

{ATTENTION: THIS SYLLABUS IS TENTATIVE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FINAL VERSION WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE IN YOUR COURSE SHELL ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES}

**SOCI 1301 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (Online) CRN # 11947**  
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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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Required Text: **Society: The Basics**. John Macionis 12e (loose-leaf package with the *Sociological Classics*) ISBN: 125692394X. PLEASE NOTE: Pearson Mylab access code is not required for this course. Standard, soft cover edition of the book is also available in the book store, new and used.

### **Course Description**

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology, Credit 3 (3 lecture, 3 contact hrs. per week). Core Curriculum Course. Prerequisites: Must be placed into college-level reading (or take GUST 0342 as a co-requisite) and be placed into college-level writing (or take ENGL 0310/0349 as a co-requisite). Core Curriculum Course.

A survey course that 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. (HCCS Catalog). Online courses are the equivalent of on-campus sections of the same course and are transferable.

### **Goals of the Course**

Upon Completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand the theoretical, historical, and applied nature of the discipline.
- Understand fundamental quantitative and qualitative techniques to study human group behavior.
- Apply sociological concepts and perspectives to the study of human group life.
- Appreciate our socially and culturally diverse society and world.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Apply the three major perspectives in Sociology: Conflict, Functionalism, Symbolic Interaction.
2. Identify the principles of the social science research process.
3. Evaluate the various aspects of stratification as they affect American society and the world.

4. Evaluate the various aspects of the institutions of society as they affect American society and the world.

### **Instructional Format**

This is an online version of SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology course listed in the HCCS catalog. The main mode of interaction for teaching and learning will be online. Please remember to keep up with the reading assignment schedule in the syllabus for optimal results.

Please read the **semester schedule** and the **Student Handbook** for further information. Students should check their course schedule in the syllabus for keeping up with the reading assignments in the text.

In compliance with the HCC system requirements, the course is designed to fulfill six S.C.A.N.S student competencies. Successful completion of the course work relies very much on the cooperation of both the instructor and the student. Students should complete all reading and written assignment by the stated deadlines (**Reading**). Reading assignments are given at the end of this syllabus. The nature of the discipline of sociology is such that sensitive and controversial topics will occasionally surface in your reading material. Please bear in mind that the ideas presented in this course do not necessarily reflect the views of your instructor or the institution.

### **Method of Contact**

You are encouraged to contact your instructor in person, via email or by phone to enhance your learning via phone during the semester (**Speaking**). Ms. Gates is also our contact person.

### **Evaluation**

All students are required to attempt the following in order to be considered for full credit:

1. Three examinations (fulfills **Reading & Critical Thinking, Computer Literacy**).
2. Four quizzes based on text chapters (**Reading, Writing, Computer Literacy**)

**All exams and quizzes are to be taken ONLINE.** The exams include multiple-choice questions.

### **Grade Distribution**

All students can earn a maximum of 400 points in this course. All exams and written assignment are equally weighted. The distribution of points is as follows:

Exam I, Exam II, and Exam III = 25% EACH.

Four Quizzes = 25% (Total)

### **Major Examinations and Written Assignments Schedule**

Exam I: 6/10/2014

Exam II: 6/20/2014

**Finals:** 7/1/2014

### **Exam Make-up Policy**

Make up exams will be given only in the event of extreme genuine emergencies for students who have a **valid, documented excuse** for missing the exam on scheduled dates. Documentary evidence must be produced before make up can be arranged. Reporting failure to attempt a

required activity **AFTER** the scheduled date is not excusable and the student will not be granted make up.

### **HCC Policies Governing DE Courses Online**

The Distance Education Student Handbook contains policies and procedures unique to the DE student. Students should have reviewed the handbook as part of the mandatory orientation. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook's contents. The handbook contains valuable information, answers, and resources, such as DE contacts, policies and procedures (how to drop, attendance requirements, etc.), student services (ADA, financial aid, degree planning, etc.), course information, testing procedures, technical support, and academic calendars. Refer to the DE Student Handbook by visiting this link: <http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook>

### **Scholastic Integrity**

The DE program closely follows the HCCS policies on scholastic integrity. Please refer to HCCS Distance Education Student Handbook for details.

### **EGLS<sub>3</sub> -- 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.

### **READING ASSIGNMENTS – SOCIOLOGY 1301 [Online]**

[In addition to the chapters listed below, a number of articles from the Classics reader may also be assigned for reading]

Chapter 1 : The Sociological Perspective, Theory, and Method.

Chapter 2 : Culture

Chapter 3 : Socialization.

Chapter 4 : Social Interaction in Everyday Life

**EXAM 1** : 6/10/2014

Chapter 5 : Groups and Organizations

Chapter 6 : Sexuality and Society

Chapter 7 : Deviance

Chapter 8 : Social Stratification

Chapter 9 : Global Stratification

**Exam II** : 6/20/2014

Chapter 11 : Race & Ethnicity

Chapter 12 : Economics & Politics

Chapter 13 : Family & Religion

Chapter 15 : Population, Urbanization, and Environment

Chapter 16 : Social Change.

**FINAL EXAM** : 7/1/2014

The FINAL EXAM is comprehensive with the bulk of the questions from chapters not covered previously. Students may, however, expect some questions from the previous lessons

**Note:** Your instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus at any time during the course of the syllabus. Changes will be announced in a timely manner.