

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

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Ph.D. Sociology, University of Oklahoma, 2014

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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	Terrible Magnificent Sociology, 2nd Ed.	Wade, Lisa	9781324101635

- Sternheimer, Lisa. 2019. "Why Social Science Research Matters." [Blog]. *Everyday Sociology*.
- Sternheimer, Lisa. 2019. "What is Sociological Research?" [Blog]. *Everyday Sociology*,

InQuizitive (eBook) access is required.

This course is First Day Ready which means that your book is included as part of your tuition and fees. You may opt-out of these charges though it is strongly discouraged.

Students are required to have access to Blackboard as this course takes place online. These are the computer lab locations on campus.

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	• Syllabus • Science of Social Facts • What Is Sociological Research?	MODULE 1 Introduction to Course CAREER CONNECTION: Understanding how research works helps you evaluate information — a skill every employer values.	Watch and Annotate: • Crash Course Sociology Register with InQuizitive Sign Up for Paper Syllabus Quiz

8/31	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 1 • TMS: Chapter 2	MODULE 2 The Self Culture & Construction CAREER CONNECTION: How you present yourself, read social situations, and navigate cultural expectations shapes every professional interaction – from a job interview to a team meeting.	Watch and Annotate: • The Self • Culture - Part 1 • Culture - Part 2 Exam 1 Culture Paper Due
9/7	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 3 • TMS: Chapter 4	MODULE 3 Our Identities People in Interaction CAREER CONNECTION: Understanding how identity and interaction are socially constructed helps you work effectively across difference and recognize dynamics that others in the room may miss.	Watch and Annotate: • Our Identities - Part 1 • Our Identities - Part 2 • People in Interaction Exam 2
9/14	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 5 • TMS: Chapter 6	MODULE 4 Deviance & Defiance Organizations, Institutions, & Structures CAREER CONNECTION: Every organization is a social structure. Understanding how institutions reproduce norms and power helps you navigate – and change – any workplace.	Watch and Annotate: • Deviance & Defiance • Organizations, Institutions, & Structures - Part 1 • Organizations, Institutions, & Structures - Part 2 Exam 3 Deviance & Defiance Paper Due
9/21	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 7 • TMS: Chapter 8	MODULE 5 Economic Inequality Institutional Racism CAREER CONNECTION: Economic inequality and institutional racism shape every industry. Professionals who can identify and address these patterns are increasingly valued across sectors.	Watch and Annotate: • Economic Inequality - Part 1 • Economic Inequality - Part 2 • Institutional Racism - Part 1 • Institutional Racism - Part 2 Exam 4 Institutional Racism Paper Due
9/28	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 9 • TMS: Chapter 10	MODULE 6 Gendered Oppression Elite Power CAREER CONNECTION: Gendered and intersecting forms of oppression affect team dynamics, hiring, leadership, and organizational culture in every field.	Watch and Annotate: • Gendered Oppression - Part 1 • Gendered Oppression - Part 2 • Elite Power Exam 5 Gendered Oppression Paper Due
10/5	Read with InQuizitive: • TMS: Chapter 11 • TMS: Chapter 12	MODULE 7 Power of the People Our Future on Earth CAREER CONNECTION: Collective action and social change are not abstract – they are how policies, workplaces, and communities get transformed.	Watch and Annotate: • Power of the People - Part 1 • Power of the People - Part 2 • Our Future on Earth - Part 1 • Our Future on Earth - Part 2 Exam 6 Power of the People Paper Due SOCIOLOGY MAJORS: Professional Portfolio Due

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