

SOC 1500 - Introduction to Sociology

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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	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
5/11	• 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
5/18	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
5/25	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
6/1	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
6/8	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
6/15	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

6/22	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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