

## Introduction to Sociology

SOC 101 | Fall 2019

Section 5515 | Online

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## Course Description and Goals

This course will examine the many different areas of study in sociology including race, gender, class, politics, deviance, etc. Critical thinking and discussion will be important components of the course.

## Course Outcomes

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

- Critically examine the social landscape in which you live and how life experiences differ according to race, class, gender and sexuality.
- Identify the ways in which cultural and social institutions shape the everyday experiences of individuals, groups and communities.
- Describe fundamental sociological concepts, theories, and theorists, and apply them to real-life situations.

## Required Text

Manza, Jeff. 2016. The Sociology Project 2.5. Pearson.

(This is also how the book should be cited in your own work.)

Additional readings for the course will be available through our Canvas course in the Files tab (in the Readings folder).

## Attendance and Schedule

As this is an online class, attendance will be counted by your online access to the course and the meeting of deadlines. In order to be considered an active member of the course, students must log into the course within the **first two days** of the quarter, or you will be withdrawn from the class.

Each week for this course begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. All assignments listed as due for each week will be due on Sunday by 11:59pm PST with the exception of initial discussion board posts, which are due each week on Thursday by 11:59pm PST.

## Classroom Policies

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.

## Netiquette/Online Etiquette

The following are general guidelines to follow in an online classroom environment. These guidelines will help foster a positive and constructive learning environment.

1. Avoid using ALL CAPS as this suggests you are shouting and is more difficult to read.
2. Avoid using emoticons (e.g. :-), >:(, etc.) and texting slang (e.g. lol, btw, etc.).
3. Keep your written communications focused and to the point.
4. Remember that your posts are public to the members of this class. Do not say anything online that you wouldn't say to someone's face.

5. Obey copyright laws. Do not use text, images, or other context without permission or proper citation.
6. As with all college courses, academic dishonesty (including plagiarism, cheating, multiple submissions, etc.) will not be tolerated.

## **Course Requirements**

### *Discussion Posts*

(330 points total, 30 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 Thursday 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. The exception is the week of Thanksgiving in which response posts are due by Saturday night. 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. Your lowest grade will be dropped.

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.

### *Textbook Work*

(400 points total)

You will have quizzes each week. The quizzes will be available for the full week (Monday through Sunday) and are due by Sunday at 11:59pm Pacific. You must access the quizzes for the week through the textbook (as they are embedded within the text, but can also be accessed separately). Each question allows you three attempts, with fewer points awarded on second and third attempts. The quizzes are not timed. Grades sync from Revel to Canvas automatically a couple of times a day. Your score each week will be converted to the same percentage of points you earned out of 40 points in order to be weighted correctly for the course. The exception will be Gender and Sexuality as that is one chapter split over two weeks. Therefore, each of those will be worth 20 points. LATE QUIZZES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### *Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Papers*

(270 points total, 90 points each)

Throughout the quarter, you will be writing papers that involve reflection, analysis, and experiments or observations. You will have options to choose from that coincide with different modules already covered or currently being covered. Assignment guidelines will be available on Canvas.

Each paper should follow proper citation guidelines using either MLA or APA style. This website contains helpful guidelines: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>. The format for all papers should be double spaced, Arial 12 point font, with 1 inch margins on all sides, and no title page or running header. Guidelines will be available for students to review. Papers are to be uploaded on Canvas on or before the due date.

## Grade Distribution

TOTAL: 1000 points

A = 93 – 100%

A- = 90 – 92.9%

B+ = 87 – 89.9%

B = 83 – 86.9%

B- = 80 – 82.9%

C+ = 77 – 77.9%

C = 73 – 76.9%

C- = 70 – 72.9%

D+ = 67 – 69.9%

D = 60 – 66.9%

F = 0 – 59.9%

Discussion Posts – 330 points = 33%

(12 x 30 points each, lowest dropped)

Textbook Work – 400 points = 40%

(most weeks converted to 40 points, exception of 2 weeks)

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Papers – 270 points = 27%

(3 x 90 points each)

To excel in this course, a student should stay on top of course readings and view the topic slides. All students are expected to have read the assigned material before posting to the discussion board. I want you to do your very best in this course; and I will help all students as much as I can.

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

## Extra Credit Work

You have the option of completing the readings and quizzes for any chapter that is not assigned for a module. You can earn up to 25 points for this additional work. You will need to inform Dr. Lê of the chapter (by the end of Module 10) that you are interested in using for extra credit so that an assignment can become available for you in Revel. These are due by the end of Module 11. So as not to affect the final grade percentage calculation, extra credit points will be added onto your final paper grade.

## Late Policy

Any missed assignments must accompany an approved absence in order for an extended due date to be given. Approved absences include hospitalization, childbirth, major accident or injury, or bereavement. It is the student's responsibility to provide the instructor appropriate documentation within a reasonable timeframe.

