Principles of Sociological Inquiry  
SOC 300 (on-line course)  
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Please be sure to read this syllabus carefully, you are responsible for everything on it.

Course Content: (3 Lec, 2 50-min Lab) We will be exploring the basic methods of sociology for production and analysis of data. Foundations for understanding research and for advanced courses in methods and statistics. While not heavy in statistics, the class will be doing some basic calculations to gain a better understanding of data. The class will also be getting familiar with finding online references and data.

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.

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

- Recognize and discuss research concepts.
- Effectively communicate understanding by writing on a research proposal
- Evaluate factors that influence research
- Discuss issues and concerns related to data and research

Required Texts:
©2009 | Pearson Publishing
This package contains:
Understanding Research  
Neuman | ©2009 | Pearson | Paper; 400 pp  
MyResearchKit Student Access Code Card (for valuepacks)  
Pearson | ©2009 | Pearson | Access Code Card

You can purchase the package from the UH Manoa bookstore or online at
Book: W. Lawrence Neuman, Understanding Research,  
http://www.coursesmart.com/givecoursesmartatry?xmlid=9780205646180&__instructor=1288154  
Access code: http://www.myresearchkit.com/

Additional readings may be assigned
Understand that as this is a 4 credit course, there will be more work involved than a 3 credit course.

Assignments, Quizzes and Midterms (500 pts)

- There will be quizzes worth 20 pts each for a total of 100 pts. Quizzes may be multiple choice or short answer, you have 30 minutes from the time you begin the quiz to finish, and you can review your results and retake it as a study tool and to improve your score. Your highest score out of the two attempts will be your final score.
- There will be occasional tasks or homework assignments which will account for 100 points over the semester.
- There will be 4 exams (1 for each section), all non-cumulative with no make-up allowed except for major extenuating circumstances. (75 pts each for a total of 300 pts).
- Exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false or short answer questions and may cover any material presented or available on the Laulima course site or any assigned readings or activities. You will have 1 hour to complete the exam once you start it and only one attempt.

Written Assignment (320 points):

- There will be 1 writing assignment (1500-1750 words, roughly equal to 6-7 pages)
- Papers must be typed and written at a college level. Those who have writing difficulties are encouraged to contact the Learning Resource Center. [http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/skillscenter/](http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/skillscenter/).
- **Plagiarism is not tolerated.** If you plagiarize, you will fail the course. There is a short paragraph on plagiarism under the Student Conduct section of this syllabus and a short discussion on plagiarism posted in the Resource folder on the Laulima class site.
- **There may be shorter, ad hoc writing assignments assigned as needed.**
- You must submit your final paper and copies of all sources via the Laulima Assignment folder by 5 pm on due date. Late papers will be penalized 10% for 1 minute to 24 hours late, 20% for 24-48 hours late. No papers are accepted after 48 hours late.

Participation: (2 discussions, 90 pts each for a total of 180 pts)

Participation will be based on online discussions. Specific details will be posted on Laulima along with due dates. Late posts will not receive any credit.

**Scoring Discussions:** For each of the discussions, some of the students will be assigned to post a question demonstrating critical thinking based on the materials covered since the last discussion. The questions usually are several sentences long (intro topic and multi-pronged question) The question must be posted by noon on the assigned day.

In addition, each student will respond to a minimum of two classmates’ questions. Make sure that your responses show that you understand the topic (normally 4 to 6 sentences but some topics will need longer responses) or explain your confusion. These posts must be done by midnight on the deadline day. These discussions should be an ongoing, interactive exchange involving all students regarding the broad topic area.

You will receive between 0 and 3 points per post but if you do not post all three required posts or if one or more of them receives a score of zero, you will not receive points for the week.

**Any inappropriate, rude, hostile, or otherwise unacceptable posts will have consequences.**

**Extra Credit:** The only opportunity for extra credit is for 75% of the class to complete the course evaluation at the end of the semester. As the evaluation is completely anonymous, I can give, or not give, credit to the entire class.
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).

**Course Timeline** Subject to changes as needed and with sufficient notice.

**Section 1**
Chapters 1 & 2 and any additional materials/tasks assigned
Quizzes/tasks available June 8 – 17 (some will have specific dates)
Exam available June 18 & 19.

**Section 2**
Chapter 3 through 6 (and any other materials assigned)
Quizzes/tasks available June 21 - July 8 (some will have specific dates)
Discussion 1 June 28-30
Exam available July 9 & 10

**Section 3**
Chapter 7 through 10 (and any other materials assigned)
Quizzes/tasks available July 11 – July 29 (some will have specific dates)
Discussion 2 July 26-28
Exam available July 30 & 31

**Section 4**
Chapters 11 and 12 (and any other materials assigned)
Quizzes/tasks available Aug 2 – 12 (some will have specific dates)
Paper due Aug 6
Exam available Aug 13 & 14