Office Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday 12:15-1:30pm
Wednesday 1:30-3:30pm
Other times by appointment

Texts: Available at University Bookstore on King Street


Objectives:
This is an Introduction to Sociology class. Guess what its job is? Right, to introduce you to the world of sociology. By the end of the term, here's how you will be a different person:

• You will be able to look at the world from the uniqueness of the sociological perspective
• You will better understand why sociology is different than other social sciences, and why sociology fulfills the social science requirement
• You will become familiar with the sociological imagination, and be able to use it to look at society around you
• You will understand more fully the three major theoretical approaches in sociology and how they apply to social issues
• You will further your understanding of the parts of society and how they relate to each other
• You will be better able to spot bias and inconsistencies in reasoning
• You will practice your writing and thinking skills, two VERY important skills that will make the rest of your life easier
• You will be better able to apply sociological concepts to current events
Grading:

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As you can see from the above list there are different methods (written, oral, papers, tests, timed and not timed) by which you are able to demonstrate the development of your sociological thought and earn your grade.

Exams will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.

If you have an “A” or an “A-“ in the class going into the final exam, you are exempt from taking it. After I have calculated grades, I will notify those who have exempted. Those who have exempted the last exam are expected to attend every class through the end of the semester. Absences may jeopardize your exemption.
\textbf{Grading Scale:}

\begin{align*}
\text{A} &= 91-100 & \text{B-} &= 79-80 & \text{D+} &= 66-68 \\
\text{A-} &= 89-90 & \text{C+} &= 76-78 & \text{D} &= 61-65 \\
\text{B+} &= 86-88 & \text{C} &= 71-75 & \text{D-} &= 59-60 \\
\text{B} &= 81-85 & \text{C-} &= 69-70 & \text{F} &= 58 \text{ and below}
\end{align*}

\textit{Expectations:}

\textit{Attendance}

You are expected to be here. You can expect me to be here as well. We will cover material in class that is \textit{NOT} in the text and that will show up on your exams. Also strong class attendance will influence my decisions about rounding up borderline grades, or in assisting you with other problems you may encounter.

After eight absences, you will be withdrawn from the class and receive a \textit{"WA"}. This is the grade equivalent of \textit{"F"}.

If you miss an exam, you must notify me within 24 hours of the exam, \textit{and} request a documented medical or athletic excuse from the Dean's office. \textit{No} make-up exams will be given without a documented excuse from the Undergraduate Dean's office.

If you are having any problems, whether they are class related or personal, please come and talk with me.
Honor Code

NO cheating, deceiving, swindling, lying, plagiarizing, or any other behaviors that would call into question your standing as an upright citizen. Avoid actions that might give the appearance of the aforementioned. See the Student Honor Code in the Student Handbook (under "living at the College of Charleston" on the “Current Students” Webpage) for more details of what is expected of you as a College of Charleston student.

Special Needs

If you have a documented disability and have been approved to receive accommodations through SNAP Services, please feel free to come and discuss this with me at the beginning of the semester.

Technology

You can help make our world a better place by laying the groundwork for good technology folkways. (Chapter 3) I will make sure my technology is turned off before I walk into class, and I expect you to do the same. Laptops should be closed and put away during our class time. (Yes, this means NO TEXTING during class. Yes, I can see you doing it.)

Course Outline:

This is a rough guideline, subject to change. Any changes made will be announced in class. Please read assigned material from the Thompson and Hickey text BEFORE coming to class. Be sure to have read chapters listed from Gladwell’s Outliers before each exam.

January 12

First Day of Class

January 14 Sociological Perspective Chapter One Sociology (all pages)

[Gladwell – Introduction, The Matthew Effect, The 10,000 Hour Rule]

January 19

January 21

January 26 Chapter Two Research Methods (all pages)

January 28
February 2  Social Framework  Chapter Three Culture (pg 53-70)

February 4  Exam I

February 9  Chapter Four Socialization  (all pages)
            [Gladwell-Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6]

February 11

February 16  Chapter Five Society and Social Interaction (all pages)

February 18

(February 22  Last day to withdraw with a W)

February 23  Chapter Six Social Groups and Organizations (pg 139-153)

February 25  Chapter Seven Deviance (pg 163-172, 178-188)

March 2  Chapter Eight Social Stratification (pg 199-206)

March 4  Exam II

March 8-12  No Class Spring Break

March 16  Chapter Ten Race and Ethnicity (handout only)
            (Gladwell- Chapters 7,8,9,& Epilogue]

March 18  Chapter Twelve Age (all pages)
March 23  
Chapter Eleven Gender (handout only)

March 25  
Social Institutions  
Chapter Thirteen Family (pg 357-368)

March 30  
Chapter Fourteen Education (pg 389- middle of 408)

April 1  
Exam III

April 6  
Chapter Fifteen Religion (pg 423-435)

April 8  

April 13  
Chapter Sixteen Politics (pg 455- 463 comt. Demo.)

April 15  
Chapter Seventeen Economics (handout)

April 20  
Chapter Eighteen Medicine (lecture only)

April 22  
Last Day of Class Chapter 19 Population (pg 545-553)

April 27  
Reading Day

April 29  
9:25 TR Final Exam 8:30am - 11am

May 1st  
10:50 TR Final Exam 8:30am -11am

May 4th  
1:40 TR Final Exam Noon- 3pm