

University of Hawaii at Manoa  
SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology (3.0 credits)  
Course Syllabus – Fall Semester 2015  
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*It is best to schedule an appt during office hours so you are sure to be able to see us.* If you do not schedule an appt, it is first come, first serve. To contact any of us outside of class, please send a message in the Laulima Message folder (use specific names to reach the person you are trying to reach). Please do not use the Instructor Role option in the Message folder as that will go to all three of us and to all of the Laulima staff.

#### Course Content/Description:

Students will be introduced to basic social relationships, norms, social structures and processes affecting social change. The course will guide students in exercising their sociological imagination and developing critical analysis through heavy reading (textbook and articles assigned weekly), lectures, assignments, in class work. Assignments and class work will entail quite a bit of writing. Students should have their reading done before the material is covered in class, pay attention during the lectures and ask questions. All assignments are to be typed, proofread and done on time so you can participate in the discussions and class activities. If you feel you need help or have any questions, please contact the instructor or TA immediately.

Grading will be based on the completion of your assignments, short papers and short essay exams.

#### Student Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

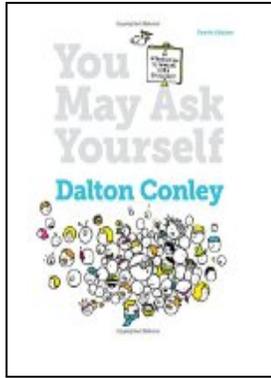
- \* Understand major sociological theoretical approaches
- \* Comprehend and be able to apply basic sociological concepts to daily life
- \* Recognize strengths and weaknesses of basic sociological research methods
- \* Read academic articles and understand the significance of the work
- \* Write well organized sociological essays that involve the use of social theory and social scientific terminology
- \* Gain a greater appreciation for cultural diversity and the lessons that can be learned from others and other societies

**Internet Access:** All students must have a University of Hawaii email account and regular access to the internet. Your grade will depend on your timely submission of work. Please be sure to have a backup plan for internet access in case of travel or problems with your current access or problems with your computer. Problems with access or your computer are not excuses for not completing your work.

Please note that there have been problems experienced while trying to submit work using a phone or tablet, or with using a browser other than Firefox. Do not submit work or try to participate in the class using your phone or tablet and be sure to use the Firefox browser

Each student is to have access and know how to use to the Laulima site for quizzes and other assignments. For tutorials, please contact [http://www.hawaii.edu/talent/laulima\\_students.htm](http://www.hawaii.edu/talent/laulima_students.htm). For any problems Laulima problems, you must contact Laulima immediately. This would include not being able to access the course site or being kicked out of the site or being kicked out of a quiz or exam (assuming your time is not up). Please do let me know if you are having problems with Laulima so I can assist as necessary but it is up to you to initiate contact with Laulima to resolve any technical problems. Contact me with issues regarding not agreeing with an answer on a quiz or exam or not seeing a grade posted.

## Required Text:



Title: You May Ask Yourself, 4th Edition  
Author: Dalton Conley  
ISBN: 978-0-393-91299-9  
Publisher: WW Norton and Co.

Also available as an e-book (180 days access for less than \$25) at:  
[http://books.wwnorton.com/nortonebooks/buychoice.aspx?siteId=conley3\\_ebook](http://books.wwnorton.com/nortonebooks/buychoice.aspx?siteId=conley3_ebook)

Additional readings/videos as assigned

## Grading:

The course is set up in 2 week sections with assignments due in each of the 2 week sections. The assignments are listed in the Schedule at the end of this syllabus and the specific directions and required materials are found in the Assignment folder in the Laulima course site. Some assignments will be done outside of class, some in class and some will be a combination where you will do part outside of class and we use what you did outside of class to complete in-class activities. This part of your grade amounts to 250 points

There will be two midterms and a final exam, non-cumulative, 100 pts each. To help you study, there will be practice quizzes in the Assignment, Tests and Survey folder. Each quiz will be open only during the weeks we will be covering them and will not be graded. You will be able to review them to see what you missed but correct answers will not be provided as this is a study guide. If you cannot find the answer, please ask and we can tell you what page the answer is on.

There is a total of 450 points available.

[No late submissions are accepted](#) without documented major extenuating circumstances.

