

Course Syllabus
Introduction to Sociology – SOCI 1301
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Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Location: Room 203, SaigonTech Tower
Class Times: Sat, 09:10–12:20am
Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours: 3
Total Course Contact Hours: 48
Type of Instruction: Lecture

Course Description

A survey course which focuses on the nature of human groups in American and world societies, their social and cultural adaptations, and the impact which various social processes may have on their social organization and social change. Core Curriculum course.

Course Pre-requisites:

Reading: placement in co-requisite GUST 0342
Writing: placement into ENGL 0313/0349

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

1. Appreciate information about the background and history of sociology.
2. Analyze the seminal theorists in sociology, their theories, and how those theories translate into the real world.
3. Discriminate between and among various critical thinking fallacies.
4. Evaluate theories of collective behavior and social movements and how they impact real people's lives in the real world.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

1. Evaluate the three major perspectives in Sociology: Conflict, Functionalism, and Symbolic Interactionism.
2. Apply the principles of the social science research process to sociological study.
3. Evaluate various foundations of society as they impact societies in the world.
4. Evaluate various theories of social inequality and stratification as they impact societies in the world.
5. Evaluate various aspects of the institutions of society as they affect American society and the world.

Learning Objectives (LO)

- 1.1 Analyze the seminal theorists in Sociology, their theories, and how those theories translate into the real world.
- 1.2 Discriminate among and between various critical thinking fallacies.
- 1.3 Evaluate theories of collective behavior and social movements in the three perspectives of Sociology: Conflict, Functionalism, Symbolic Interactionism.

- 2.1 Illustrate Sociological experiments as found in a textbook or a peer-viewed journal, and discuss the study in terms of the scientific method.
- 2.2 Delineate scientific research methods.

- 3.1 Apply theories of culture.
- 3.2 Apply theories of the process of socialization.
- 3.3 Apply theories of social interaction and social structure to the real world.
- 3.4 Apply theories of social groups and bureaucracies to the real world.
- 3.5 Apply theories of sexuality to the real world.
- 3.6 Apply theories of deviance to the real world.

- 4.1 Evaluate theories of stratification and how they impact people's real lives in the real world.
- 4.2 Evaluate theories of race and ethnicity and how they affect people's real lives in real world.

- 5.1 Evaluate the major theories of families.
- 5.2 Evaluate the major theories of education
- 5.3 Evaluate the major theories of health and medicine

Required Course Text

Society: The Basics, 11th edition, John Macionis, Pearson, 2011.
ISBN978-0205027095.

Course Policies

Attendance Policy

Saigon Tech policy stipulates that if a student misses 12.5% of class hours of instruction, then he/she will be dropped from the course at the instructor's discretion.

Email and Discussion policy

All personal questions or announcements for your instructor should be directed to him either in person before or after class, during an appointment meeting, or by email.

You need to check your school email before every class date for possible course updates.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating and plagiarism, is a serious academic offense. Now that SaigonTech has recently circulated an official policy on academic dishonesty, students are advised and expected to strictly observe the policy.

If you have questions about cheating and/or plagiarism, ask your instructor as soon as possible. Any instance of plagiarism will earn a **zero** for the whole assignment (mid-

term essay, final project, final essay) and, in severe cases, result in an F for the class or more serious consequences. Similarly, any cheating in any quiz will result in a zero for that very quiz.

To prevent plagiarism, all students will be required to cite all sources used for their reports, to quote and paraphrase appropriately.

Assignments & Exams

Random Quizzes

During the course, students are required to do as many as ten (10) random quizzes. Each of the quizzes consists of 10 multiple-choice questions. The purpose of the quizzes is to test your memory and understanding of key terms, concepts, and themes of sociology throughout the course.

There are normally no make-up quizzes. You will get a zero as a result of your absence on the quiz day unless you have a rational excuse with proper documentation.

Mid-term Essay

The mid-term essay is a 90-minute-long closed book examination. It shall be done in class on the date designated in this syllabus. Students will be given two essay questions about certain sociological aspects related to any two themes introduced in the first half of the course. The questions will be made known to the students prior to the examination date. The students will then select one question and prepare some written notes in respond to the essay question. The notes shall be used for their development of the complete essay on the test sheet that will be provided by Saigon Tech.

Final Essay:

The final essay is a 90-minute-long closed book examination. It shall be done in class on the date designated in this syllabus. Students will be given no fewer than two essay questions about any two sociological aspects covered in the second half of the course. Each student then selects one question out of his/her interest and prepares some written notes prior to the final examination date. The students are allowed to use only those notes for their production of the complete essay on the test sheet that will be provided by the college.

Final Project

The course's final project is a **Theme Report** of individual or pair work. Each student (or pair of students) will choose a topic relevant to any sociological aspect covered in the course (culture, socialization, social interaction, groups & organizations, sexuality, deviance, social stratification, race & ethnicity, family, religion, education, health & medicine, population, environment) and write an analytical report on the selected topic. ***The topic shall be as specific as possible and must be approved by the instructor prior to your report writing.***

Each student's analytical report should demonstrate his/her understanding of the sociological aspect he/she has elected and how the aspect reflects or affects people's real lives in the real world.

The report should be between 6 and 8 double-spaced one-sided A4 pages long and include an introduction, a body of 8 to 10 analytically written paragraphs and a conclusive paragraph, plus a list of references. A hard copy of the report must be submitted to the instructor by the dates designated in this syllabus.

In addition to writing the report, each student will have to present his/her report in class and he/she must use Microsoft PowerPoint slides in the presentation, which will be done on the dates designated in this syllabus for special presentations.

Grading Scheme

Grade	Final Score
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

The passing grade is C.

Grading Policy

Grades will be based on the following:

Random Quizzes (10 x 10 points)	100 points	20 %
Mid-term Essay	100 points	25 %
Final Essay	100 points	25 %
Final Project (Report and Presentation)	100 points	30 %
Total	400 points	100 %

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics / Assignments/ Exams	Notes on Assignments
1	Jan 12	Syllabus explanation Chapter 1- Sociology: Perspective, theory, and method	
2	Jan 19	Chapter 15 - Population, Urbanization & Environment	
3	Jan 26	Chapter 2- Culture	
4	Feb 16	Chapter 3 - Socialization + Quiz 1	
5	Feb 23	Chapter 4 - Social Interaction + Quiz 2	

6	Mar 02	Chapter 5 - Groups & Organization + Quiz 3	
7	Mar 09	Chapter 6 - Sexuality & Society + Quiz 4	
8	Mar 16	Chapter 13 - Family & Religion Midterm Examination	
9	Mar 23	Chapter 13 (end) + Quiz 5 Chapter 7 - Deviance	
10	Mar 30	Chapter 7 (end) + Quiz 6 Chapter 8 - Social Stratification	
11	Apr 06	Chapter 8 (end) + Quiz 7 Chapter 11 - Race & Ethnicity	
12	Apr 13	Chapter 11 (end) + Quiz 8 Chapter 14 - Education, Health & Medicine	
13	Apr 20	Chapter 14 - (end) + Quiz 9	1 st call for Final Report submission
14	Apr 27	Course Review Quiz 10	2 nd call for Final Report submission
15	May 04	Final Report Presentations Final Examination	Last call for Final Report submission
16	May 11	Final Report Presentations	