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SO 20010 - Introduction to Sociology
Chaminade University of Honolulu
12:35 - 4:45 pm, Saturday

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Required Text: Christopher B. Doob, Sociology: An Introduction, Fourth Edition, 1994. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.

Course Description: This course will provide an introduction to basic sociological perspectives and survey the discipline of sociology. Society, social structure and process will be studied as products, and as shapers, of human populations. In this course we will examine the basic concepts, theories, and methods of sociology. Emphasis will be placed upon the examination of various forms of social inequalities based on gender, age, ethnicity, and economic class. The development of a critical perspective in striving to understand ourselves and our interactions with others will be encouraged through readings, class discussions, and experiential learning activities.

Objectives: Students are expected to acquire a basic understanding of the sociological perspective and methodology, understand the major social theories, and utilize these to analyze social structures and social institutions.

Attendance/Grades: Regular attendance and participation in class are important to your success in this course. Your grade in the course will depend, in part, on your attendance and participation. You will be responsible for all lecture material. If you are not present, you are responsible for getting class work from other students. Being prepared for class is equally important. The success of this course depends upon all class members sharing information and deciding what it means through class discussions. It is expected that students will read all assignments prior to class and be able to listen and/or participate in class discussions with understanding.

Your final grade will be determined by a point system:

Exam #1	40
Exam #2	40
Presentation	<u>20</u>
Total	100

Exams will be of multiple choice and essay format. Make-up exams are not automatically given. Permission must be granted by the instructor to take a make-up exam. At the discretion of the instructor, make-ups may be more difficult (reflecting that the student had extra preparation time). Exams will cover the material presented and readings assigned up to the class prior to the exam. Small group presentations will be made at the final class meeting and classroom time will be provided for preparation with your group members. The details of this assignment will be discussed in class and will incorporate the reading and learning that occurs throughout the course.

Grading Scale: Your final grade will be based on the following formula:

100 - 91 points = A // 90-81 points = B // 80-71 points = C // 70-61 = D // 60-0 = F

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u>
Oct 9	Introduction The Discipline of Sociology Research Methods Choosing Presentation Topics	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
Oct 16	Culture Groups Social Interaction	Ch. 3 Ch 4 Ch. 5
Oct 23	Socialization Deviance Social Stratification	Ch. 6 Ch. 7 Ch. 8
Oct 30	Review for Exam Exam #1	
Nov 6	Racial and Ethnic Groups Emerging Minorities Family and Marriage Religion and Education	Ch. 9 Ch. 10 Ch. 11 Ch. 12
Nov 20	Political and Economic Institutions Medical Sociology Urbanization and Modernization Social Change	Ch. 13 Ch. 14 Ch. 15 Ch. 16
Nov 27	Review for Exam Preparation for presentations	
Dec 4	Exam #2 Preparation for presentations	
Dec 11	Presentations	

* I will not hold formal office hours but I invite students to use e-mail to contact me, if possible. I'll be glad to answer questions you may have and I will be pleased to hear from you about how the course is affecting you. If e-mail isn't available to you, leave a voice message and I'll return your call asap.