

# INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Sociology 101, Section 4  
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MWF, 10:00-10:50  
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It may seem that by simply being a member of society one acquires expertise in social behavior and can unquestionably rely on his or her beliefs about people and social life. However, research experiences show that often common sense knowledge turns out not to be true. Sociology is the science that allows us to put our everyday knowledge of society to test. In this introductory course you will have a chance to do just that and, if anything, by the end of the course you will know more about the patterns of social behavior, social structure, and social institutions than you have known at the beginning.

The objective of this course is for you to:

- (1) gain an understanding of the key concepts and ideas about the social organization of societies;
- (2) develop analytical and critical thinking about social phenomena;
- (3) learn how to apply sociological perspective to the various aspects of social life and your own experiences.

## REQUIRED READINGS

*Sociology* (10<sup>th</sup> Edition) by John J. Macionis. It is available at the UA Bookstore.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**Readings and Class Participation:** Students are expected to complete their reading assignments designated on the syllabus before coming to class. Students are expected to participate in the discussions. Class participation is worth 30 points.

**Exams and Papers:** There will be three exams, including final, and two paper assignments during the course. The dates of the exams and paper due dates are indicated on the class schedule.

Exam one will cover material taught August 23 through September 22. Exam two will cover material taught September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>. Final exam will cover material taught November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. The exams will cover material from both lectures and readings. Each exam is worth 50 points.

Paper assignments will be short papers (1-3 pages long, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12-point font). The class will be split into several teams of about four students. First, teams will collect data on a chosen topic (paper1) and then explain their findings using sociological theories (paper2). Each paper is worth 50 points. For each paper students will also receive a total maximum of 10 points as participation evaluation from their teammates.

## COURSE POLICIES

**Make-ups and Missed Paper Due Date:** Make-up exams will only be offered in extreme situations. If you are going to miss an exam, you must contact me prior to the exam and take a make-up exam within one week of the missed exam. Otherwise, no make-ups will be allowed. If you are not be able to meet a paper due date because of an extreme situation, you must also contact me prior to the scheduled date and submit your paper within one week of the scheduled date. Otherwise, I will subtract 10% of the points you earn for each day past due date.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic integrity is expected of every student in all academic work. Consult the Code of Academic Integrity in regard to the university's policy on academic misconduct and possible consequences of such failures to maintain academic integrity as plagiarism and cheating at <http://w3.arizona.edu/~studpubs/handbook/policyframe.html>.

**Incompletes:** In accordance with university policy, an incomplete grade will be given only if a student has a medical emergency and if student's coursework up to that point has received a passing grade.

**Students with Special Needs:** Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations to fully participate in course activities or meet course requirements must register with the Disability Resource Center. If you qualify for services through DRC, bring your letter of accommodations to me as soon as possible.

## GRADING

Final grades will be assigned based upon the following cumulative points:

Class Participation	30 points
Two Exams (each 50 points)	100 points
Two Papers (each 50 points)	100 points
Two Grades from Teammates (each 10 points)	20 points
Final exam	50 points
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>300 points</u></b>

There is NO extra credit.

## GRADES:

A	270 points or more
B	240-269
C	210-239
D	180-209
F	Less than 180 points

## CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Introduction
August 25 <sup>h</sup> August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 1. The Sociological Perspective (pp.1-13) Chapter 1. Sociological Theory (pp.13-21)
August 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 2. Sociological Investigation (pp.27-38) Chapter 2. The Methods of Sociological research (pp.38-53)
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 3. Culture (pp.57-70) <b>Team paper topics to be given</b>
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 3. Culture (pp.70-84) <b>Team assignments to be chosen</b>
September 10 <sup>th</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 4. Society (pp.89-102) Chapter 4. Society (pp.102-111)
September 15 <sup>th</sup> September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 5. Socialization (pp.115-125) Chapter 5. Socialization (pp.125-135)
September 20 <sup>th</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter 6. Social Interaction (pp.139-152) Chapter 6. Interaction in Everyday Life (pp.152-159)
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EXAM 1</b>
September 27 <sup>th</sup> September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 7. Groups (pp.163-172) Chapter 7. Formal Organizations (pp.172-185)
October 1 <sup>st</sup> October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 8. Deviance (pp.189-200) Chapter 8. Deviance and Inequality (pp.200-216)
October 6 <sup>th</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 10. Social Stratification (pp.246-257) Chapter 10. Theories of Social Stratification (pp.257-266) <b>Team paper1 is due by 11am.</b>
October 11 <sup>th</sup> October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 11. Social Class (pp.271-281) Chapter 11. Social Mobility and Poverty (pp.282-294)
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 12. Global Stratification (pp.300-307, pp.310-318)
October 18 <sup>th</sup> October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 13. Gender (pp.222-223, pp.325-332, pp.343-344) Chapter 13. Gender and Stratification (pp.332-343, pp.344-349)

October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter 14. Race and Ethnicity (pp.353-363)
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 14. Majority and Minority: Patterns of Interaction (pp.363-379)
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Film <i>Roger &amp; Me</i>
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EXAM2</b>
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 18. Family (pp.461-472)
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 18. U.S. Families (pp.472-483)
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 16. The Economy and Work (pp.407-417)
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 16. Work in Postindustrial economy (pp.417-428)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 17. Politics and Government (pp.433-445)
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 17. Theoretical Analysis of Power in Society (pp.446-455)
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 19. Religion (pp.489-503)
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 19. Religion in the U.S. (pp.503-512)
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 20. Education (pp.517-528)
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chapter 20. Problems in the Schools (pp.528-536)
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	No lecture. Work on your team paper.
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 22. Population (pp.569-578)
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chapter 22. Urbanization (pp.778-786)
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chapter 23. Collective Behavior (pp.601-610)
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter 23. Social Movements (pp.610-621)
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Putting it all together. <b>Team paper2 is due by 11 am.</b>
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b> at 11am.
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Make-up exam at 10am.