Introduction to Sociology
SO101
FALL 2013

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12-1pm MW by apt.

Textbook: Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach by James Henslin.

Additional Material: To be distributed/assigned during the semester.

Course Description: This course provides an opportunity to become familiar with some of the major areas of study, main concepts in sociology, and different perspectives in looking at social life. At a different level, this course is intended to make us aware of our place in a changing global and multicultural society. Thematically, the course is organized around the issue of how is society possible. From this perspective, we will address issues of racial, ethnic, gender, age, social class inequality and power relationships.

Procedure: The will be based on a combination of lectures, class work, and the use of audio-visual material.

Evaluation and Examination: The grading system is based on the total points accumulated during the semester. Please be aware that the following points (600) is presented here as a goal. By the end of the semester the total amount of points accumulated could be higher or lower. However, the percent scale will remain the same regardless of the amount of points accumulated.

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Make-up Policy: NO MAKE UP FOR IN-CLASS WORK and ASSIGNMENTS!
You are allowed to make-up ONE missing exam only. (see RULES)

Attendance Policy: I do not have an attendance requirement policy. However, missing class could negatively affect your grade because there is no make-up for in-class work and/or assignments. Also, I can not let you borrow videos.

Department of Sociology and Anthropology “C” Policy: Sociology majors and minors, and sociology and anthropology minors MUST have a minimum grade of “C” in this class to satisfy his/her degree plan with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

FINAL EXAM: NON-COMPREHENSIVE:
DATE: Friday December 13, 2013 @ 10:10am
TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

I. Unit One: A General Introduction to Sociology

A. What is Sociology?
B. Sociology and Non-Academic Sources of Knowledge/Information
C. Sociology and Other Academic Fields
D. Doing Sociological Analysis
E. A Brief History of Sociology
F. Three Sociological Perspectives
   1. Structural Functionalism
   2. Symbolic Interactionism
   3. Conflict
Reading Material: Textbook-Chapter One, Handouts, and Lecture Material
   (EXAM 1*)

II. Unit Two: How is Society Possible?

A. Culture (EXAM 2*)
   1. What is culture?
   2. Understanding Culture: Basic Concepts
   3. Elements of Culture: Cognitive, Normative, and Material Culture
   4. American Core Value System: Institutionalized Values
   5. USA Multiculturalism: Challenging the American Core Value System?
B. Social Structure (EXAM 3*)
   1. What is Social Structure?
   2. Types of Societies?
   3. Patterns of Interaction
   4. Elements of the Social Structure
   5. The American Social Structure: Stratification and Inequality

III. Social Process (EXAM 4/FINAL)

A. What is Socialization?
B. Agents of Socialization
C. Explaining Socialization
D. What is Deviance?
E. Controlling Deviance

* EXAM DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS!!
RULES

The following is a list of rules to be followed during the semester. These rules are not intended to limit academic freedom but to enhance it, and to create an adequate learning environment in the classroom. Please make sure you understand each of these rules and that you follow them during the semester.

1. It is your responsibility to attend class regularly. **DO NOT LEAVE THE ROOM BEFORE THE CLASS PERIOD IS OVER! THIS IS DISRESPECTFUL, RUDE AND DISRUPTIVE!!** If for any reason you have to (occasionally) leave the class before the class period is over please let me know in advance. Please use the restroom or drink water before class if needed to avoid disrupting the meeting. If you have to miss class, please **do not call me, do not email me, do not leave me a message!!!!** This does not mean that I don’t care for my students. I trust you and I assume that you have a valid reason for missing class. Keep track of your absences and make sure to get handouts from other students.

2. As responsible adults, we should not play games. I am doing my job, you do your job!

3. **YOU ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE-UP ONLY ONE MISSED EXAM. MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN on ________. NO MAKE-UPS for in-class work and/or assignments.**

4. Exams will not be discussed in class. You should schedule an appointment for this purpose.

5. You have the right to request to have your exam or project re-graded. However, it must be made within one week after the grades are handed back in class.

6. Neither grades nor exams will be discussed over the telephone.

7. **Please avoid unnecessary and disruptive conversation, reading, SLEEPING or/and making noises during lecture or class discussion. Do not turn your desk around to engage in conversation with other students (oral, written, etc.). Following this rule will be beneficial for the class as a whole, and to those who are interested in learning and getting a good grade in this class. Students who engage in the aforementioned type of behavior will be asked to leave the classroom, and/or to withdraw from the course. (see ESU Policy on Disruptive Conduct)**

   **THE USE OF CELL PHONES, LAPTOP COMPUTERS, IPADS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN CLASS IS PROHIBITED!!!!**

8. Explicit or implicit racist, sexist, homophobic, or any other type of derogatory remarks or expressions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated unless they are responsibly used for academic purposes.

9. Finally, one of the most important rules (objectives) in this sociology class, and as part of your professional growth is that we should treat each other with **HONESTY and RESPECT** regardless race, gender, religious preference, nationality, sex preference, etc.

   **Watch your mouth, control your temper and attitudes!!!!**

   **“Know your limit and do not cross the line (student/student, student/professor). When you know the boundary line, you know where to stop. This is the best way to lead your life and you will be happier and be ease.”** Mathira

10. Don’t panic, everything will be OK! Have a great semester.