

Basic Course Information

Semester	Spring 2015	Instructor Name	Jose J. Plascencia, MSW
Course Title & #	SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology	Email	jose.plascencia@imperial.edu
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Class Dates	02/09/2015-06/11/2015	Emergency Contact	Department secretaries for
Class Days	Thursday		Behavioral Science and EOPS
Class Times	6:30-9:40	Emergency Number	(760) 355-6144 and 355-6407

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)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Define and apply the basic concepts of sociology including culture, status, roles, norms, institutions, social class, race, gender. (ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Understand that race, gender and family systems are social constructions. (ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Distinguish different major sociological theoretical perspectives that explain social behavior. (ILO2, ILO4, ILO5)
4. Assess both macro social influences and micro social influences in understanding a particular social issue. (ILO1, ILO2, 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 approaches the study of human behavior in a systematic manner.
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

Ferris, K. Stein, J (2012). *The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology* (3rd/e). New York W.W. Norton & Company. ISBN: 978-0393912173

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Three Exams (150 pts.)

There will be three exams given throughout the semester. The first exam will cover the first five chapters (Chapters 1-5). The second exam will cover the next five chapters (6-10). The third exam will cover the last five chapters (11-15). The exams will be multiple-choice, true/false, and fill in the blank. Please bring in #2 pencil and scantron to each examination.

Make-up examinations will be accommodated provided they are taken within one week of the scheduled examination and are pre-approved by the instructor. If approved, the make-up exam will be one grade lower.

Quizzes (150 pts)

There will be a total of 15 quizzes during the semester. These quizzes will cover important terms, topics, and events, for each chapter. Quizzes will be given promptly at the beginning of class so please be here on time. The quizzes will serve as a study guide for each chapter. You cannot make up any quiz, no exceptions (only at my discretion)!

Current Events (150 pts)

There will be a total of 15 current events assigned throughout the semester. One for each chapter assigned. The topics will be related to the chapter we are covering. Some may only have one question; some may have more than one. They will either be done individually or in a group. They are to be at least one page in length. These assignments shall be submitted at the beginning of the class for which they are due (date will be posted on your schedule of assignments) or at the end of class if assigned in a group. Late papers may be submitted, however, they will receive an increasing 2 point reduction in points with day they are late (1 day = 2 points, 2 days = 4 point, etc). E-papers may be accepted with prior approval from the instructor; however, they must be submitted prior to the starting time of the class session on the day they are due. E-papers are subject to the same rules regarding lateness as regular papers.

Thought Papers (120 pts)

There will be a total of three (3) essays due at various intervals during the semester. Each essay will be worth 40 points each. These essays will be based on the readings, class material, and class discussions. The main focus of the essays is for you to learn how think critically about sociology. Some you will only have to answer one question; some may have to choose between more than one. They are to be at least three (3) pages in length. These assignments shall be submitted at the beginning of the class for which they are due (date will be posted on your schedule of assignments). Late papers may be submitted, however, they will receive a 10 point reduction in with each week they are late (1 week= 10 points off, 2 weeks= 20 points off, etc.) E-papers may be accepted with prior approval from the instructor; however, they must be submitted prior to the starting time of the class session on the day they are due. E-papers are subject to the same rules regarding lateness as regular papers.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

<u>Grading Process</u>		<u>Grading Scale</u>	
1. Exam #1	(50)	513-570 pts.	A
2. Exam #2	(50)	456-512 pts.	B
3. Exam #3	(50)	399-455 pts.	C
4. Quizzes	(150)	342-398 pts.	D
5. Current Events	(150)	Below 341	F
6. Thought Papers	(120)		

Attendance

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.

Deadline to drop all full-term classes with a "W" is May 16, 2015

Classroom Etiquette

Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.

Food and Drinks are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.

Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.

Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to 'cite a source' correctly, you must ask for help.

Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Help – Discretionary Section and Language

Blackboard support center: <http://bbcrm.edusupportcenter.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8543>

Learning Labs: There are several ‘labs’ on campus to assist you through the use of computers, tutors, or a combination. Please consult your college map for the Math Lab, Reading & Writing Lab, and Study Skills Center (library). Please speak to the instructor about labs unique to your specific program.

Library Services: There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the Study Skills Center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313, if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a fulltime mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/students/student-health-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/>

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology

Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Assignments Due/Exams
Week 1 February 19	Syllabus & Introduction	Current Event #1
Week 2 February 26	Chapter 1: Sociology and the Real World Chapter 2: Sociology's Family Tree: Theories and Theorists	Current Event #2
Week 3 March 05	Chapter 3: Cultural Crossroads	Current Event #3
Week 4 March 12	Chapter 4: The Self and Interaction	Current Event #4
Week 5 March 19	Chapter 5: Separate and Together: Life in Groups	Current Event #5
Week 6 March 26	Exam #1 (Chapters 1-5)	Give out Thought Paper #1
Week 7 April 02	Chapter 6: Deviance and Conformity	Turn in Thought Paper #1 Current Event #6
Week 8 April 09	Spring Break! No Classes!	
Week 9 April 16	Chapter 7: Social Class: The Structure of Inequality Chapter 8: Race and Ethnicity as Lived Experiences	Turn In Thought Paper #1 Current Events #7 - #8
Week 10 April 23	Chapter 9: Constructing Gender and Sexuality	Current Event #9
Week 11 April 30	Chapter 10: The Macro-Micro Link in Social Inst.: Politics, Education	Current Event #10
Week 12 May 07	Exam #2 (Chapters 6-10)	Give out Thought Paper #2
Week 13 May 14	Chapter 11: The Economy, Work, and Working	Turn in Thought Paper #2 Current Event #11
Week 14 May 21	Chapter 12: Life at Home	Current Event #12
Week 15 May 28	Chapter 14: Health and Illness	Current Event #14
Week 16 June 04	Chapter 13: Recreation and Leisure in Everyday Life Chapter 15: City & Country: The Natural World & the Social World	Current Event #13 Current Event #15
Week 17 June 11	Exam #3 (Chapters 10-15)	Turn in Thought Paper #3