

Introduction to Sociology
Sociology 101-000
M W F 2:00-3:00

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The following are the **Required Readings** for this course:

- 1) Adler, Patricia A. and Peter Adler. 2001. Sociological Odyssey: Contemporary Readings in Sociology. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
- 2) Orenstein, Peggy. 2000. Schoolgirls. New York: Anchor Books.
- 3) Jay MacLeod. Ain't No Makin' It. 1995. Boulder CO: Westview Press.
- 4) Fifteen required online reserve readings: indicated as (on reserve)

All required readings are from these four sources. The first three books are available at the Emory Bookstore. Selections marked with an asterisk (*) are in the Adler and Adler reader, Sociological Odyssey.

The objective of this course is to provide you with a general survey of the field of sociology and, more important, to provide you with a way to think about and understand the social world and your place within it. We will address the following questions such as: Are there rules that govern how we interact? Do the situations we are in have an important effect on our behavior? Why do we believe what we do? What does it mean to be human? How do we develop a self? What is inequality? How does class background, gender, race/ethnicity affect individuals in the workplace and in the home? What is world inequality? How and why does inequality persist? What is crime? What are the causes of crime?

The course grade will be based on: (1) three examinations: Exam 1=25% of your grade; Exam2 and Exam 3=30% of your grade, and (2) three written exercises, together worth 15% of your grade. Each exam will cover materials presented in readings, lectures, guest lectures, films, and discussions. The format for the exams will be some combination of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, short/long essay, or take-home essay. No make-up exams will be given, except where you can verify an emergency or illness. Specific instructions for out-of-class exercises will be given in class. **All assignments must be given to me during the beginning of class. Do not send assignments by email.** Also, note that I will cover material in lecture that is not covered in the readings and some of the required readings will not be covered in class. Because of this, **the readings and attendance in class are both important for your understanding of the material.** Class attendance will be used to "improve" on close grades. Attendance will be taken randomly throughout the semester. Please feel free to come see me with any questions, problems, or ideas you have concerning the course.

Part I: Basic Elements of Social Structure

August 30

Introduction

R. Collins: The Sociological Eye*
C. Wright Mills: The Promise of Sociology*

September 2

Labor Day Observance

September 4, 6
9, 11

Social Construction of Reality

P. Colomy: Three Sociological Perspectives* (pp. 24-27)
J. Charon: Should We Generalize About People?*
D. Rosenhan, On Being Sane in Insane Places (on reserve)
W. Chambliss, The Saints and the Roughnecks (on reserve)
P. Orenstein, School Girls, Introduction and chapter 1

September 13,
16, 18

Norms, Statuses, and Roles

H. Becker, Culture: A Sociological View (on reserve)
H. Miner, Body Ritual Among the Nacirema*
P. Zimbardo, The Pathology of Imprisonment (on reserve)
P. Orenstein, School Girls, chapters 2,3,5

September 20

FIRST OUT-OF-CLASS EXERCISE DUE IN CLASS

September 20,
23, 25

Socialization: Development of the Self

S. Cahill: Fashioning Gender Identity*
Karp et al.: Leaving Home for College: Expectations for Selective
Reconstruction of Self*
M. Milkie: The Impact of Pervasive Beauty Images on Black and
White Girls' Self-Concepts*
P. Orenstein, School Girls, chapters 6,7,8

September 27, 30
October 2

Socialization and Identity Formation

M. Waters: Flux and Choice in American Ethnicity (on reserve)
Van Ausdale and Feagin: Using Racial and Ethnic Concepts: The
Critical Case of Very Young Children (on reserve)
P. Orenstein, School Girls, chapters 10,11,12

October 4 FIRST EXAM

October 7, 9, 11 Social Interaction/Groups

S. Cahill et al.: Meanwhile Backstage: Behavior in Public
Bathrooms*
Adler and Adler: Inclusion and Exclusion in Preadolescent
Cliques*
E. Anderson: Code of the Street*

October 14 Fall Break

Part II: Social Inequality

October 16, 18, 21, 23 Social Stratification: Social Class, Gender, Racial Inequality

P. Colomy: Three Sociological Perspectives* (pp. 30-32)
S. Katz, The Importance of Being Beautiful (on reserve)
J. MacLeod, Ain't No Makin' It, chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6

October 23 SECOND OUT-OF-CLASS EXERCISE DUE IN CLASS

October 25, 28, 30 Social Mobility ---- Social Stratification Cont.

G.W. Domhoff: Who Rules America?*
A. Wolfe: The Duality of the Middle Class*
W. J. Wilson: When Work Disappears (on reserve)
J. MacLeod, Ain't No Makin' It, chaps 7,8,9,10,11

November 1, 4, 6 Social Stratification Cont.

J. Kozol: Savage Inequalities*
C. Garza: Mexican American Domestic Workers*
I. Kim: Koreans in Small Entrepreneurial Businesses*
D. Tannen: Men and Women in Conversation*
M. Rank: Welfare Recipients Living on the Edge*

November 8 SECOND EXAM

Part III: Selected Societal Issues

November 11, 13, 15, Work and the Global Economy
18, 20

B. Ehrenreich and A. Fuentes, Life on the Global Assembly
Line (on reserve)
G. Ritzer: McDonaldization of Society*
Aronowitz and Fazio: Jobs – And Joblessness – In a Technological
America: A Case Study (on reserve)
Reskin and Padavic: Sex Differences in Moving Up and Taking
Charge*

November 22,
25, 27

Family

S. Coonte: The Way We Were, chapters 1 and 2 (on reserve)

November 28, 29

Thanksgiving Break

December 2, 4, 6

Crime

J. Reiman: A Crime by Any Other Name... (on reserve)
T. Hirshi: A Control Theory of Delinquency (on reserve)
E. Sutherland: A Sociological Theory of Criminal Behavior (on
reserve)
R. Agnew: Foundation for a General Strain Theory of Crime and
Delinquency (on reserve)

December 6

THIRD OUT-OF-CLASS EXERCISE DUE IN CLASS

December 9

Review

December 12

FINAL EXAM, Thursday, December 12, 8:30-11:00 am