

SOCIOLOGY 101

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Course website accessible via myBC

Course Catalog Description

Investigate the human social condition, and develop a useful way to think critically about the world around you. Themes include power dynamics, culture, the development of self in society, deviance, stereotyping, and/or the social construction of knowledge.

Course Content

Sociologists study a broad range of topics--some of which includes provocative content and adult themes. While every attempt will be made to keep things PG-13, please know that there will be times where R-rated content (language, images, etc.) is necessary to examine course topics within an academic context. Students will not be penalized for excusing themselves from content they find objectionable or difficult to watch, see, discuss or listen to. That being said, students who excuse themselves are responsible for any course material they miss as a result of choosing not to participate. If you have any questions or concerns about course content or classroom climate, feel free to speak with me about it at any time. I am not punitive, I am here to support you. Come talk to me during office hours or email me.

When emailing, please put MW3 _SOC 101--[your name] in the subject line so that I can easily identify you.

Classroom Theme/Pedagogical Approach

Video selections and music will be prominently featured in this class and will be used to illustrate course topics and themes. All multimedia selections are chosen for their ability to make you think and therefore, inspire engaging classroom conversations. No one will be put on the spot, but please be prepared to participate in class discussions. Critical thinking is the goal. This course is paperless and uses many different online, internet based tools to support classroom management and enhance student learning. Students in this section of SOC 101 will need to have stable and consistent internet access along with a working Bellevue College email account (see notes below for access information). Further, students in this class will be accessing a couple of other websites:

- Grades: www.jupitergrades.com
- Homework/Quizzes: www.junoed.com

General Rules and Expectations:

- Come to class. Every day. Be on time. Be present.
- Complete the readings no later than the *start* of the week assigned.
- Be prepared to contribute to the in-class conversations.
- Take notes on the readings, videos, and songs.
- Properly manage your laptop, netbook, cell phone and/or PDA
- Consistently demonstrate respect and proper classroom behavior.
- Disrespectful behavior will result in you being asked to leave.
- Critical thinking is expected. Informed opinion is the standard...
- Questions are welcome and encouraged.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the fully engaged, actively participating student will be able to demonstrate:

1. A general understanding of basic concepts most widely used in sociology today. You will review some of the "classics" in sociology as well as exploring the recent move toward cultural studies.
2. A critical idea of society and community, including where in your social landscape you live, and how you observe those around you.
3. A general knowledge and comprehension of how social, political, and cultural forms of power are played out, and how some folks perceive those experiences.
4. A general understanding of the representation and identity construction of various groups in historical and contemporary analyses of culture in the United States. In addition, we will explore the way in which these representations are subverted and contrasted in cultural texts.
5. An introductory ability to see the impact of social forces on your private life (e.g. find your Sociological Imagination)
6. An ability to think critically and express informed thoughts and opinions on topics related to social stratification and inequality.

Textbook: ***Introduction to Sociology. Henry L Tischler.***
Cengage Advantage Books. 10th edition

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic(s)	Readings
Week 1	<i>The Sociological Imagination</i> <i>Perspectives on Social Order</i>	Syllabus, Handouts, Chapters 1 & 2
Week 2	<i>Culture</i> <i>Socialization</i>	<i>Chapter 3</i> Chapter 4
Week 3	Socialization (cont.) <i>Gender Stratification</i>	Chapter 4 <i>Chapter 11</i>
Week 4	<i>Social Interaction</i> <i>Social Deviance</i>	Chapter 5 Chapter 7
Week 5	Groups and Organizations	Chapter 6
Week 6	<i>Political and Economic Systems</i>	<i>Chapter 15</i>
Week 7	<i>Social Class in the U.S.</i>	<i>Chapter 8</i>
Week 8	Race and Ethnicity	Chapter 10
Week 9	<i>Marriage and Alternative Family</i>	<i>Chapter 12</i>
Week10	<i>Religion and Education</i>	<i>Chapters 13 & 14</i>

Course Requirements:

- **Participation. 60 points.**

Participation is an important part of your learning and includes class discussions, group work, and in-class activities. As such, absences, late arrivals, not paying attention, and disruptions will negatively impact your grade.

- **Attendance. 40 points.**

Roll will be taken daily at the start of class. 2pts per class session.

- **Junoed.com Homework. 200 points.**

We will be watching several films and listening to many songs in this course. After select viewing or listening sessions, students are required to complete an online assessment via junoed.com. These assignments will evaluate your ability to identify connections between Sociology concepts/terms from the textbook with examples from the films and songs.

- **News Analysis Paper. 100 points.**

Students are required to write a term paper based on a recent newsworthy issue related to sociology. After choosing a current event, you will analyze how the story is being covered by a variety of media sources. Your final paper will be 2-3 pages long and require that you explain how your findings relate to topics in the readings and class. In addition to the paper, students will need to turn in observation notes and copies of news articles reviewed. A detailed handout of this assignment is in the Shared Documents folder.

- **Reading Concepts/Terms Quizzes. 100 points.**

Online quizzes will be used to assess your comprehension of readings and acclimation to terms and definitions referenced in the textbook. Each of the four (4) online exams will feature twenty-five (25) multiple choice questions drawn from the textbook readings and corresponding classroom lectures.

Students will have a 48hr window to complete the online assessment.

Website: www.junoed.com

Quizzes will be available on the following dates:

QUIZ 1: Sunday 4/22, 12:30pm thru Tuesday 4/24, 12:30pm

QUIZ 2: Sunday 5/6, 12:30pm thru Tuesday 5/7, 12:30pm

QUIZ 3: Sunday 5/20, 12:30pm thru Tuesday 5/22, 12:30pm

Quiz 4: Sunday 6/10, 12:30pm thru Tuesday 6/12, 12:30pm

Grading:

There are 500 points available in this class. Here is the grading scale:

475+pts = (4.0) A	360+pts = (2.3) C+	>280pts= (0.0) Fail
450+pts = (3.7) A-	345+pts = (2.0) C	
425+pts = (3.3) B+	325+pts = (1.7) C-	
400+pts = (3.0) B	300+pts = (1.3) D+	
375+pts = (2.7) B-	280+pts = (1.0) D	

Bellevue College Email:

All students registered for classes at Bellevue College are entitled to a network and e-mail account. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network and log in to MyBC.
 ==>**To create your account, go to: <https://bellevuecollege.edu/sam>.**

Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing*

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

*If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure (the right to due process) which you may pursue. Contact the office of Division Chair (D110), the Dean of Student Services (B231A) or the Associated Student Body (C212) for information regarding the appeals process.

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

F Grade

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

There is no Final Exam scheduled for Sociology 101. **The last class meeting day is 6/12/12**

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation.

The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Center, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

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