

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 03, CRN 43826,

Credit hours: 3

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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	Introduction to Sociology 3e	Conerly, Tonja	13: 978-1-711493-98-5

This is a free online textbook. You will receive a link to the textbook within our Blackboard course shell.

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

Week of	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1: Intro to Sociology	Quiz 8/30/26
8/31	Chapter 2: Sociological Research	Quiz 9/6/26
9/7	Chapter 3: Culture	Quiz 9/13/26
9/14	Chapter 4: Society and Social Interaction	Graded Discussion One 9/20/26 Quiz 9/20/26
9/21	Chapter 5: Socialization	Quiz 9/27/26
9/28	Chapter 6: Groups and Organizations	Quiz 10/4/26
10/5	Chapter 7: Deviance, Crime, and Social Control	Quiz 10/11/26
10/12	Chapter 9: Social Stratification in the United States	Graded Discussion Two: 10/18/26 Midterm 10/19/26 Quiz 10/18/26
10/19	Chapter 11: Race and Ethnicity	Quiz 10/25/26
10/26	Chapter 12: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality	Quiz 11/1/26
11/2	Chapter 14: Marriage and Family	Graded Discussion Three: 11/8/26 Quiz 11/8/26
11/9	Chapter 17: Governmental Politics	Quiz 11/15/26
11/16	Chapter 19: Health and Medicine	Quiz 11/22/26
11/23	Chapter 20: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment	Quiz 11/29/26

11/30	Chapter 21: Social Movements and Social Change	Graded Discussion Four: 12/6/26 Quiz 12/6/26
12/7	Final Exam	Final Exam Sunday 12/6/26 by 11:59 PM.

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