



Guangdong University of Finance

2019 Summer Program

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology

Course Syllabus

Term: June 3 – July 5, 2019

Class Hours: 12:00-13:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: SOC111

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Credit: 4

Class hours

This course will have 72 class hours, including 40 lecture hours, professor 10 office hours, 10-hour TA discussion sessions, 2-hour review sessions, 10-hour extra classes.

Course Description: This course focuses on the basic assumptions, research topics, theories and methodologies of sociology. Students will examine the ways in which social norms, values, roles and social structure impact the world around people and their positions in society. Topics include power, submission, conflict, social structure, socialization, social change, and social inequality.

Course Objectives: The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the nature and characteristics of human societies and social life. We will examine basic sociological concepts, principles, research methods, and theory. Topics in this course include, but are not limited to, the following: origins of sociology, sociological theory and methods, social institutions,



inequality, sexism, racism, family, stratification, and population studies. Given that this is an introductory course to the science of sociology, no previous knowledge of sociology on the part of the student is assumed. The material presented in this course is meant to provide an overview of the field of sociology, as well as an understanding of the sociological perspective of society.

A student who satisfactorily completes this course should:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the major theoretical paradigms in sociology
2. Comprehend the basic concepts used by sociologists
3. Demonstrate the ability to interpret and critique empirical research
4. Understand basic social processes
5. Understand how social institutions function

Required Textbooks: Henslin, James M. 2019. *Essentials of Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* (13th edition). Pearson Publishing: Boston, Massachusetts.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all material covered in class and otherwise assigned. Any unexcused absence may impact a student's grade. Moreover, ECNU policy is that a student who has more than 3 unexcused absence will fail the course
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class
- Review the previous day's notes before class; make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during class (不要用手机)
- Participate in class discussions

Grading: GUF awards grades of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, D, and F. Most colleges and universities do not award transfer credit for grades of D or F.

In this course, grading will be based on the following:

- 30% Midterm exam (each)
- 30% Final exam
- 10% Classroom engagement (attendance, participation in discussions)



Course Schedule:

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| Week 1: | Mon: The Sociological Perspective Tue: Research Methods Wed: Research Methods / Culture Thu: Culture Fri: Video: The Gods Must be Crazy | Read Chapter 1 Read Chapter 1 Read Chapters 1 and 2 Read Chapter 2 Read Chapter 2 |
| Week 2: | Mon: Society and Social Groups Tue: Society and Social Groups Wed: First Midterm Examination Thu: Socialization Fri: Socialization / Deviance | Read Chapters 4 and 5 Read Chapters 4 and 5 Read Chapter 3 Read Chapters 3 and 6 |
| Week 3: | Mon: Deviance Tue: Video: Juvenile Justice Wed: Social Stratification Thu: Social Stratification / Race and Ethnicity Fri: Race and Ethnicity | Read Chapter 6 Read Chapter 6 Read Chapters 7 and 8 Read Chapters 7, 8 and 9 Read Chapter 9 |
| Week 4: | Mon: Second Midterm Examination Tue: Gender Wed: Gender / Economy and Politics Thu: Economy and Politics Fri: Family | Read Chapter 10 Read Chapters 10 and 11 Read Chapter 11 Read Chapter 12 |
| Week 5: | Mon: Family / Education Tue: Education Wed: Demography Thu: Demography Fri: Final Examination | Read Chapters 12 and 13 Read Chapter 13 Read Chapter 14 Read Chapter 14 |