

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 41535,

Credit hours: 3

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Public Instructor Information

Instructor Title: Dr, or professor

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Professional Qualifications:

Social historian, 36 years of teaching and research experience, Trained in public history, nineteenth century America, colonial America, minority history, WWI, and modern Europe, social history and deviance.

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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

Diana Kendall Sociology

provided articles :

Exam I:

"A Look Behind the Veil" Robert and Elizabeth Fernea

"The Yanomamo: The Fierce People" Napoleon Chagnon

"Even Anthropologists Get Culture Shock" Conrad Philip Kottak

Exam II:



"Surviving the Unbelievable" Elizabeth Rose

"The Sounds of Silence" Edward T. Hall/Mildred Hall

"Genie: A Case of Childhood Isolation" Susan Curtiss

Final Exam:

"The Land of Opportunity" James Loewen

"Why We Hate" Monieth, Winters

"Sociology" Tischler

"Miscounting Race" Gallagher

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" policies and procedures	access the Kendall text and Blackboard	please attend class
Thu	8/27	background on sociology	Kendall text chapter 1	read the text
Tue	9/1	methods of research	text	attend class and read the text
Thu	9/3	methods of research, sociologists		
Tue	9/8	theory, ethics in sociology	PowerPoint	attend class
Thu	9/10	Discussion #1 due by 12:15	go to the discussion board. Two posts are required: initial post and one response	attend class, do the discussion before class
Tue	9/15	Culture	read the articles on Culture Shock, the Yanomamo	read the information, attend class
Thu	9/17	Quiz #1 due by 11:59 PM	see the information on the quiz. Read Kendall Chapter 3 62-89, Genie article	read the information
Tue	9/22	Culture, subsistence types	read Fernea article	attend lecture
Thu	9/24	Discussion #2 due by 12:15	components of culture	attend class do the discussion
Tue	9/29	social structure	class lecture	attend class
Thu	10/1	socialization	the personality	attend class
Tue	10/6	socialization gender	lecture	attend class, read the information
Thu	10/8	EXAM I taken outside of class 11-12:15	ON line exam NO CLASS MEETING	
Tue	10/13	feral children, child abuse	Genie article	read the article and text
Thu	10/15	Quiz #2 by 11:59 PM	social groups Kendall chapter 4, 92-104, chapter 5 124-137	read the assigned material
Tue	10/20	social interaction, communication	class lecture Hall article	attend lecture
Thu	10/22	communication, deviance	class lecture	attend lecture
Tue	10/27	social control group conformity, obedience	class lecture	attend class and read the information
Thu	10/29	Discussion #3 by 12:15 PM	take the quiz	take the quiz are read the assigned information
Tue	11/3	social control prison system	class lecture	attend lecture
Thu	11/5	EXAM II 11-12:15	the exam is online outside of class. NO CLASS this day	
Tue	11/10	social stratification	lecture	atted class
Thu	11/12	Discussion #4 due by 12:15	lecture	do the discussion before class
Tue	11/17	Inequality and social class	read the assigned articles	read the articles



Thu	11/19	Quiz #3 by 11:59 PM	take the quiz , class lecture. Quiz covers Kendall pages 320-345 the Family and Marriage	take the quiz and read the chapters
Tue	11/24	social class poverty in America	lecture	attend lecture
Thu	11/26	OFF	OFF	
Tue	12/1	race and ethnicity	lecture	attend the lecture
Thu	12/3	Quiz #4 by 11:59 PM	class lecture, review for final Quiz covers Kendall Healthcare 424-450	read the material for the quiz
Tue	12/8	Finals week		
Thu	12/10	FINAL EXAM scheduled by the university 10:30-12:30	10:30-12:30 mandatory online final taken outside of class	take the final

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