

SYLLABUS
SOCI 2105 (03)

Social Issues: Perspectives in Sociology
Spring 2014 * MW 8:00-9:15am * Room: SS 2038

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Course Description

This class satisfies one of four options to fill the requirement of Social Issues in the general education curriculum. The catalog states: This course provides students with the knowledge and tools necessary to critically examine world social issues from the social science perspective of sociology. The discipline of sociology focuses on how culture and social structure combine to shape the way humans live and how they define and solve their social problems.

Course Objectives

- Apply basic understanding of theory to sociological issues
- Critically analyze the craft of sociology and about issues of society
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Understand social and cultural influences
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills

Required Texts & Materials

1. Conley, Dalton. 2013. *You May Ask Yourself*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton (3rd edition)
2. Bluebook

Tests

There will be three tests throughout the semester to test your understanding of previously discussed material. Each test will only include questions surrounding the previous chapters. The tests are structured with multiple-choice questions.

Quizzes

There will be six unannounced quizzes throughout the semester. They are small answer/essay questions that will be answered in your bluebook and are worth 5 points each. Keeping up with the book (and having it with you for the quizzes) is a part of this grade. I will drop the lowest quiz grade.

Attendance

Attendance is not required for a grade; I will record it for potential extra credit. Attendance is highly recommended since quizzes are unannounced.

Grading

Test 1 – 25%
Test 2 – 25%
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Quizzes (total of 5) – 25%

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please refer to the KSU code of conduct for information on what is considered academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and cheating.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Kennesaw State University supports the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive order #11246, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. No person shall, on the basis of age, race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the college.

If you are a student with disabilities please contact me (email or in person) and we will discuss accommodations for this class.

Tentative Course Schedule		
Date	Required Reading	Course Work
01/08		Intro/Syllabus
01/13	Chapter 1	
01/15	Chapter 3	
01/20		MLKJr Day No Class
01/22	Chapter 4	
01/27	Chapter 6	
01/28		TEST 1
02/03	Chapter 8	
02/05	Chapter 8 CONT	
02/10	Chapter 9	
02/12	Chapter 10	
02/17	Chapter 10	
02/19	Chapter 11	
02/24	In Class Activity Ch 11	
02/26		TEST 2
03/03	Chapter 12	
03/05	Chapter 13	
03/10	Chapter 16	
03/12	In Class Activity Ch 16	
03/17	Chapter 17	
03/19		TEST 3