

## **Basic Course Information**

Semester	<b>SPRING 2024</b>	Instructor Name	<b>Jose J. Plascencia, MSW</b>
Course Title	<b>SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology</b>	Email	<b>jose.plascencia@imperial.edu</b>
CRN #	<b>20327</b>	Office #	<b>Online Via Zoom</b>
Room	<b>2734</b>	Office Hours	<b>Upon Request</b>
Units	<b>3 units</b>	Office Phone #	<b>(760) 355-6272</b>
Class Dates	<b>02/13/2024 - 06/04/2024</b>	Emer. Contact	<b>Department secretaries for</b>
Class Days	<b>TUESDAYS</b>		<b>Behavioral Science and EOPS</b>
Class Times	<b>6:30PM – 9:40PM</b>	Emer. Number	<b>(760) 355-6144 and 355-6407</b>

## **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)

## **Course Objectives**

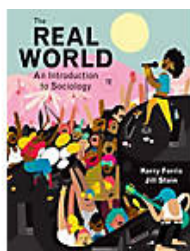
Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

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 (2020). **The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology** (7th/e). New York W.W. Norton & Company. ISBN: 9780393690743



### **Course Requirements and Instructional Methods**

- **Instructor Expectations:**
  - Students who do not attend class will be dropped unless cleared by professor.
  - If you stop attending class, make sure to drop yourself from the class.
  - Work is to be turned in on due date – no late work unless exception is made.
  - You are responsible for knowing and observing due dates for all assignments.
- **What to Expect from your Instructor:**
  - All your assignments will be graded within one week from their due date.
  - To contact me by email: jose.plascencia@imperial.edu; or use the "Inbox" in Canvas to message me.
  - Your emails will be answered within 24-48-hours (emails are typically answered within a few hours).
  - My office hours are by appointment and through Zoom.
  - My goal is to help you succeed, so please reach out to me if you have any question/doubt.

#### **Three Exams (300 pts.)**

There will be three exams given throughout the semester. Each exam will cover five (5) chapters. Exams will be posted on CANVAS after every five (5) chapters. They are untimed and you will only have one attempt.

**Submitting your exam after the due date will lose points.**

#### **Quizzes (150 pts)**

There will be a total of 15 quizzes during the semester. These quizzes will be true/false and multiple choice. Quizzes will be posted on each chapter module on CANVAS. They are untimed and you will have two attempts. CANVAS will record the highest of your two attempts.

**Submitting quizzes after the due date will lose points.**

### **Current Events (150 points)**

For each chapter there will a “current event” question that you will be required to write a one-page response to. This “current event” will be an open-ended question, to where there will no “right” or “wrong” answer. Due dates will be posted on CANVAS.

You can upload your answer by using the textbox option or upload a file directly to CANVAS.

**Submitting current events after the due date will lose points.**

### **Review Assignments (150 pts)**

There will be a total of 15 review assignments assigned throughout the semester. One for each chapter. The questions will be related to the chapter we are covering. These assignments will have five (5) short answer questions. For each question you are to provide a two –three sentence answer.

You can upload your answer by using the textbox option or upload a file directly to CANVAS.

**Submitting review assignments after the due date will lose points.**

### **Reaction Papers (100 pts)**

There will be a total of nine (9) reaction papers due throughout the semester. Each reaction paper will be worth 10 points, except for Chapters #11 and #14, which will be 15 points each. Each will be half a page to one-page in length. Beginning in Chapter 6 and every chapter after that, you will have a video you will be required to view. Once you view it, then you are to write a “reaction paper” meaning how did the video cause you to “react”; I do not want summaries but your genuine reactions to the video. Due dates will be posted on CANVAS.

You can upload your answer by using the textbox option or uploading a file directly to CANVAS.

**Submitting reaction papers after the due date will lose points.**

**Out of Class Assignments:** The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

## **Course Grading Based on Course Objectives**

### **Grading Process**

### **Grading Scale**

1. Exam #1	(100)	765-850 pts.	A
2. Exam #2	(100)	680-764 pts.	B
3. Exam #3	(100)	595-679 pts.	C
4. Quizzes	(150)	510-594 pts.	D
5. Current Events	(150)	Below 509	F
6. Review Assignments	(150)		
7. Reaction Papers	(100)		

## **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.

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.

**Students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped. This class is in person, so you may be dropped for not attending the first-class meeting. If you are experiencing any personal problems, get sick or injured, please let me know and arrangements may be made to help you get caught. Each situation is different, so arrangements will be made on a case-by-case basis.**

In this course, there will be weekly quizzes, current events and discussion questions. Your attendance is gauged by you logging on to CANVAS and completing these assignments and attend the class in person.

If, after reviewing the syllabus and orientation unit, you feel this is not the right course for you, please let me know ASAP, so that you can be dropped from the course and another student can be added in your place. Students who miss more than two graded assignments (lessons, discussions, drafts, peer reviews, or conferences) may be dropped from the course. In addition, students who fail to log in to the course for 7 consecutive days' risk being dropped from the course. If you are struggling, experiencing access issues, or are seriously ill, please contact me immediately so we can develop a success plan together.

**Deadline to drop all full-term classes with a "W" is MAY 11, 2024.**

## **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.

**Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online or in-person environment:**

- Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment;
- Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment;
- Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you;
- Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others).
- Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own.
- Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work.
- Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class).
- Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work. Plagiarism may either be deliberate or unintentional.

