

SOC& 101 online
Introduction to Sociology
(5 credits)

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Q: Why take this class?

A: Because if you live in society, it is relevant to your life.

OVERVIEW

This class is set up in modules. All assignments, specific resources needed for the assignments, and due dates are in the respective modules. The first module (getting started) is both an introduction to the class overall and an introduction to your classmates. The modules that follow are organized by topic. The bulk of the modules consist of topics we will be covering this quarter. The last several modules contain resources that will help you throughout the quarter.

This class consists primarily of reading, writing and responding. For the first assignment you will introduce yourself, read information on plagiarism, and respond to the introductions of your classmates. Every assignment thereafter until the last one, you will be answering a question based on information in the readings. For some topics you will write an essay rough draft, post it on the discussion site, respond to at least three of your classmates' essays, and then turn a final copy of your essay in to me using the online submission box on the assignment page. For other topics you will answer a discussion question (in short essay format), post it to the discussion site and then respond to at least three of your classmates' postings. There are also a few other types of assignments throughout the quarter. For example, there are several group work assignments and the last assignment is a written self-assessment. You will find the assignments in several places: in the modules, in the assignments tab (left of screen), and in the syllabus tab (left of screen).

This class has set due dates with no late assignments accepted. You can find the due dates in three places: in the module, in the calendar (link at top of page), and in the syllabus (link in menu to left of page). Use whichever source makes the most sense to you. This is important because late assignments are

not accepted for credit. For discussion posts, be sure to post under the correct topic as assignments posted under the incorrect topic will not receive credit. Each assignment should add a bit more to your understanding of sociology and of the social world around you.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing the course, the successful student will be able to:

1. Question the obvious.
2. Distinguish between factual statements and value judgments.
3. Put aside personal ethnocentric attitudes; become culturally relativistic.
4. Critically evaluate the various perspectives in terms of their strengths and weaknesses.
5. Utilize objective criteria for evaluating sociological knowledge.
6. Ascertain cause and effect as well as correlation.
7. Formulate logical conclusions.
8. Apply knowledge to real-life situations.

The REQUIRED BOOKS for this class are:

McIntyre, L. (2011). *The practical skeptic: Core concepts in sociology*. (5th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw Hill. (isbn#: 978-0-07-340440-0)

Schneider, L., & Silverman, A. (2013). *Global sociology: Introducing five contemporary societies*. (6th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw Hill. (isbn# : 978-0-07-802670-6)

note: make sure you have McIntyre's "Core Concepts" and not "Readings in Sociology".