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The instructor is available to meet with students with disabilities to discuss academic accommodations. In addition, the University’s Coordinator of Disability Services can be contacted at 368-5230.

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.


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.