

Syllabus

Sociology& 101 Introduction to Sociology FALL 2010

"The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relations between the two in society. That is its task and its promise."—C. Wright Mills, sociologist

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Course Summary

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Course Description: This course is about life. In the process of asking and exploring questions about life, and about contemporary social experience in society, this course will introduce students to the field of sociology and help cultivate in them an analytical and critical perspective, which will enable the curious student to see her/his life and society in a "new light." The unique aspect of this course is that rather than simply learn about sociology, students are expected to engage with their world sociologically. As such, students will develop a sociological consciousness and then apply the framework to the real world and social concerns.

Course Goals: A central aim of this course is to help students become more aware of how their lives are shaped by social forces and to gain an appreciation of their ability to engage and interact with the world in a constructive manner.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes:

- Develop a sociological orientation toward the world.
- Learn how to sociologically analyze your personal experiences, your society, and the world at large.
- Develop college level critical thinking, problem solving, and written communication skills.

Office Hours: I have ONLINE office hours every Friday Morning from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. You can also reach be via email, as I check it numerous times daily. I do guarantee a response within 24-48 hours. If we cannot figure something out via email I am happy to set up a phone appointment with you. Also, if you have a question that you want answered right away, try posting it in Cafe Conversations, that way maybe your classmates will be able to help you if I am not available at that moment.

Required Book:

You should purchase the book for the class as soon as possible.

The Intersections Collection: Pearson Custom Sociology, Liz N. Roberts, Sociology Department

This book is required and is ONLY available at the bookstore.

