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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**AND**

**INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

**SOCIOLOGY - 1301 - 90**

**DR. CLAUDETTE JACKSON**

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

**NOTE: This is an Online course.**

**COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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## **Course Description:**

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance.

## **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

No prerequisites or corequisites

## **Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

Course documents are posted on the SOCI 1301\_90 Brightspace site

## **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Claudette Jackson

MCC Email: [cjackson@mclennan.edu](mailto:cjackson@mclennan.edu)

Office Phone Number: 254-299-8465

Office Location: SSC 319

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: W 8-9am, Th-F 4-5pm or call to make an appointment

Other Instruction Information:

## **Required Text & Materials:**

Title: *Introduction to Sociology, 3e*

Author: OpenStax

Edition: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Publisher: OpenStax

ISBN:

Several options are available to access the *free* textbook – PDF and online link. You can use the PDF (available within Brightspace) or the OpenStax online [link](#)

If you prefer a hard copy is also available for purchase.

**MCC Bookstore Website:** <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

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## **Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

This course is organized into weekly chapters and assignments. Working ahead is permitted and encouraged. Delivery of instruction may be provided through lecture, in-class group work, discussion, and/or online work.

## **Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

- **Critical Thinking** -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communications Skill** -- to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Empirical & Quantitative Skills** -- to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social Responsibility** -- to include intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

## **Course Outline or Schedule:**

Keep in mind that the schedule is **tentative** and subject to change, though you will be given advanced notice of any modifications.

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>Chapters</b>	<b>Assignments</b>
<b>January 9, 2023</b>	Introduction to our course	Review Course and Expectations
<b>January 16, 2023</b>	Chapter 1: Introduction to Sociology	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>January 23, 2023</b>	Chapter 2: Sociological Research	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>January 30, 2023</b>	Chapter 3: Culture	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>February 6, 2023</b>	Chapter 4: Society & Social Interaction	<b>Project 1 DUE</b> Read prior to class.

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<b>February 6, 2023</b>	Chapter 5: Socialization	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>February 13, 2023</b>	Chapter 6: Groups & Organizations	<b>Project 2 DUE</b> Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>February 20, 2023</b>	Chapter 7: Deviance, Crime & Social Control	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>February 27, 2023</b>	Chapter 9: Social Stratification in the United States	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>March 6, 2023</b>	NO CLASS THIS WEEK	NO CLASS THIS WEEK
<b>March 13, 2023</b>	Chapter 11: Race & Ethnicity	<b>Project 3 DUE</b> Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>March 20, 2023</b>	Chapter 12: Gender, Sex & Sexuality	<b>Project 4 DUE</b> Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>March 27, 2023</b>	Chapter 13: Aging and the Elderly	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>April 3, 2023</b>	Chapter 14: Relationships, Marriage and Family	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>April 10, 2023</b>	Chapter 15: Religion	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace
<b>April 17, 2023</b>	Chapter 16: Education	Read prior to class. Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week will be in Brightspace

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<b>April 24, 2023</b>	Final Exam Opened	Access Final Exam information in Brightspace and begin working on it
<b>May 1, 2023</b>		<b>FINAL DUE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> BY 5PM</b>

## **Course Grading Information:**

Each project (a total of 4) is worth 50 points, and the Small Group Discussion and Participation is worth 100 points. The final is worth 100 points. All points are summed to determine your final score.

Project 1	50 points	360-400	A
Project 2	50 points	320-359	B
Project 3	50 points	280-329	C
Project 4	50 points	240-279	D
Sm.Grp. Discussion/Part.	100 points	below 239	F
<u>Final</u>	<u>100 points</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>400 points</b>		

## **Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

1. **Is there any extra credit?** No. There is enough time to complete assignments that if done on time, you should make a satisfactory grade.
2. **May I make up missed work?** Generally, No (truly extenuating circumstance will be considered). So, it would be wise to work ahead and stay ahead just in case.
3. **May I turn in my work early?** Absolutely! Any of these assignments may be turned in early! No problem! These assignments just cannot be turned in late.
4. **May I email my assignments?** Please pay attention to the method of submitting each assignment. Most will be submitted in class, while others may be submitted online through Brightspace. Note: It is very important that you keep an electronic copy of your submitted work. Technical problems happen; keep in mind that your work is your responsibility.
5. **How do I get information for a class I missed?** Get to know your classmates and work with them for missed notes; collaboration is an effective learning strategy.

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## **Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

In this course, we will discuss a variety of topics that require a mature approach. Students are expected to treat everyone with respect. Students are also to understand that disagreeing with the subject matter or peer is ok so long as it done respectfully in an academically appropriate manner.

## **[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)**

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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## **ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES**

### **Accommodations/ADA Statement:**

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit [www.mclennan.edu/disability](http://www.mclennan.edu/disability).

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu) 254-299-  
8122  
Room 319, Student Services Center

### **Title IX:**

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the acting Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at [www.mclennan.edu/titleix/](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/). It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the

crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

**Student Support/Resources:**

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am - 5:00 pm on Friday. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom (<https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/2542998500>) or email ([ast@mclennan.edu](mailto:ast@mclennan.edu)) during the above mentioned times.

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing [crew@mclennan.edu](mailto:crew@mclennan.edu) or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to [https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_07byXd7eB8iTqJg](https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg). Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's Pantry are located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

**MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:**

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at [https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**



Go to [www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity) for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-andStaffCommons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**Minimum Technical Skills:**

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

**Backup Plan for Technology:**

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

**Email Policy:**

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to [www.mclennan.edu/studentemail](http://www.mclennan.edu/studentemail).

**Instructional Uses of Email:**

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

**Email on Mobile Devices:**

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email [Helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

**Disclaimer:**

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.