



Introduction to Sociology

Sociology 1301: Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2019

SOCI 1301-0022 Introduction to Sociology (Lecture) MoWe 11:00AM- 12:20PM
(16746)

Stafford LH 1/14/19

Room: TBD

3 hour lecture course | 48 hours per semester | 16 weeks

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(Please allow a 24 hour response time to all inquiries)

Office Hours: Scarcella Center (Cash Rd. Entrance) MW 2-3pm TTh 1-3pm. When you enter the building you must seek the assistance of the desk attendant to let me know you are in the lobby.

Meetings are by appointment only and Students must make an appointment to speak with the Professor by email 24 hours ahead of desired meeting time. *The professor will make every effort to meet with, speak with, and assist students if they follow the directions above.*

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713-718-7529

Note: If you have a problem with your course, please contact your instructor before contacting Dr. Boutte.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Textbook-*Sociology in Modules*, 4th edition, Richard T. Schaefer, ©2018 McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN-978-1-259-70271-6 MHID 1-259-70271-5

You will also need a #2 Pencil and 4 Scantrons for your Exams

Scantrons and pencils can be bought in the campus bookstore.

Course Description:

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior in society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance. In addition Sociology 1301

is an “Introduction to the concepts and principles used in the study of group life, social institutions, and social processes.” (ACGM) Sociology 1301 is also “A survey course which focuses on the nature of human groups in American and world societies, their social and cultural adaptations, and the impact which various social processes may have on their social organization and social change.” Core Curriculum Course (HCC Catalog)

The Prerequisites to take this course is as follows:

- a) Reading: Placement in co-requisite GUST 0342**
- b) Writing: Placement into ENGL 0310/0349**

Course Goal:

By the end of this course you will be able to “Appreciate our socially and culturally diverse society and world” (HCC Core Sociology Curriculum). This is a survey course designed to help guide your understanding of Sociology as an academic and scientific discipline and to see the world around you from a new, different, and previously unthought-of of perspective.

Core Curriculum Objectives

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

Students enrolled in this core curriculum course will complete several assignments designed to cultivate the following core objectives:

Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

Empirical and Quantitative Skills - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Social Responsibility - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives of sociology.
2. Identify the various methodological approaches to the collection and analysis of data in sociology.
3. Describe key concepts in sociology.
4. Describe the empirical findings of various subfields of sociology.
5. Explain the complex links between individual experiences and broader institutional forces.

Instructional Methods:

Methods of Instruction will include but are not limited to face-to-face and w/lecture topics; website assignments, various assigned readings from textbooks, peer-reviewed articles, Power-Point presentations and Documentaries and Library assignments. ***You are required and expected to read each chapter before the start of the semester lectures. You are responsible for information in the book whether I cover it or not during class. Coming to class and take notes during class is also suggested for getting the best possible grades.***

ASSIGNMENTS and ASSESSMENTS

TGA (Teacher Generated Activity)

These will be various activities that the instructor will assign as an in or out of class project or quiz. **These projects will not be announced and will be given at the instructor’s discretion.** If student completes all TGA’s as assigned they will earn up to 50pts.

Essays

The student will be required to write 3 essays with a minimum of 500 words. The essays must have a cover page and be double spaced, with appropriate citations. Your essay grade will depend on mechanics (introduction, thesis, body and conclusion), the thoroughness of how well you answer the essay question along with proper grammar, and punctuation **(You are strongly encouraged to take your essay to the HCC writing center in the Scarcella building before turning it in for a grade).**

Essays will be worth up to 100 points each.

Quizzes:

Students will have to complete 3 quizzes on the **Connect website**. Each quiz is worth up to 100pts. Quizzes are multiple-choice.

Exams

There will be four exams. You will be given an exam at the end of every unit or after every 5th topic. Exams will consist of multiple choice questions. The exam questions will come from reading assignments, homework, lecture and documentaries. If you miss an exam you must provide a valid reason (death in the immediate family, illness, etc.) with verifiable proof and reschedule with the professor within 24 hours of returning to class before you are allowed a retake. Exams are worth up to 100pts each.

