

Course Description

This course introduces the student to the discipline of sociology, its development, theories, major findings, and to the sociological interpretation of modern society. Emphasis will be given to the importance of careful empirical investigation for the understanding of recent social and cultural changes. Students should be prepared to encounter basic issues in sociological method and in theory; inquisitiveness and an inclination toward systematic thinking will be useful.

Faculty Information

Dr. Tony Capon

Office Hours: I'll be having office hours, I don't know where or when yet.

Course Meeting Times and Location

Tuesday, Thursday, 9:30-10:45, D104

Tuesday, Thursday, 11:00-12:15, D221

Textbook

Andersen, Margaret L. and Howard F. Taylor. *Sociology: The Essentials* (6th edition). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2011.

Course Requirements and Grading

Six Exams:

Each exam will have 25 multiple choice questions and 15 true-false questions worth two points each, and five short-answer questions worth four points each, for a total of 100 points on each exam. In calculating your final grade for the course, the highest grade on the six exams will count as one and a half exams, while the lowest grade will count as half an exam. No make-up exams will be given unless the student presents a valid excuse. A student who misses an exam will receive a grade that is 25 points lower than the lowest passing grade for the exam.

Ten Research Assignments:

There will be ten research assignments. Each assignment is worth a varying number of points, but the total number of points for all the research assignments is 100. Assignments not turned in on time will receive no points. The ten research assignments will count as a seventh exam. The research assignments are in *Course Content*. Go there first to read them. They are submitted in *Assessments*.

Attendance Policy:

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, attendance will be taken daily. You are allowed two unexcused absences during the term. For each unexcused absence after two, your final course average will be reduced by two percentage points.

Course Policies

Academic Integrity:

Students in this course will be expected to adhere to standards of academic integrity. Any student suspected of violating this obligation for any reason during the semester is subject to sanctions that may include, but are not limited to, receiving a failing grade on the assignment or examination, or receiving a failing grade for the course.

Disabilities:

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the [Learning Disabilities Resource Office](#). To avoid any delay in the receipt of accommodations, you should contact the office as soon as possible.

Other Policies:

1. No eating in class.
2. If you chew gum, no one should hear it.
3. Chewing tobacco in class is permitted, as long as you don't spit.
4. Cell phones, Blackberries, pagers, etc., are to be turned off and put away. If your cell phone goes off in class, I will answer it for you. Texting, etc., while in class is prohibited.
5. No hats. Hats worn in class will be added to my ever-growing hat collection.
6. Asking your neighbor a question quietly will be tolerated. Conversations will not be.
7. Tape recording lectures is permitted.

Study Aids

Wadsworth Publishing Company has a [Student Resources Page](#) , where you can find study aids for each chapter of the text. In addition, before each exam I will post links to practice quizzes. Most of the exam questions will come from the practice quizzes.