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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

SOCI - 1301 – 0025

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NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

NOTE: This is a Face-to-Face course.

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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:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

All course materials for SOCI 1301 can be accessed through our Brightspace course page.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Claudette Jackson

MCC Email: cjackson@mclennan.edu (or use the email link in Brightspace)

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Office Location: Dennis Michaelis Academic Center, Room 230

Office/Teacher Conference Hours:

Monday: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Please email for an appointment

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Friday: Please email for an appointment

If you prefer to meet via Zoom, please let me know and I will email a Zoom link to your MCC student email address.

Other Instruction Information:

Required Text & Materials:

Title: *Introduction to Sociology, 3e*

Author: OpenStax

Edition: 3rd

Publisher: OpenStax

ISBN:

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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](#). Information regarding print copies for purchase are also available on the OpenStax website.

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

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

This course is organized into weekly chapters and assignments. All required chapters are available in the Course Schedule section below. Each chapter has a required quiz. You have unlimited opportunities to take each quiz prior to each weekly due date. The quizzes are not timed.

Delivery of instruction may be provided through chapter overviews, videos, and other online work available in Brightspace. Additional resources such as chapter PowerPoints are provided in Brightspace. Please feel free to utilize this as a study tool. Working ahead is permitted and encouraged.

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

As a transferable course within the state of Texas, this course introduces sociology and social problems and develops specific information and skills about a social scientific approach to social problems. Students successfully completing this course will be able to meet each of these transfer Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

- SLO 1: Compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives of sociology.

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- SLO 2: Identify the various methodological approaches to the collection and analysis of data in sociology.
- SLO 3: Describe key concepts in sociology.
- SLO 4: Describe the empirical findings of various subfields of sociology.
- SLO 5: Explain the complex links between individual experiences and broader institutional forces.

Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Before the 60% point of the semester, a student who is absent for 25% or more of a face-to-face or blended course or who miss 25% or more of assigned work for an online course will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. A student may also request to be withdrawn with a grade of W before the 60% point of the semester. After the 60% point of the semester, the student may request to be withdrawn if the student is passing, or be assigned the final grade earned at the end of the semester after grades have been updated to reflect missing work.

Course Outline or Schedule:

This course schedule is tentative and may be subject to change, though you will be given advanced notice of any modifications. Notice is typically in the form of announcements in Brightspace and/or emails to the MCC student email account.

Week Beginning	Chapters	Assignments
January 12	Introduction to our course Chapter 1: Introduction to Sociology	Review Course and Expectations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read prior to class.• Complete Chapter Quiz• Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
January 19	Chapter 2: Sociological Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read prior to class.• Complete Chapter Quizzes• Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace

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January 26	Chapter 3: Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
February 2	NO CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin work on Project 1 and bring a draft to class on February 10.
February 9	Chapter 4: Society & Social Interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace • Project 1 DUE February 15 by 11:59 pm
February 16	Chapter 5: Socialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
February 23	Chapter 6: Groups & Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
March 2	Chapter 7: Deviance, Crime & Social Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace • Project 2 DUE March 1 by 11:59 pm
March 9	NO CLASS SPRING BREAK	
March 16	Chapter 9: Social Stratification in the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace • Project 3 DUE March 22 by 11:59 pm
March 23	Chapter 10: Global Inequality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes • Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
March 30	Chapter 11: Race & Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read prior to class. • Complete Chapter Quizzes

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
April 6	Chapter 12: Gender, Sex & Sexuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read prior to class. Complete Chapter Quizzes Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace Project 4 DUE April 12 by 11:59 pm
April 13	Chapter 13: Aging and the Elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read prior to class. Complete Chapter Quizzes Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
April 20	Chapter 14: Relationships, Marriage, and Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read prior to class. Complete Chapter Quizzes Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
April 27	Chapter 15: Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read prior to class. Complete Chapter Quizzes Additional readings, videos or assignments for the week are available in Brightspace
May 4	Final Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn in Introduction to Sociology Final Project DUE May 4 by 11:59 pm

Course Grading Information:

Each project (a total of 4) is worth 50 points, and the Small Group Discussion and Participation is worth 100 points. Chapter quizzes are 10 points each. The final is worth 100 points. All points are summed to determine your final score.

Project 1	50 points
Project 2	50 points
Project 3	50 points
Project 4	50 points
Chapter Quizzes	140 points
Final Project	100 points

440 points

The grade distribution is as follows:

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Points	Percentage	Final Grade
396-440	100% - 90%	A
352-395	89% - 80%	B
308-351	79% - 70%	C
264-307	69% - 60%	D
263 and Below	59% and Below	F

Late Work and Make Up Work Policies:

1. **Is there any extra credit?** No. It is your responsibility to complete assignments on time. By doing so, there is not a need for extra credit.
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! These assignments just cannot be turned in late.
4. **May I email my assignments?** Please pay attention to the method of submitting each assignment. 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 is my attendance counted?** Your attendance is counted by logging in each week and completing your quizzes on time.

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 should understand that disagreeing with the subject matter or peers is ok so long as it is done respectfully in an academically appropriate manner.

Note about the use of AI and Generative AI in this course:

- You are welcome to use AI or predictive AI for grammar or to check your spelling. You should not be relying on it for complete sentence structure. I want to read your words and thoughts and not what technology suggests will sound better written another way.
- AI should not be used in conjunction with the your chapter quizzes. As a reminder, you have unlimited opportunities to answer each question (not take each quiz) prior to each weekly due date.
- You are **not permitted** to use generative AI for your final project. You should not cut and paste any of the project information, input keywords from the prompt, request

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summaries of videos or articles that may be required to watch prior to completing the project, etc. Simply put, you are taking this course and the project should represent your personal output from your own understanding from the information you took in. A final project using generative AI will receive a 0.

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