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Introduction to Sociology – SOC 101
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Course Description

SOC 101. General Introduction to Sociology. 3 hr.; 3 cr. An introduction to the basic concepts, theories, methods, and findings of sociology that help describe and explain the sociopolitical, socioeconomic, cultural, and organizational structures of society. (IS)

PLEASE NOTE: ANY OR ALL OF THE BELOW OUTLINE OF THE SYLLABUS MAY CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER. I will give advanced notice on any changes.

General Course Requirements:

Required Text:

All of the required reading materials will be Open Electronic Resources. You will not need to purchase any book, and this includes the textbook! You may access the book online, from their app or you may purchase physical copy of the book if you wish to. The textbook we will be utilizing is:

Introductory to Sociology from OpenStax 2e

Print ISBN 1938168410, Digital ISBN 1947172263,

www.openstax.org/details/introduction-sociology-2e

Throughout the semester there will be additional reading assignments which will be academic journal article accessible through our library.

Grading:

Your grades for the class will be based on the following criteria:

1. Classwork and Homework 40%
2. Test 40%
3. Critical Essays 20%

Blackboard and your QC email account are very important for this class. We will be using them throughout the semester. You must have access to both systems. ****Please make sure the email in Blackboard is a current and accurate email for you.**

This is particularly important during inclement weather or other emergencies. I will notify every one of any possible schedule changes or cancellations via Blackboard.

My grading philosophy is to balance the strengths of all students. If you noted for the grades, the exams are only worth 40% of the grade. The other 60% is a combination of homework and participation. This truly comes down to effort. Effort on your part- not mine. Be diligent with the homework assignments assigned. Be diligent on attendance. Be attentive during class. Also be advised: Within the homework assignments, there are extra credit points built in already. Do the homework assignments well and you will automatically have earned extra credits in the class. There will be no more additional extra credits given in the class.

Class Participation

Class Participation is very important. Class participation includes attendance, general participation in discussions and debates. Asking questions on the material is considered participation! You must attend class regularly.

In the case of Religious Absences- If you are unable to attend class on certain days due to religious beliefs, please consult with me well in advance of the absence so that appropriate accommodation can be made.

Please come to class on time. Habitual lateness will not be tolerated. It is rude and distracting to all parties.

PowerPoints will be shared at the discretion of Professor Rosales. If and when they are shared, they will be shared with those in attendance or with an excused absence.

Tests

- **Tests** are mandatory. There will be 4 tests. There will be no Make-Ups given. This is not up for negotiations. If you miss an exam you will need to take the optional cumulative final to replace the 0 for the missed exam.
- The **Optional Cumulative Final** does not need to be taken. It is optional. It is an extremely hard test. It is designed to be excessively hard. It is to be used primarily if people had an unavoidable emergency during a test, and they need to make up one of them.
- Dropping the lowest Grade is an option. This option will **ONLY** be implemented if all 4 tests are taken. It will not be taken if the Cumulative final is taken to replace a missed exam.
- Cheating on a test will not be tolerated. You will be excused from the class, you will receive a 0 on the test, and you will be reported to the college. All electronic devices must be turned off and stowed away during exams.

Homework

Homework will constitute blogs, assignments, and reactionary papers. ALL ASSIGNMENTS will be assigned and submitted through Blackboard and, when appropriate, the Blackboard SafeAssign system. All other submittals will be ignored and will not be considered.

All assignments must be handed in on time. Any assignment that is handed in late will be penalized. Points will be taken off for every calendar day it is late. Better late than never though!

ALL ASSIGNMENTS must be original work by the student. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Almost every semester at least one student has been caught plagiarizing in my class. I submitted their names to the Dean of Student Affairs and they receive a 0 on the assignment. This is not negotiable. All of the work you submit your name on should be YOUR OWN WORK.

Cancelation of Classes:

Please sign up to the CUNY Alert system for all organization wide cancellations.

In addition to campus wide emergencies, If I need to notify everyone of any possible schedule changes or cancellations, I will use Blackboard.