Evaluation Criteria:

Essays (4)	100pts each	400pts
Quizzes (3)	100pts each	300pts
TGA (5)	10pts	50pts
Exams (4)	100pts	400pts
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Extra Credit

Extra Credit is woven into the core point system listed above. Therefore there is no extra credit

Letter Grade and Point Conversion Chart:

- 900 pts= A
- 899 - 800 pts= B
- 799 - 700 pts= C
- 699 - 600 pts= D

599 - 0 pts= F

Procedures and Expectations for the Semester

- ❖ Examinations and Assignments **MUST** be submitted on the **assigned date**. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for that particular assignment. There will be **NO** makeup work given without valid verifiable proof of an immediate family member's death or a death of a family member where you were the primary caregiver; or an illness that required a hospital stay or doctor's visit. **Please contact your instructor IMMEDIATELY if any of the aforementioned circumstances occur to make arrangements for make-ups.**
- ❖ Be sure that you are aware of the due dates and time of all course assignments.
- ❖ **Attendance is essential and is strongly recommended**; it will be taken each day that the class meets. Poor attendance will also be reflected in your grade this includes coming in late and leaving early.
- ❖ Please be respectful to the comments of others including the professor's. This class is about facts that can be proven. If something doesn't sound right to you I suggest you research the information for yourself then set an appointment with the professor and present it to him for a discussion. Class Discussions may center on intense topics. **Passing your personal opinions and feelings off as facts** is strongly discouraged in this class. Please refrain from verbally attacking other students. There will be Conflict and Controversy in the class. This should be viewed as an opportunity to learn and a sign of a healthy learning environment. Be mindful there is never an excuse for being disrespectful to anyone in the classroom and this behavior will not be tolerated and will be handled accordingly.
- ❖ **Purchase your textbooks IMMEDIATELY and begin reading.** You are expected to keep up with the assigned readings in your textbook and to be thoroughly familiar with the organization of the text, critical concepts, and definitions.
- ❖ Visitors are **NOT** permitted in the class unless preapproved (24 hours) with the instructor.
- ❖ If a student misses a regularly scheduled class, **it is the student's responsibility to find out from another student ALL material/information that was missed.** This includes class notes, date changes, handouts, writing assignments and any other pertinent information. **It is therefore advised that student has a way to contact at least 2 of classmates.** Time will be allotted on the first day of class to meet fellow students and exchange phone numbers, email addresses, etc. **Students not present on the first day of class are expected to obtain this information on their own.**

USE OF PHONES, CAMERA AND/OR RECORDING DEVICES is prohibited (not allowed) in classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices, and other locations where instruction, tutoring, or testing occurs. *Students with disabilities who need to use a recording device as a reasonable accommodation should contact the Office for Students with Disabilities for information regarding reasonable accommodations.*

Unless the Professor instructs you to use your electronic device for research during class please refrain from using the device.

PLEASE SEARCH THE FOLLOWING LINKS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<https://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/>

<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/disability-services/>

HCC POLICY STATEMENT: ADA

Students with disabilities

Houston Community College is dedicated to providing an inclusive learning environment by removing barriers and opening access for qualified students with documented disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Ability Services is the designated office responsible for approving and coordinating reasonable accommodations and services in order to assist students with disabilities in reaching their full academic potential. In order to receive reasonable accommodations or evacuation assistance in an emergency, the student must be registered with Ability Services.

If you have a documented disability (e.g. learning, hearing, vision, physical, mental health, or a chronic health condition), that may require accommodations, please contact the appropriate Ability Services Office below. Please note that classroom accommodations cannot be provided prior to your Instructor's receipt of an accommodation letter and accommodations are not retroactive. Accommodations can be requested at any time during the semester, however if an accommodation letter is provided to the Instructor after the first day of class, sufficient time (1 week) must be allotted for the Instructor to implement the accommodations.

*Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. **Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor.** The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:*

Contact

Director EEO/Compliance

Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity

3100 Main

(713) 718-8271

Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Houston, TX 77266-7517 or Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/disability-services/> OR <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/disability-services/>

Ability Service Contact Information

Central College

713.718.6164

Coleman College

713-718-7376

Northeast College

713-718-8322

Northwest College

713-718-5422

713-718-5408

Southeast College

713-718-7144

Southwest College

713-718-5910

Adaptive Equipment/Assistive Technology

713-718-6629

713-718-5604

Interpreting and CART services

713-718-6333

HCC POLICY STATEMENT: ACADEMIC HONESTY

“Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Cheating on a test includes:

Copying from another student’s test paper.

Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.

Collaborating with another student during a test without authorization.

Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or in part the contents of an un-administered test.

Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one’s self, to take a test.

Bribing another person to obtain a test that is to be administered.

‘**Plagiarism**’ means the appropriation of another’s work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one’s own written work for credit.

‘Collusion’ means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit.” (HCC Core Sociology Curriculum.)

