



FENG CHIA UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Sociology

GSOS224, Summer 2019 (May 13 - Jun 14)

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Time: Monday through Friday (2 hours each day)

Contact hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

Office hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Overview

Sociology is the academic discipline concerned with the systematic investigation and understanding of human action and interaction. This broad definition includes everything from the actions, attitudes and beliefs of individual persons to the structures and cultures of entire societies and global regions. Sociologists study all manner of topics, from race relations to sports to religious rituals to immigration patterns (and many other things as well), and they do so through large-scale surveys, interviews, participant observation, documentary analysis and other means of measurement. What unites such a diverse set of interests, methods and units of analysis is a common perspective. In the simplest terms, sociology is concerned with the contextual understanding of human behavior, where the context is relational, cultural, institutional, historical, or (most commonly) some combination of these. The course is structured into six major substantive areas: 1) the basic principles and questions of the discipline; 2) how new members are socialized into the culture of their social worlds; 3) the relationship between individuals and the groups they belong to; 4) major institutions of society including work, the family, education and religion; 5) key dimensions of inequality in society, including class, and gender; and 6) processes of social change.

Required Book

Sociology. John Macionis, 13th Edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall. ISBN: 13: 978-0-205-78616-9

Course Hours

The course has 20 sessions in total. Each class session is 150 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

Exams:

There will be four exams over the four week term. The exams will be worth 90% of your grade.

Attendance and Participation:

The remaining 10% of the student's grade will be determined by regular attendance and participation in class. You are allowed 3 absences maximum for the course before dropping a letter grade. Full and prepared participation is expected. Attendance is mandatory in the class. Respect towards the instructor and classmates are expected. Unjustified absences, disrespectful behavior in the classroom and lack of participation in class will have a negative impact on the final grade.

Grading Scale

Grading System of FCU:

Letter Grade	Score
A	80-100
B	70-79
C	60-69

D	50-59
E	Below 50

Course Schedule

Week 1

- Monday - What is Sociology? Chapter 1
 Tuesday - Sociological Research Chapter 2
 Wednesday – Culture Chapter 3
 Thursday - Culture continued
 Friday – Review

Week 2

- Monday – Exam I Socialization Chapter 5
 Tuesday – Socialization Chapter 5
 Wednesday – Groups and Organizations Chapter 7 (also chapter 17 Power and Authority)
 Thursday - Groups and Organizations Chapter 7
 Friday – Review

Week 3

- Monday – Exam II Deviance Chapter 9
 Tuesday – Chapter 9 Deviance
 Wednesday – Social Stratification Chapter 10
 Thursday – Social Stratification Chapter 10
 Friday – Review

Week 4

- Monday – EXAM III Global Inequality Chapter 12

Tuesday – Global Inequality

Wednesday – Social Change and Globalization and review

Thursday – Exam IV

Friday – Conclusion of this course

Academic Honesty

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