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College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

SOCI 1020  
Introduction to Sociology

## Syllabus

### Contact Information

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### Instructor Availability

Office Hours: M, W: 11:30 – 12:30; and, by appointment.

### Meetings and Location

Classroom: Room 118 Rogers Stout Hall

Class Meeting Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:20 – 10:15 am

## Course Information

**Credit Hours** 3

### Course Description and Purpose

Sociology is the science of *social* phenomena. Sociology--its theories, methods, and findings--substantially contributes to our knowledge of the *social* dimensions of human nature and human existence. The primary aim of Introduction to Sociology is to provide students a useful, rigorous, and interesting survey of this unique science. This course also satisfies three hours of the General Education core curriculum in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

## Course Objectives

A diligent, motivated, thoughtful student completing this course should be able to:

- define sociology. [ch. 1]
- describe the basic reasons leading to the rise of sociology as a science. [ch. 1]
- identify major persons associated with the development of scientific sociology. [ch. 1]
- characterize the main theories and perspectives used by sociologists. [ch. 1]
- Depict the chief research methods used by sociologists. [ch. 1]
- Indicate the major elements of scientific research design. [ch. 1]
- recognize, define, illustrate, and become familiar with the leading concepts, theories, and findings in the following substantive areas:
  - culture [ch. 2];
  - socialization [ch. 3];
  - social structure and social interaction [ch. 4];
  - groups and organizations [ch. 5];
  - class and social stratification in the United States [ch. 7];

## Course Requirements

### Textbooks and Readings

Textbook:

- Diana Kendall, *Sociology in Our Times: The Essentials, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition*. CENGAGE Learning, 2018.

Basic Options:

- [1] No subscription. One semester only. E-book with MindTap only. No hardcopy; No loose-leaf book. (\$50.00)
- [2] Yes Subscription. Can be for one semester (\$119.99), one year (\$179.99), or two years (\$239.99). What you get: (a) E-book; (b) \$7.99 hardcopy rental from Chegg, free delivery; (c) unlimited free access to ANY CENGAGE book being used in ANY other course on campus.

Here is the official MindTap registration video link for assistance:

<https://www.cengage.com/student-training/mindtap/brightspace/ia-no/>.

## Course Policies and Expectations

### Classroom Policies

#### Attendance and Participation

Course attendance is mandatory. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class session. Excused absences are only available under extenuating circumstances. A student who is absent, or planning to be absent, must contact the instructor as soon as possible. Two unexcused absences are permitted during the semester. Three to four unexcused absences will drop your grade one full

letter; five to six absences, two letter grades; seven or more unexcused absences, to failing the class (no exceptions made).

### Testing Policy

Three in-class objective examinations determine a student's final grade. Exams consist of objective (multiple choice, true/false) questions. Study Guides will be posted for each exam. To take the exam students will need a Scantron and Number #2 pencil.

- Exam #1 covers chapters 1 and 2 and contributes 25% toward the final grade;
- Exam #2 covers chapters 3 and 4, and contributes 35%;
- Exam #3 is cumulative and contributes 40% to the final grade. However, 70% of exam 3 will be based on chapters 5 and 7; 30% on chapters 1-4.

### Grading Policy

#### Grading Scale:

The ETSU +/- Scale is used in this course.

A	94-100%
A -	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	65-66
F	64 and below

### Course Schedule

#### **Spring 2020-- Introduction to Sociology: Course Required Reading and Exams Itinerary**

#### **JANUARY**

W, 22 Introduction to Introduction to Sociology: Getting Started; Expectations; Roadmap  
F, 24 Chapter 1: *Sociology: Perspective, Theory, and Method*  
M, 27  
W, 29  
F, 31

#### **FEBRUARY**

M, 3  
W, 5 Chapter 2: *Culture*  
F, 7  
M, 10  
W, 12  
F, 14  
M, 17 Tentative Date for Exam 1: Chapters 1, 2 (25%)  
W, 19 Chapter 3: *Socialization: From Infancy to Old Age*  
F, 21

M, 24

W, 26

F, 28

**MARCH**

M, 2

W, 4

F, 6

Chapter 4: Social Structure and Social Interaction in Everyday Life

M, 9

W, 11

F, 13

M, 16

**NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK**

W, 18

**NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK**

F, 20

**NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK**

M, 23

W, 25

F, 27

M, 30

**APRIL**

W, 1

Tentative Date for Exam 2: Chapters 3, 4 (35%)

F, 3

Chapter 5: Groups and Organizations

M, 6

W, 8

F, 10

**NO CLASS. GOOD FRIDAY**

M, 13

W, 15

F, 17

M, 20

Chapter 8: Social Stratification

W, 22

F, 24

M, 27

W, 29

**MAY**

F, 1

**Final Exam, Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Room 118 Rogers Stout, 8:00-10:00 am: (40%).**  
**This Exam is Comprehensive, but weights are assigned as follows: Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 (30% of Comprehensive exam); Chapters 5, 7 (70% of Comprehensive exam)**

## Student Services and Technical Resources

### Student Services

The [ETSU Services webpage](#) includes a comprehensive list of services available to all ETSU students.

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of ETSU to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal law, state law and the University's commitment to equal educational access. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations, for example arrangement for examinations or seating placement, should

inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Faculty accommodation forms are provided to students through Disability Services in the D.P. Culp Center, Room 326, telephone 423-439-8346. [Visit the Disability Services webpage for more information.](#)

## Technical Resources

### Help Desk

The Information Technology Services (ITS) Help Desk is the best resource for most technical problems. Find answers to common questions on the [Help Desk website](#), call, email, or stop in to see them on the first floor of the Sherrod Library. Phone: 423-439-4648 Email: [itshelp@etsu.edu](mailto:itshelp@etsu.edu)

### Desire2Learn (D2L) Online Help

Many answers to D2L related questions can be found on the [D2L Help Student Home](#). If you are still having trouble finding what you need, contact the Help Desk.

### Microsoft Office Software

Microsoft Office productivity applications, including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, and more, are available free for students through the University's Office 365 campus agreement. For instructions on how to obtain the software, see the [Office 365 page of the ITS Help Desk website](#).

### Turnitin Plagiarism Detection

Turnitin is a plagiarism detection service available to students and faculty at ETSU. This tool compares student written work against a comprehensive database of other work as well as various internet sources. Faculty may employ this service for some or all written assignments, in order to help students learn to cite sources accurately and to ensure academic integrity. Learn more on the [Turnitin home page](#).

### ETSU Technical Resources

Many other technical resources can be found on the [Online Help webpage](#).

## University Information

### Syllabus Attachment

The [ETSU syllabus attachment](#) includes important material such as permits and overrides, advisement, hours, dates and other ETSU information.

### ETSU Catalogs

[Current Undergraduate Catalog](#)

**Mental Health:** Students often have questions about mental health resources, whether for themselves or a friend or family member. There are many resources available on the ETSU Campus, including:

- ETSU Counseling Center (423) 439-3333, Nell Dossett Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor;
- BucsPRESS2: 24-hour Mental Health Helpline.
- **If you or a friend are in immediate crisis, call 911.**
- Available 24 hours per day is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).