HCC POLICY STATEMENT: CLASS ATTENDANCE

The following statements appear in the College catalog regarding class attendance:

“Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Students are responsible for material covered during their absences, and it is the student’s responsibility to consult with instructors for makeup assignments. Class attendance is checked daily by instructors. Although it is the responsibility of the student to drop a course for non-attendance, the instructor has the authority to drop a student for excessive absences. A student may be dropped from a course for absenteeism after the student has accumulated absences in excess of 12.5 percent of the hours of instruction (including lecture and laboratory time). For example: For a three credit-hour lecture class meeting three hours per week (48 hours of instruction), a student may be dropped

after six hours of absences. For a four credit-hour lecture/lab course meeting six hours per week (96 hours of instruction), a student may be dropped after 12 hours of absences. Certain departments or programs may be governed by accrediting or certification standards that require more stringent attendance policies. NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO WITHDRAW OFFICIALLY FROM A COURSE. Administrative drops are at the discretion of the instructor. Failure of a student to withdraw officially could result in the student receiving a grade of "F" in the course. For the deadline for course withdrawal, check the current course Schedule of Courses."

HCC POLICY STATEMENT: COURSE WITHDRAWAL

To help students avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your professor **may** "alert" you and HCCS counselors that you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performance. Contact your professor regarding your academic performance or a counselor to learn about what, if any, HCC interventions might be available to assist you—online tutoring, child care, financial aid, job placement, etc.—to stay in class and improve your academic performance.

In order to withdraw from a class, you MUST contact your professor and this must be done PRIOR to the withdrawal deadline to receive a "W" on your transcript. If you do not withdraw before the deadline, you will receive the grade that you have earned by the end of the semester. Zeros averaged in for required assignments/tests not submitted will lower your semester average significantly, most likely resulting in a failing grade ("F"). If you do not feel comfortable contacting your professor to withdraw, you may contact a counselor. However, please **do not** contact both a counselor and your professor to request a withdrawal; either one is sufficient.

Classes of other duration (mini-term, flex-entry, 8-weeks, etc.) may have different final withdrawal deadlines. Please visit the online registration calendars or contact the HCC Registrar's Office to determine class withdrawal deadlines.

"Remember to allow a 24-hour response time when communicating via email and/or telephone with a professor and/or counselor. Do not submit a request to discuss withdrawal options less than a day before the deadline." If you do not withdraw before the deadline, you will receive the grade that you are making in the class as your final grade.

The following statements appear in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#) OR <https://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/> regarding withdrawal from a course:

Be certain you understand HCC policies about dropping a course. It is your responsibility to withdraw officially from a class and prevent an "F" from appearing on your transcript.

When considering withdrawal from a course, remember that:

No grade is given and your transcript reflects no record of the course if you withdraw before the [Official Date of Record](#). [Please see the HCCS Official Academic Calendar [which can be found by clicking on this link](#)].

A "W" (indicating withdrawal) appears on your transcript if you drop a course after the [Official Date of Record](#) and before the final deadline. [Please see the HCCS Official Academic Calendar [which can be found by clicking on this link](#)].

The final deadline to drop a course is four weeks before fall or spring semester finals and one week before summer semester exams. [Please see the HCCS Official Academic Calendar [which can be found by clicking on this link](#).]

There are three ways to withdraw from a course:

1. Complete an official withdrawal form available at any campus.
2. Write a letter stating your request to withdrawal. The effective date of your withdrawal is the post marked date of your letter:

*Office of Student Records
Houston Community College System
P. O. Box 667517
Houston, TX 77266-7517*

3. Fax a letter of withdrawal to Registrar's office: 713-718-2111.

http://www.hccs.edu/hcc/System%20Home/Departments/Student_Handbook/academic_info.pdf

HCC POLICY STATEMENT: COURSE REPEAT FEE

“NOTICE: Students who repeat a course for a third or more times may soon face significant tuition/fee increases at HCC and other Texas public colleges and universities. Please ask your instructor / counselor about opportunities for tutoring/other assistance prior to considering course withdrawal or if you are not receiving passing grades.”

Course Withdrawals-First Time Freshman Students-Fall 2007 and Later Under Section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code

“An institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education.” This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in the spring of 2007 and applies to students who enroll in a public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in fall 2007 or later. Any course that a student drops is counted toward the six-course limit if “(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty; (2) the student’s transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from [sic] the institution.” High school students enrolled in HCC Dual Credit and Early College are waived from this requirement until they graduate from high school.

