

Edison State Community College
SOC-121S-001FS Introduction to Sociology
 3 CREDIT HOURS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Basic concepts, theories, and scientific methodology of sociology. Emphasis is on processes through which people shape and are shaped by their social environment, culture, social structures, and institutions.

REQUIRED TEXT

- Saylor Academy (2012). Sociology: Understanding and Changing the Social World, Comprehensive Edition v. 1.0

https://saylordotorg.github.io/text_sociology-understanding-and-changing-the-social-world-comprehensive-edition/

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF TOPICS, ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS, TESTS

Week 1: The Study of Sociology		Assignments Due by Sunday at 11:59pm Unless otherwise stated
8/24	What is Sociology?	Complete Getting Started Assignments Introduction to Sociology Assignment
8/30	<i>Functionalism, Conflict Theory, Symbolic Interactionism*</i>	
Week 2: The Study of Sociology		
8/31	Methodology for Sociology	Read Chapter 1 Quiz: Ch. 1 Class Discussion Assignment
9/6	Qualitative and Quantitative Research	
Week 3: The Individual and Society		
9/7	Doing Sociology	Read Chapter 2 Quiz: Ch. 2 Class Discussion Assignment Begin Theories Paper (Due in week 5)
9/13		
Week 4: The Individual and Society		
9/14	Culture	Read Chapter 3 Quiz: Ch. 3 Class Discussion Assignment Exam 1
9/20		
Week 5: The Individual and Society		
9/21	Socialization	Read Chapter 4 Quiz: Ch. 4 Class Discussion Assignment
9/27		
Week 6: The Individual and Society		
9/28	Social Interaction	Read Chapters 5 and 6 Quiz: Ch. 5 and 6 Class Discussion Assignment
10/4	Groups	
Week 7: Social Inequality		
10/5	Deviance	Read Chapter 7

10/11		Quiz: Ch. 7 Class Discussion Assignment
Week 8: Social Inequality		
10/12	Stratification	Read Chapters 8 and 9 Quiz: Ch. 8 and 9 Class Discussion Assignment Exam 2
10/18	Global Stratification	
Week 9: Social Inequality		
10/19	Race	Read Chapter 10 Quiz: Ch.10 Class Discussion Assignment
10/25		
Week 10: Social Inequality		
10/26	Gender	Read Chapter 11 Quiz: Ch 11 Class Discussion Assignment
11/1	Sex and sexuality, global gender violence	
Week 11: Social Institutions		
11/2	Politics, Government, and Power	Read Chapters 13 and 14 Quiz: Ch.13 and 14 Class Discussion Assignment
11/8	Economics and Work	
Week 12: Social Institutions		
11/9	Family	Read Chapters 15 and 16 Quiz: Ch. 15 and 16 Class Discussion Assignment Exam 3
11/15	Education	
Week 13: Social Institutions		
11/16	Religion	Read Chapters 17 and 18 Quiz: Ch. 17 and 18 Class Discussion Assignment
11/22	Health	
Week 14: Social Institutions		
11/23	Population, Social Change, the Environment	Read Chapter 19 and 20 Quiz: Ch. 19 and 20 Class Discussion Assignment
11/29		
Week 15: Social Change		
11/30	Collective Behavior, Reflection	Read Chapter 21 and 22 Quiz: Ch. 21 and 22 Class Discussion Assignment
12/6		
Week 16: Presentations		
12/7	Presentations	PowerPoint/Work Cited Discussion Board Replies to Other Students
12/12	Presentations	

QUIZ ASSIGNMENTS

Students will complete quiz assignments online each week over the chapters as well as the “getting started” assignments. Each assignment has a target goal to be met. Students can work to a 100% score on each assignment. To complete them, student must read the chapters first. Then, go through the questions and answer them. The book can be used as the assignment is completed.

EXAM ASSIGNMENTS

Students will complete 3 in class exams over the chapter and lecture materials in weeks 4, 8, and 12.

CLASS DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENTS

Students will come to class with 3 paragraphs about interesting or relevant facts from the chapter being covered for the week.

FINAL PRESENTATION

Students will each create a 7-10-minute presentation to be given in class over a topic from a list concerning topics within the category of deviance. The presentation will give a detailed overview of the topic. Only books and journals can be used for the research, no internet, magazines, newspapers, etc... The only exception is the statistics. Students may use a gov website to gather their stats. No more than one stats website is allowed. Pictures for the PowerPoints are allowed to be posted from the internet, but they must be cited on the work cited under a separate heading labeled "Pictures". A rubric will be supplied with the guidelines and grading rubric for the project.

FINAL GRADE STANDARDS

The final grade for the course will represent your instructor's assessment of the overall quality with which you met all the requirements of the course.

EVALUATION METHODS

Assignment	Points Possible	Percentage	Grade
Quizzes	20 x 10 = 120	90-100%	A
Final Project/Presentation	55 x 1 = 55	80-90%	B
Assignments	15 x 10 = 150	70-80%	C
Total	= 480	60-70%	D
		<60%	F

TESTING YOUR FAITH ACT POLICY

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, https://www.edisonohio.edu/sites/default/files/2024-05/Testing_Your_Faith_Absence_Notification.pdf and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/sites/default/files/2025-04/Student%20Handbook%20revisions%20April%202025.pdf>, page 19.