

SOCIOLOGY 115-B
Introduction to Sociology
Spring 2010
Tuesday, Thursday 1:10 – 2:20 pm

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Text: *Sociology*, Schaefer (12th edition)

Requirements and Information:

1. Reading assigned material and being prepared to discuss and role play in class. Class participation will be a significant factor in grading.
2. Tests: There will be three tests and one final examination. Questions will include a variety of modalities. Test dates will be: **February 9, March 4, and April 6, 2010**. The date of the final exam will be determined at a later date. Make-up tests will not be given without a documented and appropriate reason. If the make-up test is given, it will be different from the original test.
3. Class attendance and participation is essential to learning. Students who have more than two unexcused absences will drop one grade level for each missed class – for example, a B to a B-, etc. Excused absences will include illness, family emergency, or job interview. Documentation is requested for excused absences.
4. Grading: The final grade will be based on the average score of the exams and, if done, the paper. Class participation can improve the grade by as much as three points, based on regularity and quality. The instructor reviews participation at midterm and at the end of the semester. Points will be added to the final grade dependent upon that evaluation.
5. The Academic Honesty Policy outlined in the Student Handbook will be strictly adhered to in all situations.
6. Office Hours: The Instructor is available Tue and Thurs a half hour before each class. Help is best if sought early. Talk to the Instructor before or after class or email to set up an appointment for other times.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CORRESPONDING TEXT CHAPTERS
(in approximate order of presentation)

Readings and Exercises will be assigned as material is presented.

Assignment	Topic	Chapter(s)
I	Introduction, Sociological Perspective and Research	1, 2
II	Socialization	4
III	Culture and Society	3, 5
IV	Group Concepts	6
V	Social Stratification	9
VI	Race Ethnic and Gender Relations	10, 11, 12
VII	Stratification by Age	13
VIII	Institutions – Family, Religion, and Education	14, 15, 16
IX	Social Change and Collective Behavior	7, 21, 22
X	Urbanization	20
XI	Deviance	8
XII	Medicine & Health	19
XIII	The Economy and Worth	23

Choose any activist or extremist group in the U.S. concerned with a social issue. Research the following about them.

1. Describe the history or background of the group as it evolved in this country.
2. Describe the present state of the group. What is happening now? What are the controversial issues surrounding the group at present?
3. Describe projections of what the group will be like in the future.
4. Describe how the individual is affected by membership in the group.
5. Describe how society as a whole will be affected by this group. Do the issues that they present have a positive or negative effect on society?
6. Be sure to use the information in your text and notes regarding social movements as a framework for your analysis.

Requirements:

1. The paper must be typed.
2. The paper should be a minimum of 12 typed pages.
3. A bibliography is to be included at the end of the paper.
4. At least six sources (books, journals or news magazines) besides the textbook are to be used.
5. The paper may be turned in no later than **April 14, 2010**.
6. The format given above must be strictly adhered to with each area covered in the body of the paper.
7. Please have the instructor approve your choice before writing the paper.

A few examples of groups from the many that could be chosen:

N.O.W.

K.K.K.

Any Civil Rights group dealing with racial minorities, sexual minorities, handicapped persons

A.C.L.U.

N.R.A.

Common Cause

Tea Party Movement