

## **Principles of Sociology:** M,W, F 8:00-8:50

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### **Introduction:**

This course is a study of the major concepts used in the field of sociology. The nature of institutions will be examined both individually and in their dynamic interrelationship. Emphasis is placed on understanding the impact of society on our lives, and on increasing our effectiveness in controlling our destinies within it.

### **Conduct:**

Some simple rules to live by (if you want a good grade):

1. Arrive on time and stay for the entire class.
2. No more than 2 absences (after that it affects your grade).
3. No late assignments (See policy below).
4. Be respectful of your classmates and the professor.
5. Use the writing center.
6. Participate in class.
7. Read and abide the college's academic honesty policy.
8. Do not wait until the last minute to read the assignments.
9. Study!
10. Ask for help!

### **Academic Dishonesty:**

Any form of cheating, including plagiarism, will result in the immediate failure of the assignment and an official report to academic officials. Please see me if you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism.

### **Late Assignments:**

The simple thing is to just get your work in on the day it is due. However, for those who are unable to do this read on...

Assignments are due by the end of class on the day they are assigned. Anyone wishing to hand in a late assignment must bring it to my office and place it in "The Box." These assignments will be returned at the convenience of the professor, and will be graded on a pass/fail basis (a "pass" in this case will be graded as a "D" even if it is "A" level work). No box assignments will be accepted after the last day of classes.

Make-up exams will only be given at the discretion of the professor.

### **Participant-Observation Exercise (10%)**

Further details will be provided on a separate handout.

### **Social Deviance Exercise (10%)**

Further details will be provided on a separate handout.

### **Class Participation/Reading Responses (20%)**

Simply put, you can't participate if you are not in class and you have not completed the readings assignments. Each week you will complete a 1-2 page response paper reflecting your thoughts on the assigned readings for that week. These will be discussed and evaluated and/or the professor during Friday discussions. At each exam you will hand in your collected papers and they will be graded by random sampling (this will be explained in class).

### **Three Exams (60%):**

Exams will be take home essays that will require you to make proper use of terms/concepts presented in class. You will also need to make reference to the articles assigned as weekly readings. The final examination is cumulative in nature and will be graded on your ability to demonstrate your new knowledge of sociology.

### **College Withdrawal Policy:**

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course MUST complete a withdrawal form obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students may withdraw from class anytime during the first ten weeks of the semester without obtaining permission of the instructor. After that period, a student wishing to withdraw must obtain written authorization of the instructor to receive a "W" grade for the course. Students who fail to properly withdraw, and discontinue coming to class, will be assigned an "F" grade. Eligibility for refund of tuition is based upon date of withdrawal through the registrar's office. Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.

### **Learning Disabilities:**

If you have a disability that may require classroom or test-taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible.

### **Required Text:**

Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., Susan J. Ferguson.

\* The principle concepts and theories will be presented in class. A small number of introductory texts will be placed on reserve at the Thames library for those individuals who miss a class or would like to complete supplemental preparation.

**Assignments:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>Sociological Imagination</b>	<b>1, 2, 3</b>	
<b>Two</b>	<b>Thinking Sociologically</b>		<b>Part-Obs Ex.</b>
<b>Three</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>5, 6</b>	
<b>Four</b>	<b>Culture</b>	<b>8, 10</b>	
<b>Five</b>	<b>Socialization</b>	<b>12, 13, 14</b>	
<b>Six</b>	<b>The Individual</b>		<b>1st Exam 1-5</b>
<b>Seven</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>53, 54, 55</b>	
<b>Eight</b>	<b>Deviance</b>	<b>20, 21, 22</b>	<b>Deviance Ex</b>
<b>Nine</b>	<b>Institutions</b>	<b>35, 39, 42, 45, 47, 50</b>	
<b>Ten</b>	<b>Class/Inequality</b>	<b>23, 26</b>	
<b>Eleven</b>	<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>9, 31, 32</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Exam 6-10</b>
<b>Twelve</b>	<b>Sex/Gender</b>	<b>11, 27</b>	
<b>Thirteen</b>	<b>Globalization</b>	<b>37, 38, 59</b>	
<b>Fourteen</b>	<b>Social Change</b>	<b>56, 60</b>	
<b>Fifteen</b>	<b>Review</b>		<b>Final Exam</b>