



Course Information

Semester	Winter 2026	Instructor Name:	Barbara Reyes
Course Title	Introduction to Sociology	Email:	Barbara.reyes@imperial.edu
CRN #:	15047	Office Hours	By appointment only
Class Dates:	January 5 – February 4		
Class Format	Asynchronous Fully Online	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6283

Course Description

Introduction to the study of society. Overview of major concepts, methods and theoretical perspectives including culture, social structure, institutions, socialization, gender, race, social class, inequality, deviance, and social control. Topics include macro and micro theories. **(C-ID SOCI 110) (CSU, UC)**

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

This course has no prerequisites/corequisite.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Define sociology and explain how empirical research is used to study the social world. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Compare and contrast the different major sociological theoretical perspectives that explain social behavior. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Define and apply the basic concepts of sociology including culture, status, roles, norms, institutions, social class, race, gender. (ILO3, ILO4, ILO5).

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe how the sociological imagination helps people understand their own personal lives.
2. Recognize Sociology as a science that systematically approaches the study of human behavior.
3. Identify the six social classes in American society and the structural influence of social class on behavior.
4. List the components of culture and their impact on human behavior.
5. Describe the importance of political forces in understanding our society and the process of social change.
6. Identify the causes and processes of deviant behavior and the mechanisms of social control.
7. Define the various forms of marriage and the family.
8. Recognize social problems and social issues in the United States and in cultures throughout the world.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

[Introduction to Sociology, 3rd Edition from OpenStax,](#)

ISBN-13: 978-1-951693-36-7

You have several options to obtain this book:



- [View online](#) (Links to an external site.)
- [Download a PDF](#) (Links to an external site.)
- [Order a Print Copy](#) (Links to an external site.)

You can use whichever format you want. Web view is recommended -- the responsive design works seamlessly on any device.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Introduction Discussion-First Day Attendance Assignment: Getting to know you is the best part of my job. I would like to learn a little bit about you. Therefore, your first “assignment” of the semester is to introduce yourself to the class. Students will have until the end of the third day of the semester **to submit their introduction discussion to stay in class**. Please plan accordingly. It should take anywhere from 5 to 10 minutes. **No late submissions will be accepted.**

Quizzes: Canvas Quizzes will ensure that you are on top of your readings and lectures. Quizzes are multiple choices, True/False, and short responses. All quizzes will open on Thursdays and will close on Sundays at midnight. Make sure that you know how to access Canvas prior to the first quiz. Ask for help! **It is your responsibility to have Canvas set up by the first week of the semester and to follow the due dates. No make-up quizzes!**

Chapter Participation Activities: Research shows that people learn better when they are actively involved in the learning process. Participation is not just “showing up” to class. I will have weekly chapter participation activities that will involve your engagement and insight into each chapter. It is important for you to complete these activities as they are a big part of your final grade. I will not accept late participations activities (NO Excuses). More information will be provided.

Final Project: For the final project you will think about social change. You will be given a guide to complete the social movement/change project. Do not stress! I will give you time and directions so that you can succeed.

Extra Credit. You will have opportunities to earn extra credit throughout the course. I may announce extra credit opportunities during lecture videos, in the chapter of PowerPoints, or in an announcement. If you are not staying on top of the class, you will miss extra credit opportunities. **I will not repeat the extra credit opportunity later!**

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

<i>Grading Based</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
Introduction Discussion	25
Quizzes	150
Chapter Participation Activities	300
Culture Paper	50
Social Class Project	50
Final Project	100
Total Possible Points	= 675



Late Work-Free Pass Policy

Late work interrupts the flow of learning in this course and could cause serious problems. Discussions are designed to be interactive--the feedback you give and get from your peers is as valuable as any feedback you will receive from me. For this reason, late work will not be accepted!

I do understand that life may get in the way of your academic goals, therefore, I provide one "Free Pass" that may be used to submit a discussion, paper, or exam late. However, there are some conditions that need to be considered before requesting a Free Pass.

Course Policies

Attendance Policy

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area of dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance. We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

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Other Course Information

Student-Instructor Communication Good communication is essential to building a team and critical to learning. In this class, you will be encouraged to communicate with your peers and with me. The best ways to contact me:

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- Email: I try to answer all emails within 24 hours, Mon-Fri. Saturday and Sunday are family days for me, and I do not reply to emails! My email is barbara.reyes@imperial.edu,
- Canvas Inbox: The best way to send me a message is to use the Canvas "Inbox." The Inbox will send a message to my conversations within Canvas and send a copy to my IVC email account.
- I will not reply to personal emails. Make sure to use your student email.
- **Pronto** is one of my favorite ways to communicate with the class. Please try to download it to your phone during the first week of the semester. You will really enjoy it!

Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! To continue receiving financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Week # 1 (Monday 5 – Friday January 9)

- Orientation Module
- Chapter 1- What is sociology
- Chapter 2- Studying Social Life

Assignments

- Practice Quiz & Introductions Discussion **(Must Complete by January 7 to stay in Class!)**
- Chapter Participation Activities **(Due by Fridays 11:59pm & two replies due by Sundays 11:59 Pacific Time)**
- Quiz # 1 **(Due by Sunday 11:59pm Pacific Time)**

Week # 2 (Monday January 12 – Friday January 16)

- Chapter 3- Cultural Crossroads Cultural Crossroads
- Chapter 4- Society and Social Interaction
- Chapter 5-Socialization

Assignments

- Chapter Participation Discussions **(Due by Fridays 11:59pm & two replies due by Sunday 11:59 Pacific Time)**



- Quiz # 2 ***(Due by Sunday 11:59pm Pacific Time)***
- Culture Paper ***(Due by Sunday)***

Week # 3 (Tuesday January 19 – Friday January 23)

- Chapter 6- Groups and Social Organizations
- Chapter 7- Deviance
- Chapter 9- Social Stratification

Assignments

- Chapter Participation Discussions ***(Due by Fridays 11:59pm & two replies due by Sundays 11:59 Pacific Time)***
- Exam 3 ***(Due by Sunday 11:59pm Pacific Time)***

Week # 4 (Monday January 26 to Friday January 30)

- Chapter 11- Race and Ethnicity
- Chapter 12- Constructing Gender & Sexuality

Assignments

- Chapter Participation Discussions ***(Due by Fridays 11:59 pm & two replies due by Sunday 11:59 Pacific Time)***
- Exam 4 ***(Due by Sunday 11:59pm Pacific Time)***

Week 5 (Monday February 2 to February 4)

- Final Project Module Week

Assignments

- Final Project ***(Due by Last day of winter semester February 4 11:59pm Pacific Time)***

*****Tentative, subject to change without prior notice****