

Syllabus for UWX SC101

Introduction to Sociology

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

Sociology is a special field of behavioral science that examines social relationships in a systematic way. It studies people in interaction with each other on a personal level, within and across social organizations, and across larger social systems.

Prerequisite(s)

None

Course Outcomes

- Apply sociological theories and perspectives on culture and society.
- Differentiate among sociological theories.
- Describe cultures and societies from the culture's own perspective.
- Describe the impact of the social and physical environment on individual experience.
- Identify the interconnection between theory, methods, and realities.
- Interpret quantitative and qualitative evidence to reveal behavioral and attitudinal trend.
- Exchange ideas in a civil manner with classmates and/or the community.
- Address important issues locally and globally using sociological knowledge.

Course Requirements/Components

Lesson and Topic	Assessments
1 Perspectives, Theory, and Method	Reflection and discussion
2 Sociological Investigation	Essay and discussion
3 Culture	Essay and discussion
4 Society	Discussion
5 Socialization	Reflection
6 Social Interaction in Everyday Life	Paper

7 Groups and Organizations	Essay
8 Deviance	Discussion
9 Social Stratification and Social Class in the United States	Reflection
10 Race and Ethnicity	Paper
11 Families	Essay and discussion
12 Economy and Work	Reflection
13 Politics and Government	Essay
14 Education, Health and Medicine	Reflection
15 Collective Behavior and Social Movements	Paper

Discussions

Discussions with others in the class draw from material you have read and ask you to apply your understanding of the readings to real-life situations or your own personal experience. You will be asked to make an initial post and two reply posts.

Essays

Essays target a specific topic and are relatively brief compared to a paper, about a page. An essay does not require detailed analysis, but may ask you to provide an example of a concept or to apply the topic to a real-life situation.

Papers

Papers tend to be analytical. They draw from your readings and require you to answer questions in detail, but will also ask for your opinion. Each paper should be around 2-3 pages.

Reflections

Reflections ask you to think deeply on an issue. These assignments tend to be personal and ask you to state how you feel in light of provided information. Each reflection should be around 1-2 pages.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

- 1) Discussions (7): 25%
- 2) Essays (5): 25%
- 3) Papers (3): 25%
- 4) Reflections (5): 25%

The following point scale will be used to evaluate course assignments:

Points	
96-100	A
91-95	A-
88-90	B+
84-87	B
81-83	B-
78-80	C+
74-77	C
71-73	C-
68-70	D+
64-67	D
61-63	D-
60 and below	F