

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

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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	Sociology in Our Times: The Essentials	Diana Kendall	9798214147369

These materials are included in your course and will be available digitally when your course begins. Go to class first.

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	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Kendall, D. (2022). Sociology in our times. Read: Chapter 1 Instructor Slides: What is Sociology?	What is Sociology?	Non-graded Discussion: Student Introductions Cengage Activity 01 Understand: The Sociological Perspective and Research Process
8/31	Kendall, D. (2022). Sociology in our times. Read: Chapter 1 Instructor Slides: Research Methods	Doing Sociology	Quiz 1: The Sociological Perspective
9/7	Kendall, D. (2022). Sociology in our times. Read: Chapter 2 Instructor Slides: Culture	Culture	Group Project: Proposal Due Cengage Assignment - Understand: Culture Quiz 2: Research Methods
9/14	Kendall, D. (2022). Sociology in Our Times. Read: Chapter 3 Instructor Slides: Socialization	Socialization	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Socialization Quiz 3: Culture
9/21	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read: Chapters 4 and 5 Instructor slides supplemented by publisher slides from McGraw Hill and Pearson. Society and Social Interaction	Society and Social Interaction	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Social Structure and Interaction Cengage Assignment - Understand: Groups and Organizations Quiz 4: Socialization
9/28	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapters 11, 12, and 14 Instructor Slides: Social Institutions	Social Institutions	Group Project: Outline Due Cengage Assignment - Understand: Families and Intimate Relationships Cengage Assignment - Understand: Education and Religion Cengage Assignment - Understand: Health, Health Care, and Disability
10/5	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 6 Instructor Slides: Deviance	Deviance	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Deviance and Crime Quiz 5: Society and Social Interaction
10/12	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read: Chapters 7 and 13 Instructor Slides: Social Stratification and the Economy Wolff, R. (2014). How Class Works [Video]. Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euH3pAuLuko&t=129s	Social Stratification	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Politics and the Economy Midterm Exam - Chapters 1-6, 11, 12, and 14
10/19	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 8 Instructor Slides: Global Stratification Global Stratification & Poverty: Crash Course Sociology #27	Global Stratification	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Global Stratification
10/26	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 10 Instructor Slides: Gender - Sex and Stratification	Stratification Based on Gender	Group Project - PowerPoint Presentation Due Cengage Assignment - Understand: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Quiz 6: Stratification and Global Stratification
11/2	Global Gender Gap Report 2025 - Key Findings Global Gender Gap Report 2025 - Shareables	Stratification Based on Gender (cont.)	Discussion: Gender Inequality



11/9	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 9 Instructor Slides: Race and Ethnicity - Part 1 California News Reel [Professor Carpio]. (2017, July, 16). Race the Power of an Illusion: The House We Live In [Video]. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dj1ktrWgjdW&t=165s	Stratification Based on Race & Ethnicity	Online Activity: Race: The Power of an Illusion - Part 1 Quiz 7: Gender and Gender Stratification
11/16	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 9 Instructor Slides: Race and Ethnicity - Part 2	Stratification Based on Race and Ethnicity (cont.)	Online Activity - Race the Power of an Illusion - Part 2
11/23	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read Chapter 16 Instructor Slides: Social Change	Social Change	Cengage Assignment - Understand: Collective Behavior, Social Movements, and Social Change Quiz 8: Stratification Based on Race and Ethnicity
11/30	Kendall, D. (2022) Sociology in Our Times. Read: Chapters 1-14; 16 Instructor Slides: Final Exam Review	Course Review	Group Project - Final Paper Submission
12/7		Final Exam	Final Exam - Comprehensive

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