

Principles of Sociology Spring 2012 Syllabus/Class Schedule

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Required (must purchase) Text and MYSOCLAB access code: Maciones, J. Society: the Basics (11th. Ed). ISBN # 9781256415985

DATE	Chapter/Topic/Assignment
January 18	Introduction to Course
January 20	Ch. 1 Perspective, Theory and Method
January 23	Ch. 1
January 25	Meet at LRC, Student Success Ctr- LRC –1st floor with Text and access code for MYSOCLab
January 27	Ch. 1, 2 Culture
January 30	Ch. 2 Culture
February 1	Ch. 2, 3 Socialization
February 3	Ch. 3 Socialization/Age
February 6	Ch. 3 Age
February 8	Ch. 3 Age
February 10	EXAM I Chs. 1 - 3
February 13	Ch. 4 Social Interaction
February 15	Ch. 4
February 17	Ch. 5 Groups/organizations
February 20	Ch. 5
February 22	Ch. 6 Sexuality
February 24	Ch. 6
February 27	Ch. 6
February 29	Ch. 7 Crime and Deviance
March 2	Ch. 7 Crime and Deviance
March 5	Ch. 7
March 7	Ch. 7
March 9	EXAM II Chs. 4 - 7
March 12 -16	Spring Break
March 19	Ch. 8 Social Stratification/Social Class
March 21	Ch. 8
March 23	Ch. 9 Global Stratification
March 26	Ch. 10 Gender Stratification
March 28	Ch. 10 Gender
March 30	Ch. 10
April 2	Ch. 11 Race/Ethnicity
April 4	Ch. 11 Race/Ethnicity
April 6	NO CLASS – Good Friday
April 9	Review Ch 8 - 11
April 11	Exam III Chs. 8 - 11
April 13	Ch. 13 Institutions – Family and Religion
April 16	Ch. 13 Family and Religion
April 18	Ch. 13
April 20	Ch. 13
April 23	Ch. 14 Education and Health Care
April 25	Ch. 14 Education and Health Care
April 27	Ch. 14
April 30	Ch. 14
May 2	Ch. 15 Population/Environment
May 4	Ch. 15 Population/Environment (last class day)

May 7 – 10

FINALS – no regular class schedule

The above schedule may change if the instructor deems it necessary. Exams WILL be given on the date scheduled or, at times, in the next class period. They will NEVER be given earlier than scheduled.

Students can access course materials (syllabus, objectives, chapter outlines, review sheets, assignments) through Blackboard (SOCI 1301 – 4). Course exams are taken in class.

Course Policies

Coming to Class Prepared. You are expected to attend class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of the semester and participate fully. This means getting to class on time; having textbook, pen and notebook with you; taking notes daily and participating in class discussion. If tardiness becomes a problem, the door will be closed and locked once roll is checked each day. If you are late, you will not be allowed in.

Attendance and Punctuality. You are expected to attend class regularly and BE ON TIME. If tardiness becomes a problem, the door will be closed and locked once roll is checked each day. If you are late, you will not be allowed in. If you miss a class it is your responsibility to get notes from another student and to know what you missed.

Cell phones, blackberries, texting is/are **NOT ALLOWED** in class. If you have an ‘emergency’ situation, and need to text or take a phone call, please step out of the room. All phones must be put on vibrate and be out of sight. If I have to ask you more than one time to put yours away, you will be asked to leave class that day. If this problem continues with any student on a regular basis, you will be dropped from the course.

Sleeping and resting heads on desks during class is prohibited. If you need to rest, you will be asked to leave class.

Taking Notes. You are expected to take good, thorough notes in this class. From time to time you might be asked to use them to complete an assignment. If you do not have your notes, you will NOT be allowed to share those of another student.

Grading and other Policies

4 Exams at 100 points each = **400 points**. Exams will be multiple choice and short answer. If you do not show up for a scheduled exam, you will receive a zero for it and cannot make it up. You will need to bring scantrons for exams.

Other = 600 points. This includes assignments during class and outside of class. It will include Internet research, essays and assignments from MYSOCLab. To be scheduled throughout the semester. The specific number of points of every assignment will be given along with instructions for it. If you are not in class for participation that day, you cannot make it up. AGAIN, if you miss a class it is your responsibility to get notes from another student and to know what you missed.

Your grades can be found any time on Blackboard and Starfish (from BB). I always have a spreadsheet, as well. Keep up with how you are doing! There are 1000 possible points in the course.

Final Grading Scale:

880 - 1000 points =	A
780 - 879 points =	B
680 - 779 points =	C
580 - 679 points =	D
under 579 points =	F

ACADEMIC ETHICS:

A Statement on Plagiarism and Cheating

"Using someone else's ideas or phrasing and representing those ideas or phrasing as our own, either on purpose or through carelessness, is a serious offense known as plagiarism. "Ideas or phrasing" includes written or spoken material, of course — from whole papers and paragraphs to sentences, and, indeed, phrases — but it also includes statistics, lab results, art work, etc. "Someone else" can mean a professional source, such as a published writer or critic in a book, magazine, encyclopedia, or journal; an electronic resource such as material we discover on the World Wide Web; another student at our school or anywhere else; a paper-writing "service" (online or otherwise), which offers to sell written papers for a fee." (statement taken from <http://webster.comnet.edu/mla/plagiarism.shtml>). (All references must be cited – exact quotes and paraphrasing).

I do not tolerate cheating in any form. If you plagiarize/cut and paste or cheat in any way on an exam or assignment once, that assignment will receive a "0." If you plagiarize or cheat the second time, you will receive an "F" in the course. Collaboration, working with another student, is a form of cheating. Unless told otherwise, all assignments are to be completed ON YOUR OWN. Cutting and pasting from the Internet is cyber plagiarism and is treated same as above.

See the section on "Scholastic Dishonesty" in the updated Odessa College *Student Handbook*.

Statement of Special Accommodations:

In accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, Odessa College does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the recruitment and admission of students, the employment of faculty and staff, and the operation of any of its programs and activities. Students with a disability should contact *ADA Accommodation/Support personnel* Becky Rivera-Weiss @ 432-335-6861 or brivera@odessa.edu

"A sociologist is one who goes to the football game and watches the crowd." Justin Landis