

Syllabus
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PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

Course Description:

This course provides students with an overview of the field of sociology. The point of reference for the course is the notion of democracy as a system of governance that instills power and responsibility in citizens and sociology as a means to understand how society operates and how individuals can influence it. During the semester, students will learn the basic concepts of the field of sociology. In particular, they will become familiar with sociological theory, methods, and the primary areas of sociological inquiry: race, class, and gender.

Course Objectives:

After taking this class, students should be able to

- 1) comprehend the relationship between social structure, culture and individual/collective agency.
- 2) have a deeper understanding of the issues of race, class and gender.
- 3) understand and utilize the primary sociological theoretical perspectives.
- 4) utilize and critique basic methodological approaches in the field of sociology.
- 5) apply sociological concepts and theories to their everyday life.

Course Outcomes:

After taking this course, students will be able to

- 1) discuss the relationship between social structure, culture and individual/collective agency.
- 2) show an understanding of sociological theories and be able to use them in a paper.
- 3) write coherently about issues of racism, sexism, and classism.
- 4) describe the major methodologies utilized in sociology, explain why they prefer particular methodologies over others (in certain situations), and carry out a research project.
- 5) show that they can relate sociological concepts and theories to their own life experience.

Required Text:

We will be using *Sociology in Action* by Korgen and Atkinson (Sage 2019) Interactive eBook (slim pack w/ code) ISBN: 9781544321998

Please take note of the assignments and corresponding due dates, below. If you have any questions about them, please do not hesitate to ask them on the General Questions Discussion Board!

14 chapter quizzes 56% (4% each)

14 video quizzes 28% (2% each)

Doing Sociology exercise: 16%

Extra Credit Discussion Board (earn up to 3 points on your final grade)

Doing Sociology is due any time before Midnight on January 3rd (must include two rough drafts revised with an English tutor via tutor.com, with tutor notes attached)

All quizzes and Extra Credit Discussion Board due before Midnight on January 14th.

You can find the quizzes under the "quizzes tab" and the Doing Sociology under the "Assignments" tab