

SO200 INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY  
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MWF 2:00-2:50; H223

### SYLLABUS

**DESCRIPTION:** The course is designed to introduce students to the discipline of Sociology, its "sociological imagination," theories of society and human interaction, and research methods. The components of society, its basic social institutions, the role of culture and groups in how we live and who we are, and how sociologists study social life. Major sociological theories will be the underlying threads that tie all the chapters together, as means for understanding the subject matter and issues brought up in each chapter. Class and small group discussions will be interspersed throughout the term, under the assumption that learning occurs through interaction with others.

**OBJECTIVES:** The students are:

1. expected to think about and analyze everyday life from the sociological perspective.
2. to be able to do basic sociological research and
3. to be able to apply social theory in their understandings of everyday life.

**PAPERS:** Two papers will be assigned. Each must revolve social/sociological subject matter and the use of the sociological perspective. The **FIRST** paper: Students will have the option of doing a (1) social research project and paper (7-10 pages) or (2) a service learning project (20-30 hours of community service—citizenship tutorial, with a 5-6 page reflective report). Each student will meet with me individually to discuss the details of the paper. The **SECOND** paper will be a movie review (5-6 pages) of a current movie or one in the library (also to be discussed & approved in my meeting with you). The intent of the papers is for you to articulate your understanding of the principles and theories that you have learned and to apply this understanding to the social situation or issue presented to you. The papers are to be typed, double-spaced, with appropriate references. No late papers will be accepted. Get started asap so you can get the papers in through a buddy in this class.

**EXAMS & QUIZZES:** The exams will cover material presented in class (lectures, film, video, etc.) and required readings. These will be primarily multiple choice and short answer items. Quizzes will be short answer in design and are to encourage students to keep up with the readings and to assess their understanding of the key concepts and /or themes. Keep best 4 of 5 quiz scores.

<b>GRADING:</b>	3 Exams (1 <sup>st</sup> =10%)	40%	A = 90% and above
	4 Quizzes	20%	B = 80 - 89%
	Attendance & Participation	10%	C = 70 - 79%
	2 Papers (#1=20%)	30%	D = 60 - 69%
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	Total	100%	

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Macionis, J. J. (1998). Society: The basics (4th ed.). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall .

OUTLINE: (Tentative)  
1/11-13 Introduction. What is Sociology? (Perspective, theory, research methods) Ch. 1  
1/15 Continue with the Sociological Imagination & Every Day Life  
1/18 **Fr. Chaminade & MLK Day – No Classes**  
1/20-22 Library Resources for Paper/Review Topics  
1/25-29 Doing Social Research: Introductory Level Only! (Ch. 1)  
2/1-5 Culture: What social groups create and pass on. Ch. 2  
2/5 **1<sup>st</sup> quiz (Chapters 1 & 2)**  
2/8-12 Socialization: How you came to be you. Ch. 3  
2/15 **President's Day – No Classes**  
2/17-19 Social Interaction: A focus on structure and process in everyday life. Ch. 4  
2/22-26 Groups and Organization: How we cluster by size and formality. Ch. 5  
2/24 **2<sup>nd</sup> quiz (Chapters 3 -5)**

**3/1 FIRST EXAM CHAPTERS 1-5 & LECTURE MATERIAL**

3/3-5 Deviance: Why some are looked at differently. Ch. 6  
3/8-12 Social Stratification: Why some are more equal than others. Ch. 7  
3/15-19 Race and Ethnicity: Diversity and divisiveness. Ch. 9  
3/19 **3<sup>rd</sup> quiz (Chapters 6, 7 & 9)**  
3/22-26 **Spring Break—No classes!**  
3/29-31 Sex and Gender: From biological and cultural distinctions to a social issue.  
Ch. 10  
4/2 **Good Friday—No Classes**

**4/5 SECOND EXAM CHAPTERS 6, 7, 9 & 10 AND LECTURES)**

4/5-14 Family and Religion: Two basic social institutions. Ch. 12  
4/9 **Movie Review paper is due**  
4/16-19 Education: Why you are here. Ch. 13  
4/21-23 Medicine Ch. 13  
4/26-28 Economics & Politics Ch 11  
4/30 Summary comments, review for the final.  
4/30 **Project paper is due.**

**FINAL EXAM Monday, May 3rd**  
**ALL MATERIAL COVERED SINCE THE LAST EXAM**  
**12:45-2:45**  
**H223**