

Sociology 101 (Late Start) –Introduction to Sociology

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Class Meets: Tuesdays 6:00-7:40 & online

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Class Location: C164

Course Description:

Sociology is an exciting and constantly evolving field of study. Sociology is the study of relationships between and within groups of people. We will be using our books and our online and in-class discussions and activities to explore social roles and relationships from a number of sociological perspectives. In this class you will be exposed new ways of looking at your everyday experiences and to ideas about the world you live in; some of these ideas may make sense to you right away and others may be difficult to grasp and even seem alien—it is your job as a student challenge yourself by suspending your own ideas and assumptions and opening your mind to new ways of looking at the world you live in. Students are expected to attend all classes and students are expected to come to class having completed the reading and prepared to ask and answer questions. This class is an interactive project; it is not possible to pass this class without reading critically and to participating actively in class.

Course Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course students will be able to:

- Question the obvious
- Distinguish between factual statements and value judgments
- Put aside personal ethnocentric attitudes; become culturally relativistic
- Describe the sociological imagination
- Critically evaluate various theoretical perspectives in terms of their strengths and weaknesses
- Ascertain cause and effect as well as correlation
- Formulate logical conclusions
- Apply sociological knowledge to real-life situations
- Describe how a person's social location impacts their life chances and choices

Required Readings:

Lisa J. McIntyre. The Practical Skeptic: Core Concepts in Sociology (TPS), and
The Practical Skeptic: Core Readings in Sociology (Reader)

Grade Weighting

Participation in class including quizzes and group work	20%
Participation online	20%
Paper #1	30%
Paper #2	30%

Total: 100% **Grading Policy:**

Attendance and participation in the weekly grounded sessions is mandatory, you can earn up to half of your participation points by attending these sessions and actively participating. Your participation in the online sessions is likewise mandatory—you are expected to regularly visit the discussion boards regularly and to contribute to the online discussions in addition to posting your paper drafts and responding to the drafts posted by your classmates.

Reading Schedule:

Week 1 4/21- 4/27	UNIT 1: Introductions -- post your self introductions this week. Read Part 1 in "Readings in Sociology" (RiS) and Chapter 1 in "Core Concepts" (CC) Unit 1 postings due by Friday @11pm; Unit 1 responses due by Monday @ 11pm
Week 2 4/28-5/4	UNIT 2: Read Chapter 2 (CC) & Part 2 (RiS) Unit 2 postings due by Friday, Unit 2 responses due by Monday
Week 3 5/5-5/11	UNIT 3: Read Chapters 3-4 (CC) & Part 3 (RiS) Unit 3 postings due by Friday, Unit 3 responses due by Monday
Week 4 5/12- 5/18	UNIT 4: Read Chapters 5-6 (CC) & Part 4 (RiS) **Final Draft of Paper #1 due online by 11 p.m. 3/17/09** Unit 4 postings due by Friday, Unit 4 responses due by Monday

Week 5 5/19- 5/25	UNIT 5: Read Chapters 7-8 (CC) & Part 4 (RiS) Unit 5 postings due by Friday, Unit 5 Responses due by Monday
Week 6 5/26-6/1	UNIT 6: Read Chapters 9-10 (CC) & Part 5 (RiS) Unit 6 postings due by Friday, Unit 6 Responses due by Monday
Week 7 6/2-6/8	UNIT 7: Read Chapters 11-12 (CC) & Part 6 (RiS) Unit 7 postings due by Friday, Unit 7 Responses due by Monday
Week 8 6/9-6/15	UNIT 8: TPS: Chapter 13-14 (CC) & Part 7 (RiS) Unit 8 postings due by Friday, Unit 8 Responses due by Monday
Finals 6/16- 6/18	**Final Draft of Paper #2 due online by 11 p.m. on 6/16/09 ** NO CLASS MEETING THIS WEEK

ONLINE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

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Bellevue Community College's Affirmation of Inclusion

Bellevue Community College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at BCC, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect.

The college's "Affirmation of Inclusion" is in line with the principle of free speech in a free society: we have the right to express unpopular ideas as long as we don't show disrespect for reasonable people who might believe otherwise. In an online course, you will be expressing ideas through the medium of the course site rather than face to face in the classroom. In that case, these expectations refer to the courtesy with which you communicate with one another through e-mails and e-discussions. Part of this respect involves professional behavior towards the instructor, colleagues, and the class itself.

Cheating, Stealing, and Plagiarizing* and Inappropriate Behavior

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue Community College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: plagiarizing material from the Internet and posting rude or personal attacks in discussions. When you are in doubt about any behavior, please consult your instructor. In addition, you may wish to review the general applicable rules of cyberspace, such as in the [Core Rules of Netiquette](#). The instructor reserves the right to remove posted messages, and downgrade assessments as a result of these types of behaviors. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue Community College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Vice President of Student Services, [link to Student Code](#).

Incomplete

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). It is the student's responsibility for maintaining contact and adhering to the agreed-upon actions. Vista class sites, and material, may not be directly accessible after the end of the quarter so it is important to make arrangements before the quarter ends. The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F"). There is a standard form that instructors have access to in their instructor's grade briefcase.

F Grade

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

Final Examination Schedule

Final examinations may involve proctored on-campus arranged exams or may be administrated completely online at the discretion of the instructor and in keeping with the stated policies provided in the course syllabus. Please refer to the syllabus at the start of the quarter for additional details and contact the instructor directly for any clarifications. A student who is not in compliance with the scheduled format may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be in compliance with any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter during the standard academic year (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course. Check [Enrollment Calendar Deadlines, Refunds/Withdrawals](#), for additional details. As with most enrollment deadlines, it is the student's responsibility to be aware of these dates and act accordingly.

Hardship Withdrawal (HW)

From page 9 of the current course catalog, [2008-2009 online catalog](#), HW indicates a withdrawal request made because of extenuating circumstances after the official withdrawal period is over. The student must contact the instructor to request this withdrawal option, or the faculty member may initiate the contact. No points are calculated into the grade-point average. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) [link to DRC](#). The office is located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110, email drc@bellevuecollege.edu). Students will need to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter or contact your online instructor directly by email. Students who require accommodation in a course should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Distribution of Grades

Students should access their grades through the BCC Web site. Any returned material should be accessed prior to the end of the quarter. After the end of the quarter, Vista class sites may not be accessible by students. Individual instructors may use non-Vista tools for recording and maintaining the students' progress. Questions about grades assigned should be initially directed to your instructor.

Submission and Returning of Papers, Assignments and Assessments:

Specific guidelines for taking exams and submitting assignments are published in the syllabus. Please contact instructor at the start of the quarter for any clarifications.

Technical Assistance

Vista-related or technical issues should be referred to Distance Education, [link to Distance Education web resources](#). You may also email them at landerso@bellevuecollege.edu or call 425-564-2438 (1-877-641-2712). Vista tutorial help and basic instructions can be found at <http://bellevuecollege.edu/distance/studentguide/>

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