

COURSE SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY

Moravian College

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Schaefer, Richard T. *Sociology: A Brief Introduction*, 5th Edition.
McGraw-Hill, Inc.

Assorted handouts and websites

COURSE READING MATERIAL

COURSE OUTCOMES

Through this course, students should

1. understand the central ideas that define the field of sociology, its methodology, its major theorists and their contributions
2. examine social trends, their evolution, their effects and implications for social change upon institutions as well as upon individuals
3. increase their knowledge and comprehension of the changing compositions, culture and structure of the United States and worldwide.
4. increase their understanding of and sensitivity to inequality and cross-cultural issues.

Evaluation

Three examinations are given during the semester. The examinations are non-cumulative. They include objective and subjective questions that address the concepts discussed in class and in assigned readings.

In addition to the examinations, students must write two papers of three to four pages in length. These assignments require students to apply sociological concepts to their own lives and the lives of others. Specific information about the papers, including topics and due dates, can be found in the "Guidelines for Papers." Each student also receives a class participation/activities grade. The participation portion of the grade reflects the student's interactions in class. Each class during which an individual provides substantive contributions to class discussion or exercises increases this grade. Conversely, disruption (such as consistently arriving late for class), a lack of

effort, or obvious inactivity (including sleeping) lowers the grade. The activities portion of the grade reflects a student's efforts toward completion of in-class assignments as well as performance on periodic "pop" quizzes.

To determine a course grade, the preceding factors are combined in the following manner.

exams	60% (20% each)
papers	30% (15% each)
class participation/activities	10%

Course grades follow the letter-grade system. Please consult the Moravian College Student Handbook for description of the requirements for attaining each grade. The numerical ranges used in assigning each letter grade in this course are as follows.

A	92%-100%	B-	80%-81.9%	D+	68%-69.9%
A-	90%-91.9%	C+	78%-79.9%	D	62%-67.9%
B+	88%-89.9%	C	72%-77.9%	D-	60%-61.9%
B	82%-87.9%	C-	70%-71.9%	F	0%-59.9%

All policies listed in the college catalog that deal with attendance, withdrawal, cheating, plagiarism, and any other pertinent issues apply to this class.

Please make every possible effort to take exams on the scheduled dates (see course schedule). All missed exams will be taken at the end of the term. Late papers will be accepted with a five point penalty for each day that they are late (including weekends and holidays).

Attendance, itself, does not directly affect students' grades in this course. However, attendance is indirectly reflected in class participation/activities grades. Class participation grades rely, in part, upon presence in class. Also, students may not make up class activities that take place during classes for which they are absent. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain information and distributed materials from any class that he or she misses.



NOTE: THE COURSE SCHEDULE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE PROVIDES AN ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED UPON THE PROGRESSION OF THE TERM.

COURSE SCHEDULE

assignment for this week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Buy the book Read Chapter 1 (pages 14-21 only)	1/16	1/17 Introductions	1/18	1/19 Sociology Basics	1/20
Read Chapter 2	1/23	1/24 Social Research	1/25	1/26 OBSERVATION	1/27
Read Chapter 3	1/30	1/31 Social Research	2/1	2/3 Culture	2/3
Read Chapter 4 Write paper	2/6	2/7 Culture	2/8	2/9 PAPER 1 DUE Socialization	2/10
STUDY!!	2/13	2/14 Socialization	2/15	2/16 EXAM 1	2/17
Read Chapter 5	2/20	2/21 Social Structure	2/22	2/23 Social Structure	2/24
Skim Chapter 6 Read Chapter 8	2/27	2/28 Groups	3/1	3/2 Deviance	3/3
Rest and relax	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10

Read Chapter 9	3/13	3/14 Deviance	3/15	3/16 Social Stratification	3/17
Read Chapter 14 (pages 361-364 only) STUDY!!!	3/20	3/21 Social Stratification	3/22	3/23 EXAM 2	3/24
Read Chapter 14 (pages 366-368 and 370-374 only) Skim Chapter 11	3/27	3/28 Government/ Gender	3/29	3/30 OBSERVATION	3/31
Read Chapter 10	4/3	4/4 SERVICE DAY	4/5	4/6 Race and Ethnicity	4/7
Read Chapter 12	4/10	4/11 Race and Ethnicity	4/12	4/13 PAPER 2 DUE Family	4/14
Read Chapter 13 (pages 327-342 only)	4/17	4/18 Family	4/19	4/20 Religion	4/21
Read Chapter 14 (pages 361-364 and 366-374 only)	4/24	4/25 Religion	4/26	4/27 make-up/review day	4/28
STUDY!!!	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5