*Unapproved* late assignments that result in zeros **cannot** be made up with the exception of late initial discussion posts, which will receive deductions based on the grading rubric and the number of days late (up to three days). No response posts made after the deadline will be counted for credit. *Approved* late papers will receive a 10% deduction per day late.

## Tentative Schedule

Week 1 – September 16 - 22

<b>Topic</b>	Foundations of Sociology	
<b>Readings</b>	Sections of Chapter 1 and all of Chapter 2	Vogt Isaksen "The Sociological Imagination: Thinking Outside the Box"
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 1 Discussion	September 22 Textbook Work

Week 2 – September 23 - 29

<b>Topic</b>	Culture	
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 6	Miner "Body Rituals Among the Nacirema"
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 2 Discussion	September 29 Textbook Work

Week 3 – September 30 - October 6

<b>Topic</b>	Socialization and Interaction		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapters 4 and 5	Davis “Final Note from a Case of Extreme Isolation” AND Ehrenkranz “There Was A Horrifying...”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 3 Discussion	October 6 Textbook Work	

Week 4 – October 7 - 13

<b>Topic</b>	Social Stratification and Economy		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 10 and part of Chapter 8	Picchi “Nobel Prize Winner Stiglitz: American Dream is a Myth”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 4 Discussion	October 13 Textbook Work	Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Paper 1

Week 5 – October 14 - 20

<b>Topic</b>	Race and Ethnicity		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 11	McIntosh “Unpacking the Invisible Backpack” AND Bonilla-Silva “Racism Without Racists”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 5 Discussion	October 20 Textbook Work	

Week 6 – October 21 - 27

<b>Topic</b>	Gender		
<b>Readings</b>	Half of Chapter 12	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/content/two-spirits_map-html/">http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/content/two-spirits_map-html/</a> AND Kimmel “Masculinity as Homophobia”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 6 Discussion	October 27 Textbook Work	

Week 7 – October 28 - November 3

<b>Topic</b>	Sexuality		
<b>Readings</b>	Other half of Chapter 12	Edwards et al. AND Windsor + Burgess	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 7 Discussion	November 3 Textbook Work	Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Paper 2

Week 8 – November 4 - 10

<b>Topic</b>	Family		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 13	Hochschild “The Second Shift” AND Hill “The Rise of the Stay-At-Home-Dad”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 8 Discussion	November 10 Textbook Work	

Week 9 – November 11 - 17

<b>Topic</b>	Politics		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 7	Michael “These Parties Are Lame”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 9 Discussion	November 17 Textbook Work	

Week 10 – November 18 - 24

Topic	Education	
Readings	Chapter 15	Wang “What is the college degree requirement really costing us?” AND Chamorro-Premuzic and Frankiewicz “Does Higher Ed Still Prepare People for Jobs?”
Assignment Due	Week 10 Discussion	November 24 Textbook Work
*November 24 is the last day to submit chapter number to Dr. Lê for Extra Credit Textbook Work		

Week 11 – November 25 - December 1

<b>Topic</b>	Deviance and Crime		
<b>Readings</b>	Chapter 17	Reiman “The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison”	
<b>Assignment Due</b>	Week 11 Discussion (initial post due Saturday, Nov 30 because of Thanksgiving)	Dec 1 Textbook Work	Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Paper 3
*Any Extra Credit Textbook Work due by December 1			

Week 12 – December 2 - 6 (Final Exam Week\*)

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Topic	Conclusion
Readings	No readings
Assignment Due	Week 12 Discussion (response posts due Friday, December 6)
*As this is the last week of the quarter, all outstanding assignments will be due on Friday, December 6	

### Disability Resource Center

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you are a student who has a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation or have seen someone for treatment and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you are a person who requires assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your individual instructors to develop a safety plan within the first week of the quarter.

If you are a student with a documented autism spectrum disorder, there is an additional access program available to you. Contact [asn@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:asn@bellevuecollege.edu) or 425.564.2764. ASN is located in the Library Media Center in D125. [www.bellevuecollege.edu/autismspectrumnavigators/](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/autismspectrumnavigators/)

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](http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc)

### Affirmation of Inclusion

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### Reasonable Accommodations for Reasons of Faith and Conscience

Students who will be absent from course activities due to reasons of faith or conscience may seek reasonable accommodations so that grades are not impacted. Such requests must be made within the first two weeks of the course to the office of the Associate Vice President of Student Affairs (see Bellevue College [Policy 2950](#)). In the event you feel you are being discriminated against based on faith or conscious, you may refer to the procedures outlined in the college’s Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy ([1440P](#)).

### Academic Honesty and Integrity

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 Success for investigation. Specific student rights, responsibilities, and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct at <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-2050/>

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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.