

SOCIOLOGY 1A

Introduction to Sociology

Fall 1995

INSTRUCTOR: **Rose Krebill-Prather** (phone: 638-2055)

CLASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday evening, 6:00-850 p.m. *Redley* campus
 Thursday evenings, 6:00-8:50 p.m. *Selma* campus

TEXT: Essentials of Sociology, James M. Henslin 1996 (Allyn and Bacon)

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this course are to introduce you to the sociological perspective and to give you an overview of the major themes and issues in the discipline. The course includes a survey of the basic methods and concepts used by sociologists in their study of human society. In part, this course will help students to apply sociological concepts and themes to everyday life.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Grade Components:

1. Weekly quizzes (10 points each)	100 pts
2. Three one hour examinations (100 points each)	300 pts
3. Video Assignment	20 pts
3. Sociological Inquiry Assignments (40 points each)	80 pts
TOTAL 500 POINTS	

Grading Distribution

Grade	Percent	Points
A	90%	450
B	80%	400
C	70%	350
D	60%	300
F	59%	299

Lecture and Text Materials. Both lecture and the textbook will be the primary sources of information for the course. Some material will be introduced in lectures that is not emphasized or presented in the text. Likewise, some material covered in the text will not be presented in lectures. You will be held responsible for all materials, both lecture and text.

Weekly Quizzes: Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class each week, except on the nights when exams are scheduled and the week following the exams. The quizzes will consist of objective questions (multiple choice and true/false). Each quiz will cover the material in the previous week's lecture and corresponding reading assignment. You will be able to drop your two lowest quiz grades when your overall course grade is computed.

Examinations: Exams will be written, essay questions. Exams are designed to help you learn how to apply what you have learned to the real world. Therefore, it is important that you understand the material rather than simply memorize it. Exams will be cumulative only to the extent that some material learned at an earlier point in the course will be applied throughout the course.

Video Assignment: A required video will be shown during Week 9 class period. The video assignment will be handed out in class the night of the video. After you view the in-class video, you will be required to complete the assignment and turn in your responses to me the following week. This will be a graded assignment. Note: Other videos may be shown during class during other class periods as a way of enhancing the lecture. The Week 9 video is the only one which will require a corresponding written assignment.

Sociological Inquiry Assignments (SI): These assignments are designed to help you apply the material presented in the lectures and text to your own experiences and observations of the real world. Further information about the SI assignments will be given during in class.

Study Guide: The textbook for this course includes a Student Study Guide. The Study Guide is to be used to enhance your reading of the textbook and lecture material. It is not designed to replace either the text or lecture. Further instructions on how best to use the study guide will be discussed in class as the instructor sees fit.

Extra Credit or Additional Assignments: Extra credit and other assignments *may be given* throughout the course.

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance will be taken twice weekly, once at the beginning of class and once at the end of class. Each week you attend the full class period, you will receive 2 *check marks* () in the grade book. If you are more than thirty minutes late to class, you will miss one check mark (). If you leave before the end of class, you will miss one check mark. If you are absence the whole class period, you will miss two check marks (). If you need to miss class, please inform me beforehand concerning your need to be absent.

You are allowed three missed check marks for the semester. Each additional missed check mark beyond three will result in a 5 point deduction from your overall course points.

Class Participation is encouraged and expected! The assigned readings should be completed before class meetings in order to get the most from lectures and class discussion.

Missed Examinations without a legitimate excuse (medical reasons, death in the family) are unacceptable. Examinations are scheduled well in advance so discretionary activities do not qualify as legitimate reasons to miss an exam. It will be your responsibility to contact me if you are unable to take the exam. Makeup exams need to be made up within two weeks of the original exam date unless you make other arrangements with me.

Late Assignments will be docked 5 points for each week they are late. Please inform me if you cannot turn an assignment in on the posted due date.

Cheating on quizzes and exams and copying another person's assignment will not be tolerated and anyone violating this policy will receive an "F" for the course and his or her name will be reported to the Dean.

A Final Note: You are encouraged to see me (or call me) if you have any questions or concerns about the course material or policies.

THURSDAY CLASS SCHEDULE
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WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	READING
1	Aug 22	Sociology as a Perspective Theories and Methods of Sociology	Chap 1
2	Aug 29	Culture	Chap 2
3	Sept 5	Socialization	Chap 3
4	Sept 12	Social Interaction and Social Structure	Chap 4
5	Sept 19	Social Groups	Chap 5
6	Sept 26	FIRST EXAM – 6:00 PM	
7	Oct 3	Deviance and Social Control	Chap 6
8	Oct 10	Social Stratification <i>**First SI Assignment Due – 6:00pm**</i>	Chap 7
9	Oct 17	Social Class in the United States <i>****October 18 1995: Drop Deadline****</i>	Chap 8
10	Oct 24	Race and Ethnic Inequality <i>**Video Assignment Due – 6:00pm**</i>	Chap 9
11	Oct 31	Gender and Age Inequality	Chap 10
12	Nov 7	SECOND EXAM – 6:00 PM <i>**Second SI Assignment Due – 6:00pm**</i>	
13	Nov 14	Politics and the Economy	Chap 11
14	Nov 21	Marriage and Family	Chap 12
15	Nov 28	<i>THANKSGIVING BREAK</i>	
16	Dec 5	Education and Religion	Chap 13
17	Dec 12	Population, Environment and Social Change	Chap 14-15
18	Dec 19	FINAL EXAM -- 6:00 PM	