

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

SOC 101

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GOALS

EMPOWERMENT: to teach you how to think sociologically about human social life

ENLIGHTENMENT: to reduce ethnocentricity, ignorance and paranoia, based on cultural differences

CRITICAL THINKING: to teach you how to think about power and domination in human social life

SOCIAL CHANGE: to identify the major causes of contemporary social change

REQUIREMENTS

Students must attend all classes, complete all assigned readings, and take the examinations and meet the deadlines as scheduled below.

If you miss a scheduled midterm or final, a make-up exam will be granted only with a verifiable medical excuse.

There are four midterms and a final. Each test contributes 20% to your final course grade. They are based on assigned readings in the textbook and materials presented in lecture. Students must have a comprehensive and detailed understanding of both the readings and lecture materials to pass this course.

TEXTBOOK

Anthony Giddens, Mitchell Duneier, & Richard Applebaum. *Essentials of Sociology*.. New York: Norton & Company, 2006..

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

DATE (for week of)	TOPICS	READING
Aug 23	Theory & Research	Ch 1
Aug 30	Culture & Society	Ch 2
<i>Sep 6</i>	<i>Midterm 1</i>	
Sep 6	Socialization	Ch 3
Sep 13	Interaction & Groups	Ch 4-5
Sep 20	Conformity & Deviance	Ch 6
<i>Sep 27</i>	<i>Midterm 2</i>	
Sep 27	Stratification & Class Inequality	Ch 7
Oct 4	Global Inequality	Ch 8
Oct 12	Gender Inequality	Ch 9
Oct 18	Racial & Ethnic Inequality	Ch 10
<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>Midterm 3</i>	
Oct 25	Institutions, Family & Marriage	Ch 11
Nov 1	Education & Religion	Ch 12
Nov 8	Politics & Economic Life	Ch 13
Nov 15	Health, Sexuality, Age	Ch 14
Nov 20-26	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	.
<i>Nov 29</i>	<i>Midterm 4</i>	
Nov 29	Urbanization, Population, Environment	Ch 15
Dec 6	Social Change	Ch 16
<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Final: W. 6:00-8:00pm</i>	