All college-level courses dropped after the official day of record are included in the six-course limit unless the student demonstrates to an appropriate college official that one of the following events occurred to the student during the semester or summer session:

A severe illness or other debilitating condition that affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete [sic] the course.

The student's responsibility for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person if the provision of that care affects the student's ability to satisfactorily complete [sic] the course.

The death of a person who is considered to be a member of the student's family or who is otherwise considered to have a sufficiently close relationship to the student that the person's death is considered to be a showing of good cause.

The active duty service as a member of the Texas National Guard or the armed forces of the United States of either the student or a person who is considered to be a member of the student's family and such active duty interferes with the student's ability to satisfactorily complete [sic] the course.

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<http://www.hccs.edu/hccs/future-students/catalog>.

PROGRAM/DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS

The following material is to be taught in every SOCI 1301 class offered at HCC.

- **The Foundations:** Background and History—Overview of Sociology—Perspectives and Paradigms;
- **The Research Process**
- **The Building Blocks:** Culture, Socialization, Social Interaction and Social Structure, Social Groups and Bureaucracies, Deviance.
- **Stratification:** General Stratification—An Overview. (Instructors must pick 3 out of the 5 topics listed below; instructors may incorporate material from one module into another): World/Global Stratification.
- **Minorities:** Race and Ethnicity, Sex or Gender, Age, Disability
- **The Institutions of Society** (Instructors must pick 3 out of the 6 topics listed below; instructors may incorporate material from one module into another): The Family (may include marriage and human sexuality), Education, Religion, Law/Politics/Government, Medicine (may include issues of health and disease), Media.
- **Collective Behavior:** Social Change/Social Movements (Instructors may choose to include some but not all of the sections in this module or may choose to incorporate material from one module into another): Social Movements, Ecological Processes, Environment, Globalization and Development, Modernity, Population, Revolutions, Technology, Terrorism, Urbanization.

GRADING

Your instructor will conduct quizzes, exams, and assessments that you can use to determine how successful you are at achieving the course learning outcomes (mastery of course content and skills) outlined in the syllabus. If you find you are not mastering the material and skills, **you are encouraged to reflect on how you study and prepare for each class.** Your instructor welcomes a dialogue on what you discover and may be able to assist you in finding resources on campus that will improve your performance.

Houston Community College's standard grading system, which will be used in this class, is: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F.

EGLS3 -- EVALUATION FOR GREATER LEARNING STUDENT SURVEY SYSTEM

At Houston Community College, professors believe that thoughtful student feedback is necessary to improve teaching and learning. During a designated time, you will be asked to answer a short online survey of research-based questions related to instruction. The anonymous results of the survey will be made available to your professors and division chairs for continual improvement of instruction. Look for the survey as part of the Houston Community College Student System online near the end of the term.

Essential Needs Statement: Any student who has difficulty affording or accessing sufficient food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect their performance in the course, is encouraged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify your professor (me) if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable me to provide you with any resources that I may be aware of at HCC.

Tentative Course Calendar for Spring 2019

Date	Topics of Discussion
January 14-16	Syllabus Review and Class Introduction and Documentary on Methods of Socialization
23	Topic 1: Intro to Sociology and Documentary on Methods of Socialization
28	Topic 2: Research Methods to Finding Truth
30	Topic 3 : Culture and Documentary on Methods of Socialization
February 4	Topic 4: Seeking the Self: Socialization and Interaction
6	Topic 5: The Group and Review for Exam1
11	Exam 1: Topics 1-5 and Essay 1 Due
13	Topic 6: Collective Behavior
18	Topic 7: Deviance and Crime
20	Topic 8: Social Stratification, Documentary on Methods of Socialization
25	Topic 9: Race and Ethnicity
27	Topic 10: Population ecology
March 4	Topic 10 Continued and Documentary on Methods of Socialization
6	Exam 2: Topics 6-10 Essay 2 due
11-15	Spring Break
18	Documentary on Methods of Socialization
20	Documentary on Methods of Socialization
25	Documentary on Methods of Socialization
27	Topics 11-15: The Institutions of Society
April 1	Topics 11-15: The Institutions of Society
3	Exam 3: Topics 11-15 Essays 3 Due
8-29th	Documentary on Methods of Socialization
	Final Exam: Check Final Exam Schedule on HCC website

Due to the devastating effects that Hurricane Harvey has had on our city we will make alterations to the above tentative schedule to make sure that all SLO's are met and that your 1301 learning experience will not be diminished.