

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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CRN 4664, CLASS MEETS IN NH250 EF/FE

100 Introduction to Sociology

Sociology provides tools for understanding a wide range of human experience and action, from the search for identity, to struggles against exploitation, to the making of a new 'global' world order. This course introduces the basic concepts and methods of sociology; helps students make sense of the social world; and explores the extent and limits of our capacity to change the social world. SOCI 100 is a prerequisite for all other sociology courses. Six credits.

DEADLINES FOR TERM ACTIVITIES

1. OCT TEST OCT 23
2. NOV TEST & ESSAY TEST NOV 20
3. ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY NOV 4
4. XMAS EXAM DEC TBA

[LECTURES ARE FOUND HERE](#)

For an excellent guide to making proper citations, go to ...<http://www.aresearchguide.com/styleguides.html>

Course 1 st term 50%	100.11 Introductory
Xmas Exams TBA	YES 25%
Test on Text (two)	YES 10% (5% each)
Annotated Bibliography	10%
Course 2 nd Term 50%	100.11 Introductory
Test on Text (two)	Yes 10% (5% each)
Attendance	10%
Paper	10%
Exam	25%

REQUIRED READING LIST IS FOUND HERE

16-18	Chapter 1 Sociology in the Global Age
23-25	Chapter 2 Thinking Sociologically
30-2	Chapter 3 Researching the Social World
7-9	Chapter 4 Culture
14-16	Chapter 5 Socialization and Interaction Holiday
21-23	Chapter 6 Organizations, Society and the Global TEST 23rd
28-30	Chapter 7 Deviance and Crime
4-6	Chapter 8 Social Stratification
11-13	Holiday Social Stratification
18-20	Chapter 9 Race & Ethnicity TEST 18th

Major writing assignment

The insightful sociologist:

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The text in this course features side-bars on important sociologists. You may find some interesting. Obviously, all are important. The text also features short biographies on some popular sociologists. They operate at a different level and cannot be considered academic.

The paper for this course is based upon your own academic interests. An interest might be a theory, a research problem or a substantive area of sociology like crime, deviance, social difference, inequality etc. Each chapter represents a different "interest".

Your assignment is to write an essay on the intellectual contribution made by a particular sociologist. All of the sociologists in the side-bars have hundreds to thousands of citations

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directed at their work. Every day, Marx will be cited a few thousand times by scholars throughout the world. Your paper should contain a bibliography of at least fifteen sources.

- **START:** What sociological problems interest you? Examples include race, inequality, social cohesion, gender socialization. Make a list of about twenty "sociological" topics. Rank order in terms of importance. Make notations on the items at the top of your list. Find examples of your short list of problems prior to selecting one.
- **NEXT:** check out the sociological authorities who write about the problem you are interested in. Review the literature to find which ones you find most helpful. Find others who are like-minded or who are in disagreement.
- Keep a journal as evidence of your activity and as an aid to writing. Use the two columns strategy. On one side of the page, list facts (include the correct reference (in the approved format), write out any quotations you might use, and note the facts your reading has provided. On the other side of the page, make notes on questions raised and what you think about the facts, quotes etc.

Make a proposition. Test it. Build up an arguments from week to week. Get in the habit of weekly work for 1 to 2 hours of library research. There should be a minimum of six weeks of research prior to submitting a proposal.