



Beijing Jiaotong University

2020 Summer Session

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology

Course Outline

Term: June 29-July 24, 2020

Class Hours: 14:00-15:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: SOC 111

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, 8 lecturer office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

Course Description:

Introductory sociology is an overview of the work sociologists engage in while scientifically studying societies. Analysis is made of selected aspects of social behavior at interpersonal, inter-group and societal levels. Global and comparative perspectives are explored throughout the course. The main course goals are to develop or improve the student's understanding of major sociological theories, common social science research methods, the basic scientific method, social forces that shape individual behavior, and major research findings from the various topic areas.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Students are able to articulate perspectives on human behavior that are sociological
- 2) Students are able to articulate the role of theory in sociology
- 3) Students are able to articulate the role of social research methods in sociology
- 4) Students are able to define and illustrate key sociological concepts
- 5) Students are able to summarize basic knowledge, questions, and issues in substantive areas of sociology

Required Textbooks:

Essentials of Sociology by Anthony Giddens, Mitchell Duneier, Richard P. Appelbaum, Deborah Carr. 2019 (7th Edition). New York: W.W. Norton and Company

Grading & Evaluation:

Grading Scale:

A	94-100	C+	77-79
A-	90-93	C	73-76
B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D	60-69
B-	80-82	F	59 and under

Exam 1 30%

Exam 2 30%

Exam 3 30%

Classroom engagement (attendance, attention, participation) 10%



Course Schedule:

Week1

Monday Chapter 1 Theory
Tuesday Chapter 1 Methods
Wednesday Chapter 2 Culture
Thursday Chapter 3 Socialization
Friday Review and videos

Week2

Monday Chapter 4 Social Interaction
Tuesday Chapter 6 Deviance
Wednesday Test 1
Thursday Chapter 7 Stratification
Friday Chapter 9 Sex and Gender

Week3

Monday Chapter 10 Race and Ethnicity
Tuesday Chapter 11 Social Stratification
Wednesday Chapter 12 Education
Thursday Chapter 12 Religion
Friday Test 2

Week4

Monday Chapter 15 Demography and Urbanization
Tuesday Chapter 15 Environmental Sociology
Wednesday Chapter 16 Social Change
Thursday Chapter 16 Globalization
Friday Test 3