This course will look at the history of sociology and gain an understanding of the classical and contemporary sociological theories. The sociological theories will help you understand and explain how society develops, changes and shapes each of us. Gaining an understanding of sociological theories will not only give you insight into social issues but also help you develop a sociological point of view for yourself. Understanding sociological theories includes being able to look at the world’s societies and issues from various points of view, explain those societies and issues and predict what changes may or may not occur in the future.

Course objectives:
(1) Identify and discuss important figures and major theories in sociology
(2) Understand social events through various sociological theories and points of view
(3) Understand how sociological theories can be applied to the same social phenomena
(4) Identify and discuss the evolution of sociology as well as why and how it has evolved
(5) Effectively demonstrate understanding of sociological theories through writing.

Requirements:
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. Problems with access are not an excuse for not completing your work.

Laulima access: Each student is to have access and know how to use the Laulima site for tests, quizzes and other assignments. For any technical problems, you will need to contact UH-ITS by clicking on the Request Assistance tab at the bottom of all Laulima pages.

Required Texts:
Tbd
There will be a textbook and additional readings assigned.

Grading:
Quizzes and Midterms (450 pts)
• There will be 16 quizzes worth 10 pts each for a total of 150 pts (lowest will be dropped).
• There will be a midterm and a final, both non-cumulative with no make-up allowed except for documented major extenuating circumstances. (150 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.

Written Assignments (300 points):
• There will be 3 writing assignment (100 pts each, 500-750 words, roughly equal to 2-3 pages each) during the semester.
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/.

**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 any sources via the Laulima Assignment folder by 5 pm on due date. Late papers will be penalized 20% for up to 24 hours late and no papers will be accepted more than 24 hours late.

Topics will be posted in the Assignment folder on Laulima.

Discussions (2 discussions, 75 pts each for 150 pts) Specific details will be posted on Laulima along with due dates.

**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.

- 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 any points for the discussion. Late posts will result in zero points for the discussion.

- Top points will be awarded to any question that highlights the important ideas and points of the readings as well as less obvious ones.

- Top points will be awarded to responses which answer the question and demonstrates creative or in-depth thinking regarding the topic.

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

**Completion of assignments (100 pts):** each missed assignment will result in a loss of 25 points, more than two missed assignments results in the loss of all 100 pts.

**Extra Credit:** The only opportunity for extra credit is for 75% of the class to complete the eCafe 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. Course evaluations are very important for the instructor and the dept as a way to continue developing and improving courses.

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

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**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 use regular email (UH or otherwise) to contact me unless you are absolutely unable to log on to Laulima. I will not respond to emails unless there is a problem with Laulima and you have let Laulima know.

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. Check Laulima for specific due dates and times. Complete course timeline will be posted by beginning of course.