

## Introduction to Sociology

Lamar Technical College

SOCI 1301

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Internet Course

Credit Hours: 3

Course Description:

This course is a sociological study of social behavior and social structures, emphasizing the importance, knowledge, and appreciation of the multi-cultural, and multi-dimensions of society. Topics include cultural elements such as values, norms, beliefs, language, roles, group processes, social conflict, and social change. Topics are examined through several sociological perspectives, encouraging critical thinking and personal responsibility towards both current and controversial issues. In essence, to question how you think not what you think about your social world.

Required Textbook and Materials

Textbook: OpenStax Sociology

<https://openstax.org/details/books/introduction-sociology-2e>

- Access to media/video files via YouTube, Netflix, Hulu, etc.
- Access to PowerPoint.
- Internet access and appropriate computer.

Please Note

The course syllabus is designed to provide the student with a documented source of their rights and responsibilities. It can be changed or altered. It will be the student's responsibility to access and read any materials that further discuss and/or illustrate those rights and responsibilities. More so, the student cannot use the syllabus to find loopholes or clauses to defend their actions. In the event the syllabus does not explain, discuss, or illustrate a potential

course of action a student may wish to take, it will be the student's responsibility to get clarification and/or approval from the instructor before taking the action.

### Course Outline/ Calendar

To eliminate the confusion that comes with rescheduling daily activities, lectures, and assignment due dates, the course calendar/outline will follow a simple format: Students should make the effort to exchange contact information with at least one other student. Please remember the instructor has the right to amend, modify, or change the course activities, assignments, or lectures if it improves the learning environment and educational outcomes.

Do not postpone; technical problems at the last minute do not constitute a valid excuse for failing to meet a due date. If an emergency circumstance arises that will hinder your ability to meet a due date/deadline, you must contact me before the due date/deadline to discuss options. I always want to be consistent and fair in my application of policies.

### Description of Graded Work

#### Lesson Test Worth 100 points

The lesson Test will cover all reading assignments, research, discussions, and videos. There are 11 LT. Each test is worth 100 points. Late tests are docked 10 points for every day late.

#### Makeup Policy

Makeup module quizzes are offered at the discretion of the instructor and with a verifiable excuse. Must be notified in advance or have a medical excuse.

#### Final Project (Meme) Worth 100 points

Refer to the rubric posted.

There are no late presentations accepted.

#### Assignments Worth 100 points

All assignments will be submitted online unless instructed differently. Late assignments are docked 5 points for every day late. Failure to complete after 10 days will result in a 0 for the assignment. There will be 3 assignments.

## Discussion Board rubrics:

Minimum 200 words 20 pts.

Word count must be included or there will be a 10-point deduction.

Initial response (did you discuss the questions asked) 20 pts.

Use at least 3 sociological terms 20 pts.

Sociological terms must be highlighted or bolded 10-point deduction

Grammar, spelling, and formatting 20 pts.

Respond to at least 2 other classmates 20 pts.

I agree/I disagree will not be accepted. No late discussions will be accepted.

Module Test and Final Project 50%

Assignments 20%

Discussions 30%

## Grading Policy

Grading will be on a percentage scale.

## Points Letter Grade

90 or more            A

80 - 89                B

70 - 79                C

60 - 69                D

59 points or fewer   F