

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40109,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

1500. Introduction to Sociology. An introduction to the science of human societies and groups: analysis of the structures, functions, and processes that bring about changes in societies, groups, communities, classes, and institutions. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Diana Kendall Sociology		

The text book is embedded into the course and available to students. Additional articles are also available to students and accessed on Blackboard. Students must have access to Blackboard Ultra for this course. You may also share a link to computer lab locations on campus. Textbook: Diana Kendall *Sociology*

Articles are all located in the course content and are available to students

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.



Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	Introduction to class "rules of engagement"	Please attend the first day of class Development and origins and Diana Kendall suggested reading: chapter 1, and class notes what is sociology? Why study sociology? The various related disciplines, and important contributions	attend class
Thu	8/27	begin reading Diana Kendall	is sociology common sense?	attend lecture
Tue	9/1	Background on Sociology History of the discipline and social science Kendall chapter 1, and class notes chapter 5 Kendall, "How Sociologists Do Research." perspectives and theories	Kendall chapter 1, and 5	read and attend
Thu	9/3	Background on Sociology History of the discipline and social science Kendall chapter 1, and class notes chapter 5 Kendall, "How Sociologists Do Research." perspectives and theories	read Kendall, articles, and notes	read and attend
Tue	9/8	Sociologists, methods of research	class lecture	attend class
Thu	9/10	Discussion #1 due by 10:45 AM students must attend class	class lecture Discussion #1 due	complete the discussion before class
Tue	9/15	culture chapter 2 Kendall	class lecture, Kottak article, Chagnon, Fernea	read the articles
Thu	9/17	culture	lecture	attend class
Tue	9/22	culture	lecture	attend class
Thu	9/24	Quiz #1 taken outside of class due by 11:59 PM	Quiz 1 open book note. Students must attend class on this day Quiz 1 Kendall Chapter 3, pages 62-89	take the quiz attend class
Tue	9/29	social structure	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/1	social structure groups and organizations	Discussion #2 due by 10:45 am	complete discuss and attend class
Tue	10/6	social interaction	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/8	Exam I due OUTSIDE of class	Exam I is taken online outside of class. Do not miss the exam.	take the exam
Tue	10/13	socialization, personality	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/15	socialization into gender	class lecture	attend class
Tue	10/20	social groups, interaction, deviance	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/22	Quiz #2 due by 11:59 PM	Quiz 2 is taken online outside of class. Students must attend class Social groups, Kendall 92-104, chapter 5 124-137	take the quiz and attend class
Tue	10/27	social interaction, deviance, social control	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/29	social control, prison system	class lecture	attend class
Tue	11/3	deviance	class lecture and review for Exam II	attend class
Thu	11/5	EXAM II taken outside of class 9:30-10:45 AM	Exam II must be taken on this date outside of class	take the exam
Tue	11/10	social stratification	class lecture	attend class
Thu	11/12	Discussion #3 due by 10:45 AM	attend class	attend class and take notes
Tue	11/17	social class, caste versus class. Inequality	class lecture	attend class
Thu	11/19	Quiz #3 must be taken outside of class by 11:59 PM	Quiz #3 due. Students must attend this day The Family and Marriage in Kendall pages 320-345	take the quiz and attend class



Tue	11/24	Discussion #4 due by 10:45 AM	last discussion due	attend class and do the discussion
Thu	11/26	OFF	OFF	
Tue	12/1	race and ethnicity	class lecture and articles	attend class
Thu	12/3	Quiz #4 due by 11:59 PM	Quiz #4 must be taken outside of class. Students must attend this day Kendall Healthcare 424-450	take the quiz and attend class
Tue	12/8	finals week		
Thu	12/10	FINAL EXAM 8-10 am outside of class, online	Finals are set by the university and must be taken at the scheduled time. DO NOT MISS THE FINAL The final concludes the class.	

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