

Required Text: Society: The Basics, 10th Edition by John J. Macionis

STUDENT-LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1) Identify the current goals of sociology.
- 2) Compare and contrast the three main sociological theories in sociology.
- 3) Apply social theories correctly to examples of current or historical events.
- 4) Analyze specific sociological topics, utilizing the major theoretical models that are appropriate for each specific topic.
- 5) Differentiate social research and social research methods from other research models.
- 6) Describe the role that culture plays in affecting group as well as individual behaviors.
- 7) Differentiate between Sociology and the other social sciences.
- 8) Define and apply the sociological imagination/sociological perspective.
- 9) Identify and apply specific sociological terms and concepts.
- 10) Explain how various social locations such as class, race, gender, age and sexuality are vital to the study of sociology and apply them to specific sociological topics.

GOALS:

- 1) Understand society, by seeing how society is structured and by experiencing its constraints on us firsthand.
- 2) Explain why categories perceived as real, such as gender, race, and deviance are constructed through socialization.
- 3) Describe key concepts in each unit and make connections between the concepts in different units.
- 4) Use sociological theories and concepts to analyze critically current and historical events.

Class Requirements

Participation – You are required to participate in the class as an independent learner. Each day, you will need to log what you have read, watched, studied and learned. This portfolio will be used as a tool for grading your participation. You may use a notebook, folder, binder, etc. I will collect your portfolio every two weeks for a grade. Each collection is worth 20 pts. for a total of **100 pts. possible.**

Quizzes – This course may have pop quizzes at any time. Make certain you are reading the information and keeping up with coursework within the scheduled time frame. At most, there will be 10 quizzes worth 10 pts. each for a total of **100 pts. possible.**

“Exploriments” – There will be three exploriments for this course. An options link is attached in the schedule. An exploriment is valuable in helping you to experience the constraints of society by breaking a small norm and recording what you learn about society from this. Each exploriment is worth 50 pts. for a total of **150 pts. possible.**

Exams – There will be 1 midterm and 1 final. They will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. Each exam is worth 50 pts. for a total of **100 pts. possible.**

Newspaper Response – You will be investigating how a current article on any topic (from a reliable source) can be analyzed sociologically in a response paper. Part I of this assignment is to summarize the article very briefly in one paragraph. Part II is to write a short response paper to the article that does not exceed 2 pages using information you have learned in the class to analyze the current event. Total of **50 pts. possible.**

Extra Credit – 7 points possible (Max) Two options available

- Option 1 – Service Learning: You may apply the knowledge you have learned this semester and use it to discuss your experience participating in 10-hours of community service and write a 1-page summary of your experience. (6 pts.)
- Option 2 – You can earn this by posting a link to an online video clip, with an explanation of how it relates to something in during your coursework. (1 pt.)

Bonus Opportunity – The final project is optional. You may choose to complete the final project to replace your lowest grade. This assignment cannot hurt your current grade.

Grading Summary

Participation	100 pts.	10%
“Exploriments”	150 pts	20 %
Newspaper Response	50 pts.	25%
Quizzes	100 pts.	5%
Midterm	50 pts.	20%
Final	50 pts.	20 %
	500 pts.	100%

Grading Scale

A = 450 – 500	90 – 100%
B = 400 – 449	80 – 89%
C = 350 – 399	70 – 79%
D = 300 – 349	60 – 69%
F = 299 & below	59% and below

Borderline Grades – Because of the intensity of the course, I will round grades that end in .8 or .9 to the next whole number. Under no circumstances will I round grades for assignments that were turned in late. Additionally, if you have missed turning in more than one assignment, I will not round grades. To ensure your highest earned grade, be sure to turn in all assignments when they are due!

Academic Dishonesty – Because of the nature of this course, you will be tempted to use verbatim responses to sound more academically inclined. I urge you to avoid this because it can lead to plagiarism. If you are caught plagiarizing or copy/pasting on an assignment, you will receive a zero for that assignment.

Preparation – Because this is an independent learning course, you are responsible for all reading materials, video lectures and other media for learning. If you should find a link that is inactive or receive an error response, please notify me immediately so a new link may be used. Additionally, because of the intensity of the material, you will have two weeks to complete each chapter reading, reading assignments, vocabulary practice, video lessons, etc.

Schedule

Week #	Topic	Chapter	Additional Materials	Tests & Assignments
21 22	Sociological Perspective, Theory, and Method	1	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Video 3	1. Learning Agreement 2. Exploriment 1 - Select 1 from any of the first 4 options 3. Vocab Quiz
23 24	Culture	2	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Video 3	1. Due: Learning Agreement 2. Assign Extra Credit – Service Learning 3. Vocab quiz
25 26	Socialization: From Infancy to Old Age	3	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Charles Horton Cooley 5. Looking Glass Self	1. Due: Exploriment 1 2. Exploriment 2 – Select 1 from any of the options 3. Vocab Quiz
27 28	Social Interaction in Everyday Life	4	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2	1. Due - Service Learning Location 2. Vocab Quiz
29 30	Sexuality and Society	6	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Video 3	1. Due – Exploriment 2 2. Newspaper Response Assignment 3. Vocab Quiz
31	---	---	---	Midterm
32 33	Deviance	7	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1	1. Midterm 2. Due – Portfolio 3. Vocab Quiz
34 35	Social Stratification	8	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2	1. Due – Newspaper Check-In 2. Vocab Quiz
36 37	Gender Stratification	10	1. Vocab Practice 2. PowerPoint 3. Reading Segment	1. Due – Newspaper Response Draft 2. Vocab Quiz
38 39	Race and Ethnicity	11	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Video 3	1. Due – Newspaper Response Paper 2. Vocab Quiz
40 41	Family and Religion	13	1. Vocab Practice 2. Video 1 3. Video 2 4. Video 3 5. Video 4	1. Due – Extra Credit Service Learning 2. Vocab Quiz
42	Final Project*	---	1. Project List	1. Due – Extra credit clips 2. Due* – Final Project
43	Final Exam	All Chapters	Review all vocabulary sets, quizzes and tests	1. Final Exam 2. Due - Portfolio