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SO200 INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY

Winter Interim 2000

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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 the diversity of culture and groups in how we live, who we are, how we interact with one another, and how sociologists study social life, adaptation & change. 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 know the sociological imagination;
3. to know the major theoretical perspectives in sociology;
4. to be able to do basic sociological research;
5. to understand the social nature of the basic social institutions of society;
6. to be able to apply social theory in their understandings of everyday life,
7. to be able to demonstrate an understanding of cultural relativism in a culturally diverse society & world; and
8. to be able to explain, sociologically, major social issues, such as racism, sexism, etc., as they impact on justice and peace in society.

PAPER: One paper is assigned (5-8 pages). The paper will be analyze sociologically a current social event to be discussed & approved in class. The intent of the paper 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 elected by the event. The paper is to be typed, double-spaced, with appropriate American Psychological Association source citation and references format. **No late papers will be accepted.**

ASSIGNMENTS: Between one to two assignments may be given in the form of group work with an oral presentation or a written reaction paper (2-3 pages, typed) to be handed in. The class will be divided into groups of 3-5 students and the task will be given as the appropriateness of topics and timing arises.

EXAMS & QUIZZES: The exams will cover material presented in class (lectures, film, video, etc.) and required readings. These will be primarily multiple-choice. 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.

GRADING:	2 Exams	200 pts	A = 90% and above
	3 Quizzes	60 pts	B = 80 - 89%
	Attendance & Assignments	40 pts	C = 70 - 79%
	1 Paper	100 pts	D = 60 - 69%
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	Total	100%	

REQUIRED TEXT: Macionis, J. J. (2000). Society: The basics (5th ed.). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall .

OUTLINE:	(Tentative)
12/18/00	Introduction. What is Sociology? (Perspective, theory, research methods) The Sociological Imagination & Every Day Life Doing Social Research: Introductory Level Only! (Ch. 1)
12/19	Culture: What social groups create and pass on. Ch. 2 Socialization: How you came to be you. Ch. 3
12/20	Quiz on Ch. 1 - 3 (short essay type) Social Interaction: A focus on structure and process in everyday life. Ch. 4 Groups and Organization: How we cluster by size and formality. Ch. 5
12/22	Deviance: Why some are looked at differently. Ch. 6 Social Stratification: Why some are more equal than others. Ch. 7
12/23	Quiz on Ch. 4 - 7 (short essay type) Global Stratification Ch. 8
12/27	Midterm Exam—Chapters 1-8 (multiple choice type) Race and Ethnicity: Diversity and divisiveness. Ch. 9
12/28	Sex and Gender: From biological and cultural distinctions to a social issue. Ch. 10
12/29	Quiz on Ch. 9 & 10 (short essay type) Economics and Politics Ch. 11
1/2/02	Paper is due. Family and Religion: Two basic social institutions. Ch. 12 Social Change Ch. 16
1/04	Summary comments, review for the final. Final Exam Ch. 9-12, 16 (multiple choice)