), and 40% from in-class assignments (reflection papers, quizzes, and other in-class activities).

Grades are as follows: 94-100% A, 90-93.99% A-, 87-89.99% B+, 84-86.99% B, 80-83.99% B-, 77-79.99% C+, 74-76.99% C, 70-73.99% C-, 67-69.99% D+, 60-66.99% D, Under 60% F.

## **CLASS POLICIES**

- ADA Statement: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal antidiscrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability Services (423-439-8346, or Room 326 CULP) to make appropriate arrangements and then contact me about those arrangements.
- In accordance with general University regulations, I reserve the right to automatically fail any student who is gone for more than three weeks worth of class periods. If you have a conflict with your class schedule which will make it difficult for you to be on time, or if you will need to attend any University-sponsored events, please let me know ASAP.
- You are responsible for everything that happens in class whether you are present in class or not. This includes but is not limited to announcements, schedule and syllabus changes, handouts, etc.
- Cheating and/or plagiarism will result in the pursuit of appropriate disciplinary action. Consult the student handbook for definitions of these terms.
- Late Policy: With the exception of documented excused absences (e.g., sickness, death in the family, out of town on university activities), late work will not be accepted. If you have an emergency which will prevent you from having an assignment in on time, let me know ahead of the due date and we can work something out.
- You will have the option to turn in some, but not all, of the in-class assignments on D2L. For those which are turned in during class, please use lined notebook paper and remove all frayed edges before turning in any written assignment. Also, please use manuscript, rather than cursive. *If I cannot read your handwriting, I will mark your answer wrong.*
- Please turn off your cell phone when class starts. If I catch you using it in any capacity, I reserve the right to excuse you from class for the day. Let me know ahead of time if there is an emergency, etc. which requires access your phone during class.
- Please allow me a 24-hour e-mail blackout period before the exam. You need to give me proper time to answer your questions while I tend to my other responsibilities.
- No laptop use during class. This includes tablet PC's such as iPads.
- In accordance with FERPA Laws, I will not discuss your grades or your general academic performance with your parents.

**SCHEDULE** (*I may adjust the schedule as needed*)

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>August</b>	27	<i>Mon</i>	Introduction	
	29	<i>Wed</i>	What is Sociology?	Chapter 1
<b>September</b>	3	<i>Mon</i>	NO CLASS - HOLIDAY	
	5	<i>Wed</i>		
	10	<i>Mon</i>		
	12	<i>Wed</i>		
	17	<i>Mon</i>	Culture	Chapter 2
	19	<i>Wed</i>		
	24	<i>Mon</i>	Socialization	Chapter 3
<b>October</b>	26	<i>Wed</i>		
	1	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Exam 1</i>	
	3	<i>Wed</i>	Social Status	Chapter 4
	8	<i>Mon</i>		
	10	<i>Wed</i>	Groups and Organizations	Chapter 5
	15	<i>Mon</i>	NO CLASS - FALL BREAK	
	17	<i>Wed</i>		
	22	<i>Mon</i>	Deviance	Chapter 7
	24	<i>Wed</i>		
	29	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Exam 2</i>	
31	<i>Wed</i>	Stratification	Chapter 8	
<b>November</b>	5	<i>Mon</i>		
	7	<i>Wed</i>	Sex and Gender	Chapter 10
	12	<i>Mon</i>		
	14	<i>Wed</i>	Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 11
	19	<i>Mon</i>		
	21	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Exam 3</i>	
	26	<i>Mon</i>	Family	Chapter 13
28	<i>Wed</i>	Religion		
<b>December</b>	3	<i>Mon</i>	Social Change	Chapter 16
	5	<i>Wed</i>		

**FINAL EXAM:** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:20 PM