



SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

General Information:

Term: 2021 Summer Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 5

Total Weeks: 5

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 145

Credit Hours: 4

Course Description:

This course is designed to be a broad introduction to the field of sociology. Students will engage in critical thinking about social and culture issues and gain exposure to different types of sociological research. Topics include methods of social research and investigation; the role of individuals in groups, organizations, and society; socialization and education; stratification; race and ethnicity; science, culture, and religion; formal and informal organization; and economic and political systems.

Course Format and Requirements:

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Attendance will be taken throughout the semester. While attendance is not directly calculated into the student's course grade, it will be a factor in determining participation grades. After a student's 4th absence, each unexcused absence will result in an automatic drop in grade. With each



unexcused absence your final letter grade will be dropped ½ a grade – NO EXCEPTIONS (e.g.: A to A-).

Course Materials:

Introduction to Sociology, Anthony Giddens, Mitchell Duneier, Richard P Appelbaum and Deborah Carr, 11th edition

Course Assignments:

Quizzes:

Throughout the semester, students will have six in-class quizzes. The formats include group work, mini-papers, multiple choices and True/False questions. **lowest** in-class writing grades of the semester will be dropped. **NO make-up** in-class quizzes.

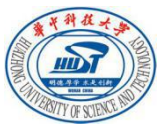
Paper Assignments:

You will complete **two** (2-3 pages each) paper assignments. These papers will test your comprehension of course readings as well as your ability to explain, synthesize, and make connections between the readings in your own words. All papers must be double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1" margins all around. You will submit papers electronically. **No late** paper assignment

Examination:

Midterm Exam: The midterm exam will be worth 20% of your grade. No make-up Midterm exam, unless you have valid document from a doctor for emergency or illness.

Final Exam: The final will be cumulative to allow you to demonstrate the breadth of knowledge you've acquired throughout the semester. In addition to the variety of questions listed as possible for the midterm, the final will likely include a larger analysis component. We will review for the final on the last day of class. **No make-up final exam for any reasons.**



NOTE: All exams will cover material from lecture, videos, class discussion, and readings. All exams are not open-book and you are not allowed to bring notes. All exams will be multiple choice and true-false questions and one short-answer question. Turn off all electronic devices during an exam, including cell phones and get to the exam by the start time.

Course Assessment:

Top 5 Quizzes	15%
Paper 1	20%
Paper 2	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 73%-77%

C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

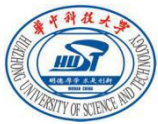
D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%

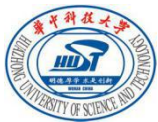
F: Below 60%

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Due
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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the course and syllabus• What is Sociology?• Sociological Theory & Methods: Perspectives, Theory, Sociological Imagination, and Socialization• Research Methods• <i>Paper 1 Instruction</i>	Quiz 1
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culture: Values and Beliefs; Culture Diversity• Religion: Religious Organizations; Social Change• Deviance: What is Deviance? Theories of deviance	Quiz 2
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime: Types of Crime; US Criminal Justice System• The Socialization Process: Institutional Agents of Socialization (family, education, gender...)• Social Movements and Change Class, Stratification, Gender, and Inequality• <i>Paper 2 Instruction</i>• <i>Review for Midterm Exam</i>	Quiz 3 Midterm Exam Paper 1 Due
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Stratification• Race and Ethnicity	Quiz 4 & 5 Paper 2 Due



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Sexuality 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Attitudes • Human Population and the Environment • Theories about Human Population Size and Control • <i>Review for Final Exam</i> 	<p>Quiz 6</p> <p>Final Exam</p>

Final Exam (Cumulative): TBA

Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science & Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*.

Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

Special Needs or Assistance:

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.