

Identity, Self, and Social Interaction

SOC 240.5533 | Winter 2019

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Course Description and Goals

This course will focus on issues within the field of social psychology from a sociological perspective. Topics will include the self, identity, theories related to meaning and interaction, group processes, emotion, attitudes, etc. Applications will be made to one's own life as well as larger social forces such as race, gender, and sexuality. Critical thinking and discussion will be important components of the course.

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Course Outcomes

After completing this course, successful students should be able to:

- Explain how social context fundamentally shapes both interactions between people and individual experiences.
- Describe the relationship between Self and society.
- Discuss how power and inequality contribute to forming our senses of ourselves and others.

Required Text and Readings

There will be no required textbook for this course. All readings for the course will be available through our Canvas course in the Files tab (in the Readings folder).

Attendance

Attendance is **required**. Students are allowed to miss TWO class periods without documentation. All other absences must be excused absences; please review the Bellevue College Student Rules on excused absences. More than two undocumented absences will result in a reduction of your overall grade, taken from your overall participation score for the course in direct proportion to the number of classes missed. If you miss zero to two classes, you will not be penalized. If you miss more than two classes, you will lose points for each day absent which can account for up to a full letter grade reduction. If you miss over one-third of classes, a further 1/3 letter grade deduction will be taken out of your grade. Notecards will be used to keep track of attendance (see course requirements).

Classroom Policies

Please silence cell phones before the beginning of class. Students whose cell phones ring in class or who I see using their mobile devices will receive no points for that day's class participation. Students are permitted to use computers to take notes if they wish. However, note taking is the **only** activity allowed during class. If any students engage in other activities on their computers during class meetings they will receive a zero for that day's class participation after one warning.

As this is a college course, this classroom shall be treated as a professional environment. I expect everyone to be respectful of others. There will be zero tolerance for disrespect including but not limited to racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, and heterosexism.

Course Requirements

Notecards

(100 points total, 10 points each)

For each reading, you will be required to submit a notecard with a summary of the main points and important concepts from the reading due for that day. If there are multiple readings, you must write on all readings assigned on a given day. Both sides may be used and you may submit up to two notecards (fastened together) for a single reading. This notecard (3x5 or 4x6 size) is due at the beginning of class each day. Late notecards (not turned in at the start of class and missing due to unapproved absences) will not be accepted.

While you are required to turn in a card everyday, only 9 of them will be graded but will occur randomly. Your lowest scored notecard will be dropped. You will be notified at the beginning of class that your notecards will be graded that day. **You can use your notecards (and only your notecards) on your exams**—so spending some time now defining key terms, identifying major themes, and providing examples for yourself will help you when the exam comes. The assignment sheet for these notecards is available on Canvas.

Online Discussions

(200 points total, 20 points each)

A new topic of discussion will be available each week. Initial posts—your own response to the discussion topic—are due each week on Friday by 11:59pm PST. Response posts—responses made on your classmates' threads (not including replies made on your own thread)—are due each week on Sunday by 11:59pm PST. You are required to make a minimum of THREE posts each week (one initial and two response posts) but are encouraged to post more to demonstrate your engagement with your peers and the topic. Each post should use critical thinking, be thoughtful, concise, and include related research from the textbook or news sources.

TIP: thoughtful *response* posts should include critical reflection, meaningful questions, and/or related content or research from the textbook or news sources. Simple agreement or disagreement will not count toward your minimum number of posts.

Journals

(90 points total, 30 points each)

There will be three journal assignments throughout the quarter. Each assignment will accompany a reading and require fieldwork, observations, or thoughtful introspection. The journals will be 700 words maximum and include references to the reading and other course materials.

Notecard Worksheet

(20 points total)

A worksheet will be provided to you on the first day of the quarter. Follow the directions for the worksheet and submit by the due date.

Group Project

(240 points)

The group project includes completing a social psychological analysis of a film and analyzing the way in which the group functions according to principles covered in class. There are five components: project development, meeting summaries, group analysis, class presentation and individual report.

Project Development – 20 points

Meeting Summaries – 30 points (10 points each)

Group Analysis – 100 points

Class Presentation – 50 points

Individual Report – 40 points

Further instruction will be given in class and assignment sheets will be made available on Canvas.

Game Project

(50 points)

At the end of the quarter, the class will be broken up into groups. Each group will be assigned a theory that has been covered in class. It is the task of the group to create a unique game for others to play that demonstrates the principles of the theory. The group must write clear instructions so that others can successfully play it the following day.

Exams

(200 points total, 100 points each)

There will be two exams in this course, a midterm and a final. Each exam is worth 100 points. The exams will be composed of multiple choice questions and potential short essay questions. However, there will be no scantron or bluebook needed. You may use your notecards (from above) on the exam.

Attendance and Participation

(100 points total: 50 for attendance, 25 for participation, 25 for midterm check-in meeting)

Participation includes answering questions when called upon, participating in discussions, and asking insightful and engaging questions related to course material. Active participation will help a borderline final grade. During weeks 5-7 of the course, you are required to set up a meeting with Dr. Lê during her office hours. Use the code from the first page of the syllabus or go to drle.youcanbook.com.

Please keep in mind that you are expected to keep up with the readings through the term. All students are expected to have read the assigned material before each class meeting. Attendance is always helpful (and required) to get a better understanding of the material. Please note that a few points can make a difference. I want you to do your very best in this course, and I will help all students as much as I can.

