



Principles of Sociology (SOC101)

Mr. Peter Rodrigues

Fall 2015

Scheduled Meeting Times

<u>Type</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Date Range</u>	<u>Schedule Type</u>	<u>Instructors</u>
Class	6:30 pm - 9:15 pm	W	Three Rivers CC D109	Aug 31, 2015 - Dec 23, 2015	Lecture	Peter Rodrigues

All students are required to maintain a learning portfolio in Digication that uses the (Three Rivers) College Template.

Date:	Topics:	Readings/Assignments:
9/2	Introduction to course and text, History of Sociology (What is "Sociology?")	1 st article assignment, write-up. READING: Chapter 1
9/9	DUE: 1 st article write up Current events and article assignments; Understanding Culture (What is Culture?)	READING: Chapter 2 Study for 1st Quiz
9/16	QUIZ #1 (Chapters 1 and 2) Types of Societies, Social Groups and Organizations	2 nd Article write-up READING: Chapter 5
9/23	DUE: 2 nd article write-up. Past vs. Present Societies, introduction to major class project.	READING: Chapter 3 Study for 2 nd Quiz

9/30	QUIZ #2 (Chapters 3 and 5) Crime and Sociology, Data analysis.	READING: Chapter 6
10/7	View film <i>Crash</i>	READING: Chapter 10 ASSIGNMENT: Critical review write-up on <i>Crash</i> due next class
10/14	DUE: <i>Crash</i> write-up Film discussion Sociology and its relationship with race, gender, and ethnicity.	Study for QUIZ
10/21	QUIZ #3 (Chapters 6 and 10) Sociology and Families	3 rd article assignment. READING: Chapter 11
10/28	DUE: 3 rd Article due. Sociology of Religion (religious influences on culture), Education and Sociology.	READING: Chapter 12
11/4	DUE: "Outliers" analysis Social Organizations; Marriage and Family.	Study for QUIZ
11/11	Quiz #4 (Chapters 11 and 12) Dynamics of Eastern Connecticut (cultural, religious, and social).	Final article assignment.
11/18	DUE: Final articles. Globalization and populations, Future of Sociology in America (what will America look like?)	
11/25	NO CLASS- Thanksgiving	Work on Final projects.

12/2	First project presentations.	Final Projects
12/9	Final project presentations.	Final Projects
12/16	Final project presentations/make-ups, wrap up	Final Projects

Texts for course

- “Societies and Social Life”
- “Outliers” by Malcolm Gladwell
- Daily newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.
- The Internet!

Course Description:

Using our main textbook as a guide, and the internet as a growing source of knowledge and information, we will explore--through readings, videos, lectures, projects and discussions--how sociology might help us to understand our own society, in a dramatically changing world.

Course Objectives:

A main objective of this course is to help participants learn key terms, questions and perspectives in sociology.

In the process we will encourage each other to find ways to "do sociology"--to develop a "sociological imagination"--as a means of understanding (if not doing something about) the society and world in which we live.

Projects and assignment requirements:

Article write-ups (4): 50 points each

You are required to complete 4 current event article write-ups. Each article should be a current event that relates in some way to Sociology. Each paper should be a minimum of 2 pages (typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman) and should contain a summary of the article, a paragraph on how it relates to Sociology, and a personal response to the article (agree or disagree? What are your opinions on the topic?).

Quizzes (4): 50 points each

Quizzes are based on readings from the book and will be assigned in advance. Check online for study guides.

“Crash” Paper: 100 points

“Outliers” book analysis: 100 points

TBD

Final Project: 200 points

Directions and Rubric will be handed out.

Class Participation: 200 points

Throughout the semester you will be asked to participate in class assignments, as well as research/share information and contribute to discussion. Your contributions to the class will greatly impact your final grade. Please note that if you miss 3 or more un-excused classes you cannot receive class participation credit (since you have to be in class to participate!).

Attendance: If you are unable to attend a class, please email or call me in advance. If you fail to contact me, you will lose points from your grade. Three or more UN-EXCUSED absences will result in immediate failure of the course.

Possible Points this semester: 1000 (if you were curious, you need a minimum of 900 points to receive an A).

Please let me know early if you have any special needs for note-taking, exam/test-taking etc. so that accommodations can be made. Also, be sure to take advantage of the great resources (including the great resource people) in the library and the library learning center.

Peter Rodrigues’s Office Hours:

Online conferences and email (anytime) and by appointment

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