

**Introduction to Sociology**

**SOC -001 Section 1829**

**Course Outline Fall 2014**

**Monday and Wednesday 1:00 p.m.-2:25 p.m.**

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**Course Description:**

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology and its contribution in a diverse world. The objective of the course is to understand the interconnectedness of culture and society in today's world and the trends toward unification across cultures.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course, students will be capable of:

- Know the sociological perspective theories; what is sociology, culture, society and diversity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the individual in society, socialization, groups and organizations, deviance, crime and social control.
- Identify problems stratification and social inequality.
- Have an understanding of social institutions such as the family, religion and Education.
- Know about human ecology and social change
- Interpret numerical data and abstract models as presented in tables, graphs, charts, and diagrams.

Ultimately, the goal of the class is to foster the student's own sociological imagination in linking his or her own private experiences with public issues at local and global levels of society.

If there are special accommodations that you require to be successful in this course, please request assistance from the professor. To receive accommodations for a special need or disability, students must register with the Office of Disabled Student Program and Services. Please contact the DSPS Director at (310) 287 4450 for information and assistance. Location: Student Services Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, room SSB 320.

### **Course Requirements:**

- 1) TEXT BOOK "Sociology Concepts and Applications in a Diverse World" Problems" eight edition. *Authors: Thomas J. Sullivan*
- 2) Attendance and participation is required; students are expected to complete their weekly reading assignments before coming to class and be prepare for group discussions. More than (2) absences will impact your grade.
- 3) EXAMS- there are two exams; a Midterm and Final; each worth 50 points.

Midterm Exam 50

Final Exam 50

1 Term Paper 30

Participation 10

Presentation 20

5 Quizzes 10 points each total of 50 points

Total Points = 210

159 or below = 105-125=F, 126-146=D, 147-167=C, 168-188=B, 189-210=A

### **Class Expectations:**

You are expected to conduct yourself with the highest order and decorum in this class. Arriving late and/or leaving early from this class is disruptive and unacceptable behavior. There will be no cell phone use, iPod's, lap top computer or any type of electronic devises.

### **Term Paper:**

The term paper will be based on a social issue from a journal article. Think of a social issue that you would like to write about but see me first for approval. The paper has to be 3 pages long use 12 font and double space, MLA format and with a cited page and cover page.

### **Plagiarism**

I will uphold the West Los Angeles Community College policy on Academic Integrity. You may access this policy through the institutional catalog. Please note that I reserve the right to ask you to submit your work in electronic form.

### **Individual Oral Presentation**

A Visual Presentation of a social issue (Poster)

### **Late Work**

Late work will not be accepted, no makeup for Quizzes or Tests.

### **NOTE: SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Introduction to the course

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 1- What is Sociology?

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter 2- Culture, Society, and Diversity.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter 3- Socialization **(Quiz)**.

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter 4-Groups and Organizations.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter 5- Deviance, Crime, and Social Control **(Quiz)**.

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter 6- Social Stratification and Social Inequality.

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter 7–Social Inequality: Race and Ethnicity **(Quiz) (Mid Term Study Guide)**.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter 8-Social Inequality: Gender.

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter 10- Health and Health Care Institutions **(Quiz)**.

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter 11- Religion.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter 12-Education and Mass Media **(Quiz) (Presentations begin)**.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter 13-Political and Economic Institutions.

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter 14–Human Ecology: Population, Community, and Environment.

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 15-Collective Behavior, Social Change, and Modernization.

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Final Review and Final Examination.

