

## **Department of Sociology Fall 2016**

**Kennesaw State University SOCI 1101/15 TR 3:30**

**Instructor: Tim Lubben**

### **Required Book**

Sociology: A Global Perspective by Joan Ferrante  
ISBN#9781285746463

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### **Course Description**

This course is designed to present a sociological approach to major social problems in contemporary American Society. It emphasizes the concepts of troubled institutions, problems of inequality, and conformity and deviance. It will provide students the foundation for understanding the causes of various social problems and proposing possible policies applicable in addressing these issues.

### **Course Objectives:**

- I- Sociocultural Relationships: understand social and cultural influences on human behavior.
- II- Global citizenship: demonstrate knowledge about global issues confronting persons in the contemporary world.
- III- Interdependence/Interdisciplinarity: integrate and compare knowledge and concepts across disciplines.
- IV- Critical/Creative Thinking: support a position with appropriate evidence.

### **Organization and Structure of the Course:**

The course will be a combination of lectures and class discussions addressing various social problems and will draw on information from the text and outside sources. It will also include group discussions about selected topics from current news/events. It is very important that you are doing all your readings as they will facilitate discussions and increase understanding and comprehension. Please refrain from using your cell phones during class.

### **Grading**

You will be graded on the following course components:

#### **I. Class Participation: Attendance policy**

Class participation encompasses attendance and participation in group discussions. An attendance sheet will be passed around at the beginning of each class. It will be the responsibility of each student to sign the attendance sheet.

#### **II. Exams**

There will be one final exam. The questions will cover materials from the text, class lectures and class

discussions. It will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false and essay questions.

### **III. Paper**

5-7 page paper. The paper will define a social problem and then providing your solution how to solve it. Your solution should be tied to a Sociological Theory.

### **IV. Speaker Reviews.**

A review will be required for each speaker. There will be several speakers throughout the semester.

### **Grading Scale:**

-Class participation 30%

-Paper (presentation) 30%

-First Examination 25%

-Speaker Reviews 15%

A= 90-100 C= 70-79 B= 80-89 D=60-69 F= Less than 60

### **Academic Honesty:**

Please read the Student Code of Conduct as published in the KSU Undergraduate Catalog.

### **Disability statement**

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