

SOCIOLOGY 2201

PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY/SPRING 2016/SECTION 5

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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, 10th Edition (Kendall)

SCHEDULE

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1	JANUARY 12 What is Sociology? (Chapter 1)	JANUARY 14 The Scientific Method: Facts & Theories (Chapter 1)
WEEK 2	JANUARY 19 Durkheim's Study of Suicide: Part 1 (Chapter 1)	JANUARY 21 Durkheim's Study of Suicide: Part 2 (Chapter 1)
WEEK 3	JANUARY 26 Research Methods: Surveys (Chapter 1)	JANUARY 28 Research Methods (Chapter 1): Experiments & Field Research
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 2 Sociological Theory (Chapter 1)	FEBRUARY 4 Socialization (Chapter 3)
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 9 Culture (Chapter 2)	FEBRUARY 11 Groups & Organizations (Chapters 4 & 5)
WEEK 6	FEBRUARY 16 EXAM ONE	FEBRUARY 18 Demography (Chapter 15)
WEEK 7	FEBRUARY 23 The Demographic Transition (Chapter 15)	FEBRUARY 25 Population & Environment (Chapter 15)
WEEK 8	MARCH 1 The Environment: Energy & Climate Change (Chapter 15)	MARCH 3 Gender & the Family (Chapters 10 & 11)
WEEK 9	MARCH 8 Defining and Measuring Crime (Chapter 6)	MARCH 10 Explaining Crime, Part 2 (Ch. 6)
WEEK 10	MARCH 15 Explaining Crime (Ch. 6)	MARCH 17 Reducing Crime (Chapter 6)

WEEK 11	MARCH 22 EXAM TWO	MARCH 24 Social Stratification (Chapter 7)
WEEK 12	MARCH 29 The Origin of Stratification (lecture only)	MARCH 31 Stratification in America Today (Chapter 7)
WEEK 13	APRIL 5 <i>SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS</i>	APRIL 7 <i>SPRING BREAK - NO CLASS</i>
WEEK 14	APRIL 12 Race and Ethnicity (Chapter 9)	APRIL 14 Ethnic Conflict (Chapter 9)
WEEK 15	APRIL 19 Mexican Immigration to the U.S. (lecture only)	APRIL 21 Politics & the State (Chapter 13)
WEEK 16	APRIL 26 Religion, Part 1 (Chapter 12)	APRIL 28 Religion, Part 2 (Chapter 12)
WEEK 17	MAY 3 3:30 - 5:30 EXAM THREE (FINAL EXAM)	

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.

CLASS TOTAL: 300 points

SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZZES

Weekly online self-assessment quizzes will be available in D2L. You will not be graded on them. You should take them as they come up each week to make sure you have the correct information and to prepare for the exams.

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 Nastassia Sanabria at nsanabria@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 Willingham Hall, Room 223. Their hours are Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 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>."