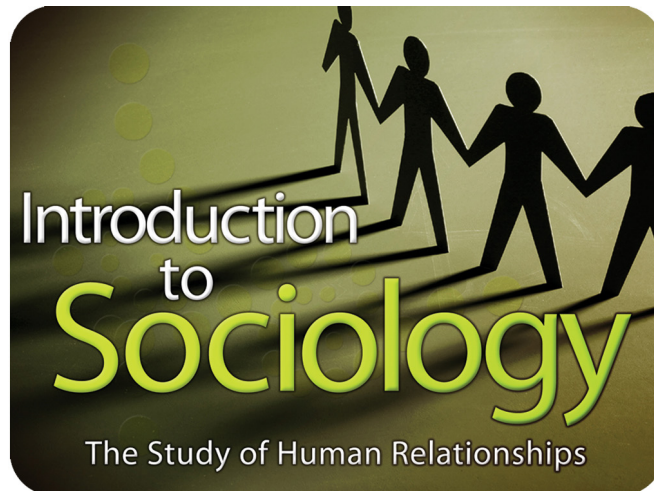


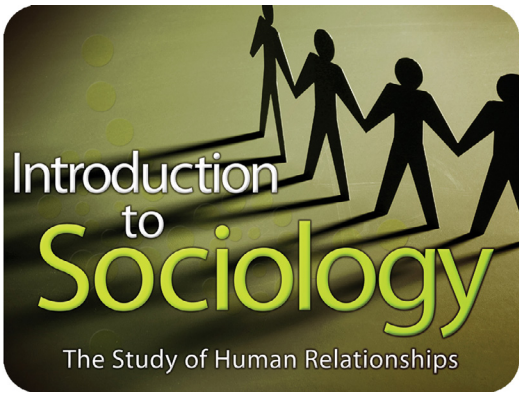


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Course Syllabus



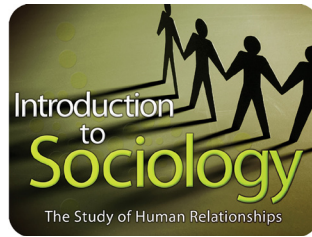
Sociology I: The Study of Human Relationships

Course Description

The world is becoming more complex. How do your beliefs, values and behavior affect the people around you and the world in which we live? Students will examine social problems in our increasingly connected world, and learn how human relationships can strongly influence and impact their lives. Exciting online video journeys to an array of areas in the sociological world are an important component of this relevant and engaging course.

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Unit 1: An Invitation to the World of Sociology

Unit Summary

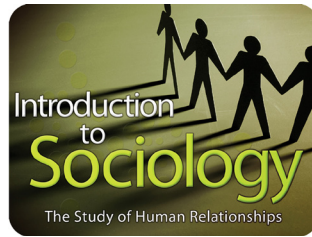
In this unit, we will define what sociology is, learn about the sociological imagination, and discuss sociology's relationship to other social sciences. We will also examine three of sociology's founding fathers, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, and Karl Marx, and their contributions to the development of sociology. Finally, we will discuss three perspectives that are used by sociologists to explain social behavior and society.

Learning Objectives

- Learn about the sociological approach.
- Learn what sociologists do.
- Understand the development of sociology.
- Understand the major sociological perspectives.
- Understand sociology today.

Assignments

Unit 1 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 1 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 2: Culture

Unit Summary

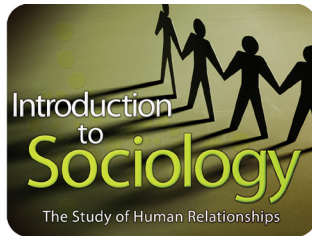
In this unit, we will learn what culture is and how it affects our daily lives. We'll examine several different aspects of culture including language, norms, values, and sanctions. We'll also discuss how culture develops in a society through innovation and diffusion. Finally, we'll look at why cultures differ from each other and how sociologists study these different cultures around the world.

Learning Objectives

- Understand what culture is.
- Learn how culture develops in a society.
- Learn what language, norms, values, and sanctions are.
- Understand cultural variations like subcultures and countercultures.
- Learn about cultural diversity.

Assignments

Unit 2 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 3: Socialization

Unit Summary

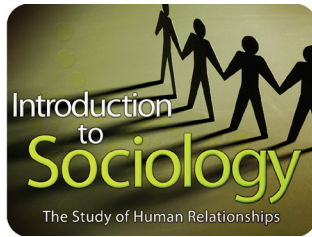
In this unit, we will examine how culture is transmitted to a society's new members. We'll discuss the process of socialization and how this process continues through the life course. In doing so, we'll encounter the nature vs. nurture debate and look at various examples, including isolated children, to illuminate this debate. In addition, the unit will discuss how socialization and culture help to shape the self and individual personalities. Finally, several agents of socialization are discussed, to illustrate some of the ways that culture is transmitted.

Learning Objectives

- Understand what socialization is and how people learn to be members of their culture.
- Examine the different socialization processes throughout the life course.
- Learn how the agents of socialization teach individuals culture.
- Examine how socialization affects the development of the self.
- Understand the role of the family, school, peer group, media, and workplace in the socialization process.

