

Sociology 101
Introduction to Sociology
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Course Objectives and Format

This is a freshman level course in the academic discipline of Sociology. It is designed for both Sociology majors, and non-major seeking to fill core electives in the Social Sciences.

Students will be introduced to the foundational concepts, perspectives, and methodologies that comprise the discipline of Sociology and its sub-fields. The primary objective is to enable sociologically literacy and the sociological imagination. Secondary objectives involve the development of both verbal and written analytical skills.

Class will be comprised of lecture, discussion, group activities and films. Active participation and attendance is essential for success in the course.

Required Text

Available Free in PDF Format at:

http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology

Evaluation

Grading Scale

A	90-100%	C	70-77%
B+	88-89%	D+	68-69%
B	80-87%	D	64-67%
C+	78-79%	F	0-64%

Exams

There will be **four** examinations over the course of the semester, each of which will count 20% of the course grade. Exams will include both **objective** measures (multiple choice, matching...etc...) and **subjective** measures (short answer, essay).

In-Class Quizzes, Group Activities, Writings, & Exercises

There will be several in-class quizzes, group activities, writing assignments and participatory exercises over the course of the semester. The average of these will count 20% of your course grade. They may are may not be announced.

Make-ups

In-class quizzes, activities and exercises can not be made up. Make-ups for scheduled examinations will only be allowed for personal and family emergencies, legitimate illness, or for official University business. To make-up an exam the instructor must be notified **prior** to the absence if at all possible, or within a **reasonable** time period if prior notification is not possible.