

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 11, CRN 42954,

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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 12e Edition, MindTap, Cengage.		

Weekly readings and Instructor's Notes Posted to Blackboard

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	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 1 and 6.	Introduction to the Class, What is Sociology, Characteristics of Groups	Review the Syllabus, Instructor's notes, What is Sociology and Characteristics of Groups
8/31	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 13 and 14	European Founders of Sociology	Instructor's Notes: European Founders of Sociology
9/7	History and Development of American Sociology	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 15 and 16	Read instructor's Notes on American Sociology
9/14	Review for Fort Exam, Paper or PowerPoint instructions, Class Introductions, through Discussion Board	Sociology in Our Times, Chapter 17	Introduce yourself to the class on Blackboard. You can tell the class as much as you like to (Your hometown, major, family, pets, etc.) or simply identify yourself and announce your paper topic. You may respond to student posts, or not if you do not want to. Review all readings and class lectures and notes previously assigned. Email questions to Blackboard.

9/21	How to write your paper/class presentation FIRST EXAM (Due 11:59 pm September 27)	Review all previously assigned Sociology in Our Times chapters	Reading Assignment: Review all previously assigned Sociology in Our Times chapters Sociology Paper and Presentation Guidelines Sample APA Paper You may take the First Exam twice. It is an open book/open notes exam. Your highest score will count. The Exam is due at 11:59 pm September 27. The exam covers Textbook Chapters 1, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, the Syllabus, and all class notes to date including this week's reading assignment.
9/28	Science, Research Design, Ethical Issues in Research	Sociology in Our Times, Chapter 2	Instructor's Notes: Science pic Characteristics of Science Issues in Social Science Research Research Design Methods
10/5	Quantitative vs Qualitative Research Draft Copy of paper due 11:59 pm Oct. 11	No readings from Sociology in Our Times are assigned this week, but you may want to get ahead by reading Chapter 3	Instructor's Notes: Quantitative vs Qualitative Research Methods pic Research Methods Research Design ASSIGNMENT: Draft Copy of Student Paper/ Presentations Due (Post it to Blackboard)
10/12	Review Draft paper feedback	No readings from Sociology in Our Times are assigned this week, but you may want to get ahead by reading Chapters 4 and 7	Review instructor's feedback on the draft copy of your paper or PowerPoint. Email questions about the feedback and get clarity before submitting the final copy, which is due the last week of class.
10/19	Culture, and Fun With Research	Sociology in Our Times, Chapter 3	Dr. Rose will have fun going over his own research, including Music and Photography as Data
10/26	Socialization, Deviance, and Criminology	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 4 and 7	Instructor's Notes: Socialization What is Crime
11/2	Social Class and Inequality	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 8 and 9	Instructor's Notes: Social Stratification
11/9	Race, Ethnicity and Gender, Review for the 2nd exam	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 10 and 11	Review class notes and reading assignments since the first exam Instructor's Notes Race or Ethnicity? Sex or Gender? Gender Discrimination: A Man's View
11/16	Age inequality, Review for the 2nd Exam	Sociology in Our Times, Chapter 12	Review all textbook chapters and Instructor's Notes since the 1st Exam
11/23	Second Exam Due Nov. 23	This is a short week. Take the second exam and then enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday	2nd exam. It is an open notes/open book exam. You may take it 2 times between Nov. 23 and 11:59 pm Nov. 24. The 2nd exam covers all Instructor's Notes since the first exam and Sociology in Our Times Chapters 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.
11/30	Review of remaining topics, Class Presentations	Sociology in Our Times, Chapters 18, 19, and 20 Read all class Presentations	Instructor's Notes: Review all Instructor's Notes and Chapters 18, 19, and 20 for the Final Exam
12/7	FINALEXAM due 11:59 pm Dec. 12	Review Sociology in Our Times Chapters, 18, 19, and 20.	The Final Exam is comprehensive. It covers all Instructor's Notes for the course, all class presentations, and Sociology in Our Times Chapters, 18, 19, and 20. The previously assigned chapters in Sociology in Our Times are not on the final exam.

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