Disability Services Center:

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact Special Services for Students with Disabilities, Frese Hall Room 111 ,718-997-5870 as soon as possible this semester. After working with Department of Special Services please contact the professor.

Academic Integrity Policy

Because intellectual honesty is a cornerstone of all academic and scholarly work, each member of the Queens College community is expected to maintain academic integrity.

It is important for you to understand the concept of plagiarism. Plagiarism is copy and manipulation of words, images or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise. This includes words, images or ideas in either print or electronic format. This includes copying a passage and changing some of the original wording. This is not acceptable.

Even more specifically, when I ask you what something is in an article, you should not use their words to answer the question, you should use your own words. If you NEED to use their words, which should be sparingly, you will need to put them in quotes.

Grading policy

The college uses the following breakdown for reporting final grades

Undergraduate Grade Equivalencies:			
A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 60-66
A- 90-92	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	F 0-59

Communication

In any relationship, including the one between teacher and student, communication is of the utmost importance. Always feel free to ask questions. Reach out. If there is a problem- communicate it. Questions, particularly good questions, is the cornerstone of learning!

Please feel free to join me during my office hours. If you are not available, let me know. We will make alternative plans.

Schedule:

Date	Day	To Prepared for Class
Week 1	Monday	First Day of Class: Introduction
	Wednesday	Chapter 1- Introduction to Sociology
	Homework Due	C.W.Mills The Sociological Imagination full book available at academia.edu
Week 2	Monday	Chapter 2- Sociological Research
	Wednesday	Data.gov exercises and review
Week 3	Monday	Chapter 3- Culture
	Wednesday	Chapter 4- Society and Interaction
	Homework Due	"Nacerima" reading assignment and blog: https://doi.org/10.1525/aa.1956.58.3.02a00080
Week 4	Monday	Social Self - a chapter a diiferent textbook found at: https://opentextbc.ca/socialpsychology/chapter/the-social-self-the-role-of-the-social-situation/ of the Principles of Social Psychology - 1st International Edition by Dr. Rajiv Jhangiani and Dr. Hammond Tarry is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License, except where otherwise noted.
	Wednesday	Chapter 5- Socialization
Week 5	Monday	Test 1
	Wednesday	Chapter 6- Groups and Organizations and McDonaldization video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fdy1AgO6Fp4
	Homework Due	Social Networks Ted Talk by Nicholas A. Christakis found at https://youtu.be/2U-tOghblfE
Week 6	Monday	Chapter 7- Deviance, Crime and Social Control
	Wednesday	"Broken Windows" article from the Atlantic
	Critical Essay Due	Topic to be determined
Week 7	Monday	Chapter 8- Media and Technology
	Wednesday	Article to be announced
Week 8	Monday	Chapter 9- Social Stratification in the United States
	Wednesday	Article to be announced
	Homework Due	The Working Class: 30 Days on Minimum Wage video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmSGEGOVI34
Week 9	Monday	Chapter 10- Global Inequality
	Wednesday	Test 2
Week 10	Monday	Chapter 11- Race and Ethnicity
	Wednesday	Chapter 12- Gender, Sex and Sexuality
	Homework Due	To be announced

Week 11	Monday	Chapter 13- Aging and the Elderly
	Wednesday	Chapter 14- Marriage and Family
Week 12	Monday	Chapter 15- Religion
	Wednesday	Test 3
	Critical Essay Due	Topic to Be determined
Week 13	Monday	Chapter 16- Education
	Wednesday	Chapter 17- Government and Politics
	Homework Due	<u>Mr Rogers Senate testimony video and blog.</u> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKy7ljRr0AA
Week 14	Monday	Chapter 18- Work and the Economy
	Wednesday	Chapter 19 - Health and Medicine
	Homework Due	<u>Documentary Fed Up Documentary found at</u> http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2hw4rh
Week 15	Monday	The Sociology of the Body: Health, Illness, and Sexuality
	Wednesday	Population, Urbanization, and the Environment & Chapter 20 Globalization
Finals Week	4th Exam	Date Announced by College
	Optional Final	Cumulative Optional final only be taken if Exam 1-3 are missed to be done immediately after 4th exam



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