Introduction to Sociology
SO101

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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.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Consistent with the Departmental Goals and Objectives, upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand how the self develops sociologically and to explain the relationship between the individual and society.
2. Provide examples of how culture and social structure shape individual lives.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills, including analysis and synthesis of key sociological concepts and theories.
4. Learn about the practical relevance and importance of sociological knowledge for understanding society.
5. Identify practical and ethical issues involved with the study of human behavior.
6. Develop an understanding of the social forces that influence human conduct.

Procedure: The course will be based on a combination of lectures, in-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

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: Culture (EXAM 2*)
   A. What is culture?
   B. Understanding Culture: Basic Concepts
   C. Elements of Culture: Cognitive, Normative, and Material Culture
   D. American Core Value System: Institutionalized Values
   E. USA Multiculturalism: Challenging the American Core Value System?

III. Unit Three: How is Society Possible: Social Structure (EXAM 3*)
   A. What is Social Structure?
   B. Types of Societies?
   C. Patterns of Interaction
   D. Elements of the Social Structure
   E. The American Social Structure: Stratification and Inequality

IV. Unit Four: 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!!