

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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- I. **SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology - 3 Semester Hours**
- II. **Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the vocabulary, concepts, and theoretical perspectives of sociology.
- III. **Prerequisite:** None.
- IV. **Textbook:** *Society, The Basics* by John Macionis, 12th edition.
- V. **Course Competencies and Objectives/ Student Learning Outcomes**
Students will:
 - A. Describe how sociology developed and acquired the characteristics of a science.
 - B. Define the major theoretical perspectives of sociology.
 - C. Differentiate among macro, middle and micro levels of analysis in sociology.
 - D. Define the fundamental terms and concepts that sociologists use.
 - E. Describe socialization and its meaning and implications to the individual and society.
 - F. Distinguish among the terms and concepts related to the broader concept of social stratification.
 - G. Differentiate among the explanations for deviance.
 - H. Identify the various cultural dimensions of intergroup relations and their importance in contemporary social life.
 - I. Describe the various factors affecting demographic analysis of any population.
 - J. State the processes related to social change.
 - K. Identify social institutions and explain the interrelationships between them and individual behavior.
- VI. **Course Outline of Topics**
 - A. Foundations of sociology
 - B. Foundations of society
 - C. Social inequality
 - D. Social institutions
 - E. Social change

VII. **Evaluation and Assessment**

There will be a total of four tests, including the final. The tests may be a combination of multiple choice, short answer, and essay. The tests will cover lecture material and assigned readings. **You will need a scantron and a pencil for each test.** There will be quizzes throughout the semester (both scheduled and pop quizzes). Quizzes will be worth 10-20 points each – this may seem small but they add up quickly and are worth more than a major test in the end. You will be able to drop 20 points of quiz grades.

Remember, quizzes may not be made up in case of an absence or tardy so if you miss 20 points, those will be your dropped quiz points and you will receive a zero on the remaining quizzes you miss. A quiz grade may consist of an assignment given in class such as an essay, vocabulary, or pop quiz. You will have one project worth 100 points which will be outlined at a later date. **If your project is turned in late, EVEN WITH A VALID EXCUSE, YOU WILL HAVE 10 POINTS DEDUCTED FOR EVERY DAY IT IS LATE !!!!!**

Your grade will be determined as follows:

Tests	400 points	585-650 = A
Project	100 points	520-584 = B
Quizzes	150 points	455-519 = C
		390-454 = D
		0-389 = F

Make-Up Policy: A make-up exam is only given in extenuating circumstances. If a student misses a test, it is his/her responsibility to contact the instructor and register within 2 weeks of the test, to take a make-up test at the end of the semester. If the student missed the test due to an excusable absence and is allowed to make up the test, make-up day is indicated on the course calendar. **This is the ONLY day for make-up exams!!! There are no exceptions!!!** Make-up quizzes will **NOT** be given, for scheduled or nonscheduled (pop) quizzes. The only thing you are allowed to make up is **ONE** major exam. If you arrive late on make-up day, you forfeit your opportunity for a make-up exam.

VIII. **Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Students will be responsible for obtaining any information that was discussed or distributed in class and for any assignments that were given in class.

Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid. Students on financial aid programs are responsible for knowing their particular attendance policies, if any. Those students must contact the financial aid office to receive written attendance reporting requirements.

Attendance will be taken from the first day of the student's official enrollment. If a student arrives late, it is the student's responsibility to tell the instructor to change the absent to a late before he/she leaves. If you arrive late on the day that a quiz is being given, you have only as much time as the rest of the class needs. Also, if you arrive late on the day a test is being given, I am assuming that you do not need the full allotment of time; therefore, you will be asked to turn in your test when the last person, who arrived on time, is finished with their test.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment:

The College and the Alabama State Board of Education are committed to providing both employment and educational environments free of harassment or discrimination related to an individual's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability. Such harassment is a violation of State Board of Education policy. Any practice or behavior that constitutes harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated.

X. Americans with Disabilities:

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.

Student Conduct: Each student is expected to be respectful of his/her instructor and fellow classmates. Any student who continues to disrupt or violate any behavior rule of the college during a class shall be subject to immediate dismissal from the class and subsequent disciplinary action. Any student caught cheating on any assignment or exam receives a zero. All forms of dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, and furnishing false information to the College are subject to disciplinary action. Students should remove all dark sunglasses before entering the classroom, unless there is a documented medical reason for which they are needed.

No picture taking, recordings, or laptops are allowed in class without the instructor's permission. If permission is granted, computers can only be used on the front row and any usage NOT directly related to class will result in the loss of computer privileges.

Course Calendar: The course calendar will be distributed to you separately from the syllabus. The calendar is subject to change. It is YOUR responsibility to note the changes as they are announced in class. If you miss a test or a project due to a change in date, I am not responsible.