Assignments

Unit 3 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 4: Social Structure & Group Behavior

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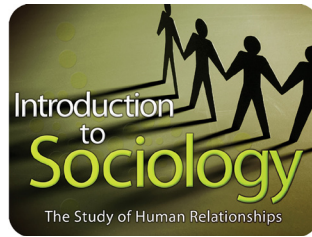
In this unit, we will examine the building blocks of society, including groups, statuses, roles, networks, and social institutions. We'll discuss the different types of groups in society and how the statuses that we have influence our lives in various ways. In addition, the unit looks at how the Internet is changing the way that we network in society and our involvement in social groups. Finally, we'll trace the development of social structure and institutions from preindustrial societies to the present period of time.

Learning Objectives

- Examine the social structure of society and how this structure affects your everyday life.
- Learn about the statuses in society that you may hold and the roles that follow from these statuses.
- Follow the development of technology in society from preindustrial societies to postmodern ones and examine how these changes affect the social structure of societies.
- Explore social interactions between groups of people.

Assignments

Unit 4 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



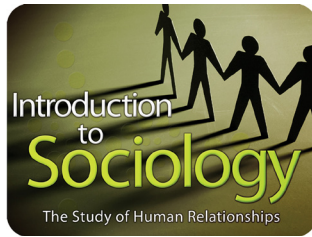
Midterm Exam

Learning Objectives

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Assignments

Midterm Exam	Exam	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	Discussion	5 points



Unit 5: Deviance & Crime

Unit Summary

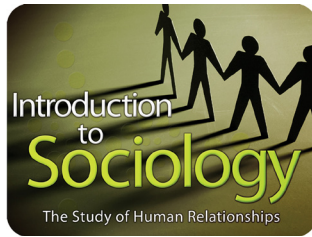
In this unit, we will examine deviant behavior, social control, and crime and the relationships between these three elements in society. Sociologists and other scientists have put forth a number of theories on why deviance happens and the consequences for both individuals and society. The unit will also discuss the techniques and strategies that society and individuals use to encourage conformity and discourage deviance. Finally, we'll look at the different types of crime in society and how crime relates to social statuses like age, race, and gender.

Learning Objectives

- Understand what deviance is and how it affects society.
- Examine the different explanations for deviance.
- Discuss how society encourages conformity and how it uses social control to discourage deviance.
- Understand the different types of crime and how society deals with crime.

Assignments

Unit 5 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 6: Social Stratification & Class

Unit Summary

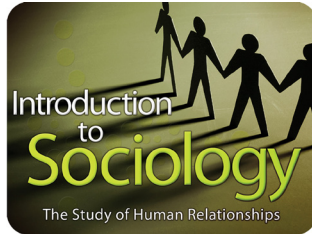
In this unit, we will examine social stratification and class. We'll discuss three systems of social stratification, including slavery, castes, and social classes, and look at the different social classes that exist in the United States and Canada. We will also look at the functions that social stratification may play in society and some of the negative consequences for society, including conflict. Finally, we will examine poverty in North America and which groups of people are more likely to live in poverty.

Learning Objectives

- Understand what social stratification is and how it affects society.
- Learn about the three types of social stratification.
- Examine the major theories of social stratification.
- Investigate the social classes that exist in the United States and Canada.
- Learn about poverty in North America and which groups are more likely to be poor.

Assignments

Unit 6 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 7: Inequalities of Race & Ethnicity

Unit Summary

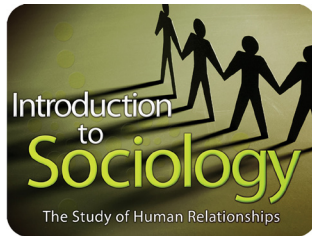
In this unit, we will examine race and ethnicity in society. We will look at what a minority group is and the prejudice, stereotypes, racism, and discrimination that a minority group might face. In this unit, we will also investigate different types of group relationships in a society, including genocide, segregation, amalgamation, assimilation, and pluralism. Finally, we will look at how a minority group may respond to the repression and discrimination that it faces in society.

Learning Objectives

- Learn what race and ethnicity are.
- Investigate the characteristics of a minority group.
- Understand what prejudice, racism, and discrimination are.
- Examine the different ways that group relationships may be organized in society.
- Discuss how a minority group may respond to repression.

Assignments

Unit 7 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Unit 8: Gender

Unit Summary

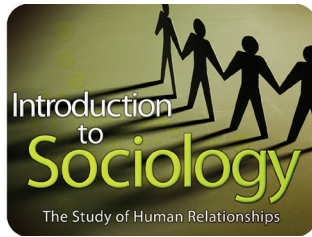
In this unit, we will discuss gender in society and how it influences our lives. We'll examine what gender is, how it is used to stratify society, and how society organizes men and women. In addition, we will look at the idea of gender as a social construction and think about how we "do gender" in our daily lives. We'll also examine gender socialization and how families, peers, and the media influence and shape our identities, behavior, and thoughts in connection with our gender. Finally, we'll examine how gender inequality affects men and women in the workforce, home, and politics.

Learning Objectives

- Learn what gender and gender roles are.
- Examine how gender roles and expectations influence the positions and opportunities available to men and women.
- Discuss the social construction of gender.
- Investigate how the socialization process teaches gender.
- Look at gender inequality in society and how it affects men and women.

Assignments

Unit 8 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz	Quiz	15 points



Final Exam

Learning Objectives

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Assignments

Final Exam	Exam	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	Discussion	10 points