

Case Western Reserve University
SOCI 112b-Intro Soci: Human Interaction
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Class Schedule: This course meets January 14-April 28 every Monday and Wednesday 12:30-1:45 with the following exceptions:

January 21: Martin Luther King Day

March 10: Spring Break

March 12: Spring Break

Note: Last day to withdraw is March 28th.

Course Objective: The course should enable students to obtain a sense of sociological principles, perspectives, theories, concepts, and research methods used in the field of sociology.

Required Text: Sociology: A Brief Introduction, seventh edition by Richard T. Schaefer.

Reading Assignments: Students are expected to read each chapter of the text *before* the corresponding class discussion (see class outline). This will allow students to participate in class discussion and better prepare them for any in-class assignments.

Graded Assignments: There will be four exams, which will consist of true/false, multiple choice and short answer questions. Exams will cover assigned readings and class discussions. Therefore, regular attendance is highly recommended.

Grading:

Attendance/Participation-10%

Exam One-22.5%

Exam Two-22.5%

Exam Three-22.5%

Exam Four-22.5%

Missed Exams: Students are discouraged to miss exams, and should only miss an exam due to an emergency. If you have an emergency, proper documentation for why you missed the exam is REQUIRED (i.e. doctor's note) within one week of the missed exam. In addition to this documentation, students who miss an exam MUST take the exam within one week.

Grading Scale: A = 90-100% B=80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69% F = 59 or lower

Class Outline:

Week One: Understanding Sociology

Homework: Read Chapter One: Understanding Sociology p. 1-27

January 14: Getting to know you exercise. Introduction: What is sociology?

January 16: The development of sociology

Week Two: Understanding Sociology and Sociological Research

Homework: Read Chapter Two: Sociological Research p28-52

January 21: NO CLASS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

January 23: Major theoretical perspectives/Scientific method and major research designs
Ethics of research

Week Three: Culture

Homework: Read Chapter Three: Culture p53-76

January 28: Development of culture around the world

January 31: Elements of culture and the dominant ideology
Cultural variation

Week Four: Socialization

Homework: Read Chapter Four: Socialization p77-98

February 4: The role of socialization, The self and socialization
Socialization and the life course, Agents of socialization

February 6: **EXAM ONE**

Week Five: Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure

Homework: Read Chapter Five: Social Interaction, Groups, and Social Structure p99-131

February 11: Social interaction and the elements of social structure

February 13: Social structure in global perspective
Understanding organizations and the changing workplace

Week Six: The Mass Media

Homework: Read Chapter Six: The Mass Media p132-155

February 18: Sociological perspectives on the media
The audience and the media industry

February 20: Video

Week Seven: Deviance and Social Control

Homework: Read Chapter Seven: Deviance and Social Control p156-183

February 25: Social control

February 27: Deviance/Crime

Week Eight: Stratification and Social Mobility

Homework: Read Chapter Eight: Stratification and social mobility in the United States p184-208

March 3: Stratification/Social mobility

March 5: **EXAM TWO**

Week Nine:

March 10: NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK

March 12: NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK

Week Ten: Global Inequality and Racial and Ethnic Inequality

Homework: Read Chapter Nine: Global inequality p209-232

Read Chapter Ten: Racial and Ethnic Inequality p232-259

March 17: Global divide and world stratification/stratification within nations

March 19: Minority, racial, and ethnic groups, prejudice and discrimination

Week Eleven: Race, Gender, and Age Inequality

Homework: Read Chapter Eleven: Stratification by Gender and Age p260-288

March 24: Gender inequality

March 26: Age Inequality

Week Twelve: The family and intimate relationships

Homework: Read Chapter Twelve: The Family and Intimate Relationships p289-313

March 31: Global view of the family, studying the family

April 2: Marriage, family and divorce/diverse lifestyles

Week Thirteen: Religion and education

Homework: Read Chapter Thirteen: Religion and Education p314-346

April 7: **EXAM THREE**

April 9: Religion/Education

Week Fourteen: Population, Communities, and Health

Homework: Read Chapter Fifteen Population, Communities and Health p373-404

April 14: Demography: The study of the population/ How have communities changed?

April 16: Health

Week Fifteen: Health and globalization

Homework: Read Chapter Sixteen: Globalization, the Environment, and Social Change

April 21: Social movements and social change

April 23: Resistance to social change

Week Sixteen:

April 28: **EXAM FOUR**

Note: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus at any time.