

SOC 1000—Introduction to Sociology
Three Semester Hours

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7/19

PREREQUISITES:

None

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Nature of human society and factors affecting its development. Fundamental concepts of sociology: culture, personality, socialization, social organization, groups, institutions.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:

All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail.

E-PRINT OPTION:

In this course, an option exists to use e-mail to submit your lesson assignments. Your assignment will be returned to you either as an email attachment or as a hard copy sent through the postal mail, depending on the preferences of the instructor and/or program.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

Newman, David M. *Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life, Brief Edition*. 6th ed. Sage Publications, 2019. [ISBN: 9781544325798]

Vander Ven, Thomas. *Getting Wasted: Why College Students Drink Too Much and Party So Hard*. New York: NYU Press, 2011. [ISBN: 9780814788325]

NUMBER OF LESSONS:

The course has seven lessons, including one midcourse examination and final examination. These lessons include

- Lesson 1: Introduction to the Sociological Imagination
- Lesson 2
 - Part A—Thinking Sociologically
 - Part B—The Social Construction of Knowledge
- Lesson 3
 - Part A—Culture
 - Part B—Socialization
 - Part C—Presentation of Self
- Lesson 4: Midcourse Examination Information

- Lesson 5
Part A—Family
Part B—Deviance and Social Control
- Lesson 6
Part A—Class and Inequality
Part B— Race and Ethnicity
Part C—Sex and Gender
Part D—Social Change and Social Movements
- Lesson 7: Final Examination Information

It should be noted that some of these lessons are divided into multiple sections.

TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

Apply what you have learned from the textbook and course lessons. These assignments should be typed and double-spaced. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, you may neatly print your essays. Each writing assignment is worth 20 points. You will be graded on your careful consideration of the question posed and your use of course material (i.e., the textbook and lesson) to construct a coherent, persuasive essay.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your final grade will be determined by your performance on the five writing assignments and two exams detailed above. Each writing assignment is worth 20 points and each exam is worth 100 points. There are 300 possible points for the course and the total breaks down into three 100-point segments as shown below:

1. Five writing assignments (x 20 points) = 100
2. Midcourse exam = 100
3. Final exam = 100

Your final course grade will be calculated using the following scale:

- A 270–300 points
- B 240–269 points
- C 210–239 points
- D 180–209 points
- F 179 points and below