

## Principles of Sociology Spring 2013 Syllabus/Class Schedule

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### SOCI 1301 Course Objectives:

After completing this course, the student will:

1. Understand the sociological perspective and the scientific method;
2. Understand the nature of society and culture and their role in shaping human thought and behavior;
3. Understand the socialization process of humans from birth to death;
4. Understand the nature of social groups and organizations and their importance for individuals and society;
5. Understand the nature of deviance and social control;
6. Be able to explain stratification as a characteristic of all societies and the bases for stratification, including economics, race/ethnicity, gender and age;
7. Be able to identify and understand the functions of the major societal institutions;
8. Have knowledge of Demography and the consequences of human population growth;
9. Understand the dynamics of social change;
10. Understand the concept of globalization and its implications for individuals, society and the world;
11. Be familiar with numerous organizations and websites that are relevant to the field of sociology.
12. Have enhanced digital literacy skills.

### Required:

1. Students must purchase Text and MYSOCLAB access code: Maciones, J. Society: the Basics (11<sup>th</sup>. Ed). ISBN # 9781256415985
2. Students must use OC Email/Gmail account and Blackboard as instructed.

DATE	Chapter/Topic/Assignment
January 23	Introduction to Course
January 25	Ch. 1 Perspective, Theory and Method (Tools of Sociology)
January 28	Ch. 1
January 30	Ch. 1
February 1	Ch. 1
February 4	Ch. 2 Culture
February 6	Ch. 2
February 8	Ch. 2
February 11	Ch. 3 Socialization and Age
February 13	Ch. 3
February 15	EXAM 1 Chs 1 – 3
February 18	Ch. 4
February 20	Ch. 4 - 5
February 22	Ch. 4 - 5
February 25	Ch. 6 Sexuality
February 27	Ch. 6
March 4	Ch. 6 Sexuality
March 6	Ch. 7 Crime, deviance
March 8	Ch. 7
March 11- 15	Spring Break
March 18	Ch. 7 Crime and Deviance
March 20	Ch. 7 Crime and Deviance
March 22	EXAM 2 CHs 4 – 7
March 25	Ch. 8 Social Classes
March 27	CH. 8 Social Class
March 29	Ch. 8
April 1	Ch. 8 Global Stratification
April 3	Ch. 9 Global Stratification
April 5	GOOD FRIDAY – NO CLASS
April 8	Ch. 9
April 10	Ch. 10 Gender Stratification
April 12	Ch. 10
April 15	Ch. 11 Race/Ethnicity
April 17	Ch. 11
April 19	EXAM 3 Chs. 8 - 11
April 22	Ch. 13 Marriage, Family, Religion
April 24	Ch. 13
April 26	Ch. 13
April 29	Ch. 13
May 1	Ch. 14 Education, Health Care
May 3	Ch. 14
May 6	Ch. 14
May 8	Ch. 15 Population and Demography
May 10	Ch. 15
May 11 – 17	FINAL EXAM - 4 - CH 13 – 15

The above schedule may change if the instructor deems it necessary. Exams WILL be given on the date scheduled or, at times, in the next class period. They will NEVER be given earlier than scheduled.

### Course Policies

**Blackboard.** You must use the Blackboard component of this course. Assignments will be posted and submitted there, as well as your grades available under the MY GRADES button. The syllabus, course objectives, chapter outlines, review sheets, assignments, and Student/Instructor Engagement are also on BB (SOCL 1301 – 4). Course exams are taken in class.

**Coming to Class Prepared.** You are expected to attend class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the semester and participate fully. This means getting to class on time; having textbook, pen and notebook with you; taking notes daily and participating in class discussion. If tardiness becomes a problem, the door will be closed and locked once roll is checked each day. If you are late, you will not be allowed in.

**Attendance and Punctuality.** You are expected to attend class regularly and BE ON TIME. If tardiness becomes a problem, the door will be closed and locked once roll is checked each day. If you are late, you will not be allowed in. If you miss a class it is your responsibility to get notes from another student and to know what you missed.

**Sleeping and resting heads on desks during class is prohibited.** If you need to rest, you will be invited to leave class.

**Taking Notes.** You are expected to take CORNELL type notes in this class. From time to time you will need them to complete an assignment. If you do not have your notes, you will NOT be allowed to share those of another student.

### Grading and other Policies

**Visit with Instructor = 50 points.** Within the first 2 weeks of class you must make an appointment to meet with me briefly in my office. You will bring your OC transcripts with you.

**Exams (4 at 100 points each) = 400 points.** Exams will be multiple choice and short answer. If you do not show up for a scheduled exam, you will receive a zero for it and cannot make it up. You will need to bring scantrons for exams. Review sheets will be available one week before each exam.

**Social Issues Sessions = 50 points.** Each Friday at the end of class we will have a Social Issues Discussion. Students lead these. You will each sign up for 1 topic/issue that interests you – **it MUST be related to that weeks' chapters and lecture.** You will bring an article to class on that Friday, summarize it verbally for your classmates, and share a few thoughts about it. Other students will participate in discussion with you (and me).

**Other = 500 points.** This includes assignments during class and outside of class. It will include Internet research, essays and assignments from MYSOCLab. To be scheduled throughout the

semester. The specific number of points of every assignment will be given along with instructions for it. If you are not in class for participation that day, you cannot make it up. AGAIN, if you miss a class it is your responsibility to get notes from another student and to know what you missed.

Your grades can be found any time on Blackboard and Starfish (from BB). I always have a spreadsheet, as well. Keep up with how you are doing! There are 1000 possible points in the course.

#### Final Grading Scale:

880 - 1000 points = A  
780 - 879 points = B  
680 - 779 points = C  
580 - 679 points = D  
under 579 points = F

#### ACADEMIC ETHICS:

##### A Statement on Plagiarism and Cheating

"Using someone else's ideas or phrasing and representing those ideas or phrasing as our own, either on purpose or through carelessness, is a serious offense known as plagiarism. "Ideas or phrasing" includes written or spoken material, of course — from whole papers and paragraphs to sentences, and, indeed, phrases — but it also includes statistics, lab results, art work, etc. "Someone else" can mean a professional source, such as a published writer or critic in a book, magazine, encyclopedia, or journal; an electronic resource such as material we discover on the World Wide Web; another student at our school or anywhere else; a paper-writing "service" (online or otherwise), which offers to sell written papers for a fee." ( statement taken from <http://webster.commnet.edu/mla/plagiarism.shtml> ). (All references must be cited — exact quotes and paraphrasing).

I do not tolerate cheating in any form. If you plagiarize/cut and paste or cheat in any way on an exam or assignment once, that assignment will receive a "0." If you plagiarize or cheat the second time, you will receive an "F" in the course. Collaboration, working with another student, is a form of cheating. Unless told otherwise, all assignments are to be completed ON YOUR OWN. Cutting and pasting from the Internet is cyber plagiarism and is treated same as above.

See the section on "Scholastic Dishonesty" in the updated Odessa College *Student Handbook*.

### Statement of Special Accommodations:

In accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, Odessa College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the recruitment and admission of students, the employment of faculty and staff, and the operation of any of its programs and activities. Students with a disability should contact *ADA Accommodation/Support personnel* Becky Rivera-Weiss @ 432-335-6861 or [brivera@odessa.edu](mailto:brivera@odessa.edu)

"A sociologist is one who goes to the football game and watches the crowd." Justin Landis