Announcements, Email and contacting Lecturer or TAs: [Please use the Laulima course Message folder to communicate with me](#) as I am on the course at least daily Monday through Friday and will be able to respond quickly. [Do not use regular email unless you absolutely cannot get into Laulima.](#)

Be sure to check the course Message folder each time you sign in to the course. From time to time, I will use Laulima messages for assignment updates or modifications or to provide other information. Not knowing about a change is not an excuse for missing an assignment or doing it incorrectly or late. I will also use, and encourage you to use, Laulima as a place to discuss sociology.

Final grades will be calculated on the percentage of points earned:

Grade	Percent	Points	Grade	Percent	Points
A+	= 97-100	436.5	C+	= 77-79	346.5
A	= 93-96	418.5	C	= 73-76	328.5
A-	= 90-92	405	C-	= 70-72	315
B+	= 87-89	391.5	D+	= 67-69	301.5
B	= 83-86	373.5	D	= 63-66	283.5
B-	= 80-82	360	D-	= 60-62	270
			F	= < 59	269 pts or lower

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[ADA statement](#)

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact me privately. I would be happy to work with you, and the KOKUA Program (Office for Students with Disabilities) to ensure reasonable accommodations in my course. KOKUA can be reached at (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612 (voice/text) in room 013 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

### Student Conduct

“Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting, in fulfillment of an academic requirement, any work that has been copied in whole or in part from another individual's work without attributing that borrowed portion to the individual; neglecting to identify as a quotation another's idea and particular phrasing that was not assimilated into the student's language and style or paraphrasing a passage so that the reader is misled as to the source; submitting the same written or oral or artistic material in more than one course without obtaining authorization from the instructors involved; or "drylabbing," which includes obtaining and using experimental data and laboratory write-ups from other sections of a course or from previous terms.” (University of Hawaii at Manoa, Student Conduct Code, Section H. Academic Dishonesty, Part 2, Page 6).

**Any cheating, including plagiarism, will result in an F for the assignment and possibly an F for the course.**

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Course Outline and Schedule: Many assignments, quizzes, etc. will be submitted and/or completed via the Laulima course site, please be sure to check the Laulima site for specific due dates and times. Be sure to have a backup plan in case of any problems with your computer. *\*The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus according to class need and progression.*

### **August 24 – Sept 4 The Sociological Imagination and Methods**

Conley, ch. 1 and 2

Mills, C. Wright, “The Promise” from *The Sociological Imagination*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1959. (Laulima)

Colomy, Paul, “Three Sociological Perspectives” in Patricia A. Adler and Peter Adler, eds., *Sociological Odyssey: Contemporary Readings in Introductory Sociology, third edition*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2010. (Laulima)

Media Assignment #1 due Friday, August 28 30 pts

### **Sept 7 - 18 Culture and Media and Socialization & the Construction of Reality**

No Class Sept 7

Conley, ch. 2 and 3

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Film and Activity on Hurricane Katrina due Sept 9 20 pts

### **Sept 21 – Oct 2 Socialization and Identity**

Conley, ch. 4 and 5

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Observing Culture Assignment due Sept 23 30 pts

### **Oct 5 - 16 Building Relationships and Constructing Differences**

Conley, ch. 6 and 12

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Midterm 1 (Ch 1-5, lectures and assignments through Oct 2) in class Oct 5

Deviance Survey Class Activity due Oct 9 30 pts

Budget assignment & activity Oct 16 30 pts

**Oct 19- Nov 2            Structure of Society and Social Stratification**

Conley, ch. 7, 10 & 14

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Occupational Attitudes Class Activity due Oct 29    30 pts

**Nov 9 - 20                Architecture of Inequality**

Midterm 2 (Ch 6, 7, 10, 12, & 14, lectures and assignments) in class Nov 9

No Class Nov 11

Conley, ch. 8 and 9

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Race and Ethnicity Writing Assignment due Nov 13    50 pts

**Nov 23 – Dec 4            Demographics, Social Change, and Social Movements**

(no class Nov 27)

Conley, ch. 11 and 18

Additional readings with class assignment instructions in Laulima

Faculty Gender Activity due Nov 25    20pts

**Dec 7                        Class Wrap-Up, Preparation for Final Exam**

Conley, Ch 13

Final assignment due Dec 7

**Dec 14                      Final exam, Friday, Dec 18, 215-415 pm**