

SOCIOLOGY 2201

PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY/FALL 2012/SECTION 12

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SYLLABUS

Welcome to Sociology! Sociology is the scientific study of the patterns and processes of human social interaction.

The first and most basic part of an introduction to Sociology is to learn to be skeptical about the world around you - to question what you have previously taken for granted. To study social relations scientifically means to challenge cherished assumptions, prejudices and vantage points through the use of the scientific method. You will learn what it means to move from description to explanation, to propose and test social theories.

Finally, you will learn about the exciting potential and the sobering reality of trying to apply sociological knowledge to changing the world for the better.

REQUIRED TEXT

Sociology in our times: The Essentials, 8th Edition (Kendall)

SCHEDULE

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1	AUGUST 21 What is Sociology? (Chapter 1)	AUGUST 23 The Scientific Method: Facts & Theories (Chapter 1)
WEEK 2	AUGUST 28 Durkheim's Study of Suicide: Part 1 (Chapter 1)	AUGUST 30 Durkheim's Study of Suicide: Part 2 (Chapter 1)
WEEK 3	SEPTEMBER 4 Facts & Theories Revisited (Ch. 1)	SEPTEMBER 6 Research Methods: Surveys (Chapter 1)
WEEK 4	SEPTEMBER 11 Research Methods (Chapter 1): Experiments & Field Research	SEPTEMBER 13 Sociological Theory (Chapter 1)
WEEK 5	SEPTEMBER 18 Socialization (Chapter 3)	SEPTEMBER 20 Culture (Chapter 2)
WEEK 6	SEPTEMBER 25 Groups & Organizations (Chapters 4 & 5)	SEPTEMBER 27 EXAM ONE
WEEK 7	OCTOBER 2 Demography (Chapter 15)	OCTOBER 4 The Demographic Transition (Chapter 15)
WEEK 8	OCTOBER 9 Population & Environment (Chapter 15)	OCTOBER 11 The Environment: Energy & Climate Change (Chapter 15)

WEEK 9	OCTOBER 16 Gender & the Family (Chapters 10 & 11)	OCTOBER 18 Defining and Measuring Crime (Chapter 6)
WEEK 10	OCTOBER 23 Explaining Crime (Ch. 6)	OCTOBER 25 Explaining Crime, Part 2 (Ch. 6)
WEEK 11	OCTOBER 30 Crime Policy (Chapter 6)	NOVEMBER 1 EXAM TWO
WEEK 12	NOVEMBER 6 Social Stratification (Chapter 7)	NOVEMBER 8 The Origin of Stratification (lecture only)
WEEK 13	NOVEMBER 13 Stratification in America Today (Chapter 7)	NOVEMBER 15 Islam and Politics (lecture only)
WEEK 14	NOVEMBER 20 NO CLASS - ONLINE LECTURES Race and Ethnicity (Chapter 9)	NOVEMBER 22 FALL BREAK - NO CLASS Ethnic Conflict (Chapter 9)
WEEK 15	NOVEMBER 27 NO CLASS - ONLINE LECTURES (Ch. 13)	NOVEMBER 29 NO CLASS - ONLINE LECTURES (Ch. 12)
WEEK 16	DECEMBER 4 Religion, Part 2 (Chapter 12)	
FINAL EXAM WEEK	DECEMBER 11 1:00 - 3:00 PM EXAM THREE	

EVALUATION

Your grade will be based on:

EXAMS

Three multiple-choice exams, to be administered in class, consisting of 50 2-point questions. Each exam will be worth 100 points, for a total of 300 points. Exam 3, the final exam, will not be cumulative, but will cover the third unit, the last three weeks of the course. These exams will be graded on a standard point system: 90+ = A, 80+ = B, 70+ = C, 60+ = D, and 59 and below = F.

QUIZZES

Fifteen online quizzes, each worth 10 points, for a total of 150 points. The quizzes will be available on Georgia View/Vista from Friday through the following Tuesday. Since you will have 5 days to take each quiz, there will be no make-ups allowed. It will be your responsibility to check Vista and take the quizzes in the scheduled time period.

CLASS TOTAL: 450 points

POLICIES

1) ATTENDANCE

If you ever have to miss class, make sure to get the notes for the lecture you missed from a fellow student. If you have a university-sanctioned reason to miss an exam, such as an athletic event, you must notify me in advance in order to make-up the exam, preferably prior to the regularly scheduled time. **If you are sick, you must let me know the day of the exam, assignment, or exercise in order to qualify for making up the work.**

2) PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

There is no use of cell phones for texting while in class. Phones should be turned off. You must discuss with me any reason you need to keep your phone on vibrate to receive a call, otherwise it will be considered a violation. Laptops may be used ONLY for note-taking. This will be monitored.

3) INTEGRITY

It is your responsibility to maintain academic integrity as specified in the KSU Student Code of Conduct. Do not cheat or plagiarize, and do not aid and abet others in cheating or plagiarizing. My policy for a first offense is that if you are caught cheating or helping a fellow student cheat your grade for that assignment may be a ZERO. Any subsequent infractions may result in your expulsion from the course with an F, and a referral to the University Administration for further sanctions.

4) ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Disabled Student Support Services in the Student Development Center: 770-423-6443, or e-mail Carol Pope at cpope@kennesaw.edu. The office is located in the Student Center, Building 5, Room 267. I will work with the student and the Center to make a reasonable accommodation for testing once verification has been provided to me by the office.

5) ADVISING

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to offer academic advising to students in the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC). The UAC is located in Pilcher 129, on the first floor near the Foreign Language Resource Center. Their hours are **Monday - Thursday** 8 am - 6 pm, and **Friday** 8 am to 5 pm. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointment by using the website, or by calling the Center during office hours at [770-794-7728](tel:770-794-7728). For more information, visit the UAC website: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hssadvising/home.php>."