### **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. Please contact them 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.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provides basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC Student Health Center at 760-355-6128 or when campus reopens, in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or when campus reopens, in the building 1536 for appointments or more information.

### **Veteran's Center**

The mission of the IVC Military and Veteran Success Center is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

### **Additional Student Services**

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

### **How do I access services now that we are mostly online?**

- **CANVAS LMS**. Canvas is Imperial Valley College's Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: Canvas Student Login. The Canvas Student Guides Site provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- **Learning Services**. In order to accommodate students and maximize student success during the COVID-19 Pandemic, all tutoring support is being provided through one Zoom link (IVC online Tutoring). When campus is open again, there are several learning labs to assist students. Whether you need support using computers, or you need a tutor, please consult your Campus Map for the Math Lab; Reading, Writing & Language Labs; and the Study Skills Center.
- **Library Services**. Visit the Spencer Library's page on the IVC website for a wealth of valuable resources and online access to databases, e-books and more. Contact us so we can help you with instructional and research development skills (for those conducting research and writing academic papers). Students also have access to tutoring services in the Study Skills Center as well as private study rooms for small study groups. There is more to our library than just books!
- **Career Services Center**. The Career Services Center is dedicated to serve all IVC students and Alumni. Services include Career Assessments, Resume and Cover Letter Assistance, Interview Preparation, Internship Opportunities and Job Placement.
- **Child Development Center**. The Preschool and Infant/Toddler Centers are on-campus demonstration lab programs that meet the educational, research, and service needs of the institution and community at large. The Preschool program (children three to five years of age) and the Infant/Toddler program (newborn to three years of age) is in buildings 2200 and 2300. Service is available to families who meet the California Department of Education qualifications for enrollment. The centers are open during COVID from Monday-Friday 7:15-5:30. Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided through the California Adult and Child Food Program. Location: Buildings 2200 and 2300. Phone: (760) 355-6528 or (760) 355-6232. Application: <https://forms.imperial.edu/view.php?id=150958>

### **Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)**

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, book grants, transportation assistance, individualized counseling, tutoring, and community referrals to eligible students. Our staff is available to assist and support students in navigating personal, psychological, academic, and/or career-related issues through empathy, cultural-competence, and a commitment to equity and social justice. Also, under the umbrella of EOPS is the CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program, designed to serve single parents and assist with addressing issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program. For additional information about the EOPS or CARE Programs please contact our Program Office 760.335-6407 and/or visit our Program website [www.imperial.edu/students/eops](http://www.imperial.edu/students/eops) for eligibility criteria and application procedures. We look forward to serving you! - EOPS/CARE Staff



## **Student Equity Program**

The Student Equity & Achievement Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. SEA addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, LGBTQIA+, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The SEA Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, Foster Youth Liaison, Formerly Incarcerated Liaison, and Military Affiliated Liaison, who provide direct services and referrals to students in need. SEA strives to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to enrollment, education, degree and certificate completion, and the ability to transfer to a university. SEA also provides outreach at local Imperial County high schools to ensure graduating seniors are successfully matriculated into the college and have a strong support system. Please visit us online for assistance at <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/> or call us at 760-355-6465 or when campus reopens, visit Building 401.

### **What if I cannot afford food, books, or need other help?**

- We have many resources that are available to you. Please tell us what you need by submitting your request(s) here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

### **What if I need to borrow technology or access to Wi-Fi?**

1. To request a loaner laptop, MYFI device, or other electronic device, please submit your request here: <https://imperial.edu/students/student-equity-and-achievement/>

**Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar**

<b><u>Date or Week</u></b>	<b><u>Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Assignments Due</u></b>
February 13	Introductions and Review of Syllabus	No Assignment Due
February 20	Chapter 1: Sociology and the Real World Chapter 2: Sociology's Family Tree: Theories and Theorists	No Assignment Due
February 27	Chapter 3: Cultural Crossroads	See Canvas Module
March 5	Chapter 4: The Self and Interaction Chapter 5: Separate and Together: Life in Groups	See Canvas Module
March 12	Chapter 6: Deviance and Conformity Video #1: "Fixing the System"	See Canvas Module
March 19	Chapter 7: Social Class: The Structure of Inequality Video #2: "The Game of Life"	See Canvas Module
March 26	Exam #1: (Chapters 1 – 5)	See Canvas Module
April 2	SPRING BREAK!!!	See Canvas Module



April 9	Chapter 8: Race and Ethnicity as Lived Experiences Video #3: “Meltdown at Dixie”	See Canvas Module
April 16	Chapter 9: Constructing Gender and Sexuality Video #4: "The Trans List"	See Canvas Module
April 23	Chapter 10: The Macro-Micro Link in Social Inst: Pol, Educ & Rel Video #5: "Subprime Education"	See Canvas Module
April 30	Exam #2 (Chapters 6-10)	See Canvas Module
May 7	Chapter 11: The Economy, Work, and Working Video #6: "Food Chains"	See Canvas Module
May 14	Chapter 12: Life at Home Video #7: “Wedding Advice”	See Canvas Module
May 21	Chapter 13: Recreation and Leisure in Everyday Life Chapter 15: City & Country: The Natural World & the Social World Video #8: “The Plagues & Pleasures at the Salton Sea”	See Canvas Module
May 29	Chapter #14: Health and Illness Video #9: “Fed Up”	See Canvas Module

June 6	Exam #3 (Chapters 11-15)	See Canvas Module
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