

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE:	Sociology	COURSE CODE:	SOCG 110
PREREQUISITES:	None	SEMESTER:	Spring 2017
INSTRUCTOR:	Mr Rukavina	CREDITS:	3
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts and methods of sociology. It surveys the main theoretical approaches and a number of key problems in the study of society and social life. Topics include: culture & socialisation, social interaction, groups, organisation & leadership, social stratification & global inequalities, racism & ethnicity, and gender & sexuality.

The class is a weekly three-hour lecture/seminar where students are expected to contribute to class discussions based on the required readings for each session.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course students will become familiar with standard sociological vocabulary/concepts, will understand important developments in the field of sociology and will gain an awareness of how the sociological perspective can be applied to other areas of study.

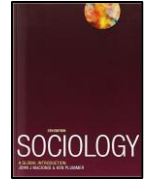
EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand and be able to explain key sociological concepts studied during the semester.
- Understand the three main sociological theories in terms of their differences and similarities.
- Understand how the sociological theories apply to broader issues in society today.
- Understand how the sociological theories connect/complement material studied in other courses (marketing, advertising and psychology etc).

MANDATORY TEXTBOOK:

Sociology, A Global Introduction, John Macionis and Ken Plummer, 2012
Prentice Hall, 5th edition.
ISBN-139780273727910



EVALUATIONS:

The final grade will be based on:

- 30% midterm test
- 30% class presentation
- 40% final exam

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Dates	Reading/Homework	Session Content
Session 1 31-Jan-2017	Chapter 1: <i>The Sociological Imagination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is sociology? Definitions: Peter Berger and C. Wright Mills • The origins of Western sociology: the Enlightenment, the French Revolution & positivism and the industrial revolution • The benefits and problems of the sociological perspective
Session 2 07-Feb-2017	Chapter 2: <i>Thinking Sociologically,</i> <i>Thinking Globally</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short tour of sociological theory: the functionalist perspective, the conflict perspective and the social action perspective • Emergent and contemporary perspectives in sociology • Individualism: freedom of choice versus constraint
Session 3 14-Feb-2017	Chapter 3: <i>Doing Social Science: An</i> <i>Introduction to Method</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a sociological ‘truth’? Matters of epistemology • Common sense versus scientific evidence • Thomas Kuhn: paradigms • The positivist and humanistic traditions • Making sense of sociological data: reliability and validity • The tools of sociological research
Session 4 21-Feb-2017	Chapter 4: <i>Societies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No such thing as society? • Changing patterns of society: the Lenskis’ sociocultural evolution • Explaining modern industrial society: the classical sociological accounts • Karl Marx: capitalism and conflict • Capitalism, class conflict & alienation

<p>Session 5 28-Feb-2017</p>	<p>Chapter 4: <i>Societies (Cont.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The classical sociological accounts of society continued • Max Weber: tradition and rationality • Rationality, Calvinism and industrial capitalism • Rationality and bureaucracy • Emile Durkheim: mechanical and organic solidarity • Social facts: society in ourselves • Modernity and anomie
<p>Session 6 07-Mar-2017</p>	<p>Mid-term exam <i>(Chapters 1 – 4)</i> Chapter 5: <i>Culture</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is culture? Tyler’s classic & influential definition • The major components of culture • Sapir-Whorf hypothesis: perception via the cultural lens of language • Cultural difference, value conflicts?
<p>Session 7 14-Mar-2017</p>	<p>Chapter 5: <i>Culture (Cont.)</i> Chapter 6: <i>Groups, Organizations and the Rise of Network Societies</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Culture and globalisation: a force for change? ▪ The effect of culture: understanding drinking habits • The McDonaldisaton of society • Social groups: primary and secondary groups • Group conformity: Asch, Miligram and Zimbardo • Organisations and bureaucracy
<p>21-Mar-2017</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	
<p>Session 8 28-Mar-2017</p>	<p>Chapter 6: <i>Groups, Organisations and the Rise of Network Societies (Cont.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership and group dynamics ▪ Weber: authority and legitimacy ▪ The group mind: Le Bon and McDougall ▪ Freud’s theory of leaders
<p>Session 9 04-April-2017</p>	<p>Chapter 7: <i>Micro-sociology and The Social Construction of Everyday Life</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming social: the process of socialisation • Nature or nurture? • Social isolation: feral children/isolated children • Freud: the role of the unconscious • George Herbert Mead: the social self • Erving Goffman: the presentation of self, a

		dramaturgical analysis
Session 10 11-April-2017	Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1: TBA • Presentation 2: TBA • Presentation 3: TBA
Session 11 18-April-2017	Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 4: TBA • Presentation 5: TBA • Presentation 6: TBA
Session 12 25-April-2017	Presentations & Exam Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 7: TBA • Presentation 8: TBA • Exam review (Chapters: 5, 6, 7 & Presentation Chapters)

Final Exams will be scheduled by the administration and will be posted by 31 March 2017. The last day of the semester is 12 May 2017. DO NOT PLAN ANY TRAVEL BEFORE THIS DATE AS THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS.