Introduction to Sociology
SOC 100 WI on-line
June 8 – Aug 14, 2009

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Please be sure to read this syllabus carefully, you are responsible for everything on it.

Course Content: The focus of this course will be on gaining an understanding of the sociological perspective. We will identify, discuss and write about various topics of sociology such as: social structures and institutions, culture and history, deviance, stratification and inequality.

Internet Access: All students must have a University of Hawaii email account and regular access to the internet. All course work will be via Laulima (you will sign on with your UH username and password) and 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 possible problems with your current access. Technical problems are not accepted as excuse for missed or late assignments.

Required Texts:
Title: SOC
Author: Nijole V. Benokraitis
ISBN: 9780495601425
Publisher: Wadsworth Cengage Learning

Student Learning Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
✓ Recognize and use the basic terminology used in sociology.
✓ Effectively communicate understanding by writing on sociological topics.
✓ Understand the history of sociology and how it is relevant to the study of contemporary society.
✓ Compare and contrast issues, cultures, social groups and theories using a sociological point of view
✓ Identify and describe the social stratification found in contemporary societies, including socio-economic status, gender, and race/ethnicity
✓ Discuss the major sociological theories in analyzing social institutions, social structures, and societal issues.

Exams (55%):
✓ 4 mid-term all non-cumulative and each will cover 4 chapters (12.5 pts each)

Written Assignments (45%):
✓ There will be 3 writing assignments during the semester:
  1 - 500 word self-introduction (5 pts). Tell us who you are (family structure, different roles you play (student, employee, child, parent, sibling, etc), your interest in sociology, career interests, where you are in school, etc.
  Upload your papers to the Assignment folder on Laulima.
  Due: June 12, 2009 by noon.
2 - 2000 word papers (5 pts for draft + 15 pts for final version = 20 pts each) details are on the last page of this syllabus. A draft of the paper must be submitted, for review and editing, prior to final paper due date. Instructor is available for consultation.
Upload your papers to the Assignment folder on Laulima.
**Paper 1:** Draft due June 19 @ noon, Final due July 2 @ noon
**Paper 2:** Draft due July 17 @ noon, Final due Aug 7 @ noon

- Papers must be typed and written at a college level. Those who have writing difficulties are encouraged to contact the UH Manoa Writing Program (http://www.mwp.hawaii.edu/writer_help.htm).
- There may be shorter, ad hoc writing assignments assigned as needed.
- You must submit your papers to me via the assignment drop box on the course homepage by midnight on due date.
- **Late papers will heavily penalized.** Up to 12 hours late is a 10% penalty, 12 to 36 hours is a 25% penalty. No papers over 36 hours late will be accepted.

**Extra Credit:** There are no opportunities for extra credit in this class.

**Email:** From time to time, I will use Laulima messages for assignments and/or to get in touch with the students for assignment updates or modifications, etc. Please make sure you check your Laulima messages frequently. Not knowing about a change is not an excuse for missing an assignment or doing it incorrectly or late.
Do not email me outside of Laulima as I will not be checking any other email on a regular basis. I will check my Laulima email daily Monday through Friday (occasionally Sat & Sun) and respond to any messages promptly.

**Total number of points available for the course will vary depending on pop quizzes and ad hoc writing assignments so final grades will be calculated on the percentage of points earned:**

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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).
More detail for Papers:

- The first paper is self-explanatory.
- For the second and third paper, you will choose an area of interest and tie it to the chapters covered to date. Then, research this topic. Finally, write a 2,000 word (minimum) reflection paper incorporating your research and reflections. What did you find? How do your findings support or refute the original idea/statement? Be clear and concise in your writing. Always cite your sources (APA format).

Your paper will:

- summarize the main idea that you are interested in
- integrate the main idea (from your chosen topic) into an explanation of a current or personal event (this is where the research comes in). Perhaps you may disagree with opinions found in your research, but you must demonstrate an understanding of the various points of view and how it relates to your topic.
- incorporate sociological theory / perspective from the book
- have 1-3 sources: Students are required to support their reflection papers with a minimum of article from a newspaper, journal or magazine. Ideally, students will research and incorporate 3 outside articles to support their papers.
- Be sure to cite your sources correctly. Plagiarism is grounds for failing the course or even being expelled.

For example, you might want to write on family structure. A current issue could be single parents or multi-generational families living together or gay adoption. You will definitely be able to find sociological articles on any of those and you will also be able to easily find articles that are on either side of each of the issues. Are you supportive of the issue or against? What has caused the changes in family structure? Can you find differing opinions and defend against them in an intelligent way? Don’t just say that they are wrong or correct, support your stand. Include your social location in the issue; how did your socialization as a child and the social structures you grew up in and live in today shape your life chances, your social location (where you are, what you are doing, your goals) and your viewpoints?

To find sociological journals:
Go to the UH Library website (http://micro189.lib3.hawaii.edu/ezproxy/), type in the name of a sociological journal (Sociology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Science Medicine, etc), you will have to sign in using your UH log in and password and it will take you to the journal page. Then you just need to search the journal for appropriate articles. If you need further help, you can email me for help or contact the librarians.

Assignment Due Dates
Subject to changes as needed and with sufficient notice.

June 10  paper one due by noon
June 19  draft of paper 2 due by noon
June 24  midterm over chapters 1 through 4, 50 questions, 1 hour
           Available on Laulima from 1 am to 11 pm
July 2   final submission of paper 2 due by noon
July 10  midterm over chapters 5 through 8, 50 questions, 1 hour
Available on Laulima from 1 am to 11 pm

July 22  draft of paper 3 due by noon

July 29  midterm over chapters 9 through 12, 50 questions, 1 hour
Available on Laulima from 1 am to 11 pm

Aug 7  final submission of paper 3 due by noon

Aug 14  midterm over chapters 13 through 16, 50 questions, 1 hour
Available on Laulima from 1 am to 11 pm

Quizzes
- Quizzes will be available as study tools and will be the basis for the four midterms.
- This means that they will be available for you to take if you want but you do not have to, and they have absolutely no impact on your grade.
- If you do not take them, you will not be able to use them to study for the midterms.
- The Midterms will come directly from the quizzes.

Chapters 1 through 4 quizzes will be available from June 8 through June 21

Chapters 5 though 8 will be available from June 22 through July 7

Chapters 9 though 12 will be available from July 8 through July 28

Chapters 13 though 16 will be available from July 29 through Aug 13