Grades

Your grade will consist of the following:

TOTAL: 1000 points

A = 930 - 1000+

A- = 900 - 929

B+ = 870 - 899

B = 830 - 869

B- = 800 - 829

C+ = 770 - 799

C = 730 - 769

C- = 700 - 729

D+ = 670 - 699

D = 630 - 669

D- = 600 - 629

F = 0 - 599

Notecards – 100 points (10 points each) = 10%

Notecard Worksheet – 20 points = 2%

Online Discussions 200 (20 points each) = 20%

Journals – 90 points (30 points each) = 9%

Group Project – 240 points = 24%

Project Development – 20 points

Meeting Summaries – 30 points (10 each)

Group Analysis – 100 points

Class Presentation – 50 points

Individual Report – 40 points

Game Project – 50 points = 5%

Midterm Exam – 100 points = 10%

Final Exam – 100 points = 10%

Attendance/Participation – 100 points = 10%

Note: There will be no curve in this class, including for single assignments. Your grade is what you earn.

Extra Credit

There may be opportunities for extra credit throughout the quarter. These opportunities are generally events on campus, which involve a lecture, documentary showing, debate, or a cultural event with an educational component. The requirements for the reflection paper are on Canvas. The papers will be due by 11:59pm one

week after the event. Additionally, video links will be posted in the Canvas assignment link. These videos may be watched and analyzed similar to the events. Video link extra credit papers will be due by 11:59pm on the last regular course day. Students may complete TWO of these extra credit opportunities for a possible 15 points each or 30 points total. These extra points are added onto a student's total points for the course. No late work will be accepted without a pre-approved reason. Please view the full assignment sheet on Canvas.

Late Policy

Exams

All missed exams must be pre-approved by the instructor PRIOR to the due date. Make-up exams will be given at the discretion of the instructor and must occur **before** the due date. Missed exams without prior approval can only be made up if the absence accompanies an approved excuse and if immediate notice is given to the instructor via email or phone.

Assignments

Any missed assignments not pre-approved by the instructor must accompany an approved excuse in order for an extended due date to be given.

Unapproved absences will result in zeros on assignments and exams and **cannot** be made up. Approved absences include school-sponsored event participation, hospitalization, childbirth, major accident or injury, or bereavement. It is the student's responsibility to provide the instructor appropriate documentation within a reasonable timeframe. The only exceptions to this policy are late papers, which will receive a 10% deduction per day late, or presentations, which will receive a 10% deduction per day late if class days remain.

Tentative Schedule

HOW TO READ THE SCHEDULE BELOW:

Day of the Week
Topic
Reading Due Before Class
Assignment Due

Week One – January 2-4				
M	T	W	R	F
		Intro to the class		Sociological Imagination
		No reading		Vogt Isaksen
				Notecard Worksheet DUE Discussion 1 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY
Week Two – January 7-11				
M	T	W	R	F
The Self		Nature vs Nurture		The Digital Self
Mead AND Cooley		Davis		Zhao
	Watch Genie: The Wild Child			Discussion 2 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY

Week Three – January 14-18

M	T	W	R	F
Conformity		Identity Work		Intersectionality
Michael		Snow and Anderson		Dottolo and Stewart
				Group Selection DUE FRIDAY Journal 1 DUE SUNDAY Discussion 3 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY

Week Four – January 21-25

M	T	W	R	F
NO CLASS		Social Identity Theory		Identity Control Theory
(college-wide)		Fink et al.		Stets and Tsushima
	Midterm Meetings BEGIN			Discussion 4 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Group Project Development DUE

Week Five – January 28 - February 1

M	T	W	R	F
NO CLASS		Presentation of Self		Presentation of Self and In-Class Exercise
(just our class)		Cahill		Cunningham et al.
MIDTERM DUE BY 11:59pm				Discussion 5 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Meeting Summary 1 DUE SUNDAY

Week Six – February 4-8

M	T	W	R	F
Attitudes	Lunar New Year	Emotions	NO CLASS	Emotional Labor
Fazio and Roskos-Ewoldsen	Year of the Pig!	Boyle and McKinzie	(college-wide)	Williams
				Discussion 6 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Journal 2 DUE SUNDAY Midterm Meetings DUE

Week Seven – February 11-15

M	T	W	R	F
Ethnomethodology		Labeling Theory		Exchange Theory
Maynard		Chambliss		Delton et al.
				Discussion 7 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Meeting Summary 2 DUE SUNDAY

Week Eight – February 18-22

M	T	W	R	F
NO CLASS		Implicit Association		Prejudice, Power, and Discrimination
(college-wide)		Meet in D240L in Library		Perry
				Discussion 8 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Journal 3 DUE SUNDAY

Week Nine – February 25 - March 1

M	T	W	R	F
Expectation States		Double Consciousness		Social Loafing and Game Creation
Ridgeway et al.		DuBois		Latane
				Discussion 9 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Meeting Summary 3 DUE SUNDAY

Week Ten – March 4-8

M	T	W	R	F
Game Creation		Game Creation		Game Play
No reading		No reading		No reading
				Discussion 10 DUE Responses DUE SUNDAY Group Analysis DUE SUNDAY

<i>Week Eleven – March 11-15</i>				
M	T	W – 11:30-1:20pm	R	F
Group Presentations		Group Presentations		Final Exam Review
No reading		No reading		No reading
				Individual Report DUE SUNDAY Extra Credit DUE

<i>Week Twelve – March 18-22– Final Exam Week</i>				
M	T	W	R	F
NO CLASS	NO CLASS	NO CLASS	NO CLASS	Final Exam
(Student Success Day)				9:30am-11:20am

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The DRC office is located in B132 or you can call our reception desk at 425.564.2498. Deaf students can reach us by video phone at 425-440-2025 or by TTY at 425-564-4110. Please visit our website for application information into our program and other helpful links at www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc

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http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp

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Final Comments

It is my goal to make this course worth your time and effort. Therefore, I will do all that is reasonable and within my power to ensure that you learn and succeed. If you are concerned with any aspect of this course please feel free to contact me.