

# SOCIOLOGY THE STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR



## SOCIOLOGY I

### INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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My MAIL BOX is located in-**BGS 317**. Any work left in my mail box, must be-**TIME, DATE STAMPED** by the secretary.

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**When you email me you must have the course ticket number (22835) in the subject line, or it will not get read.**

**Please note** that this is a Blackboard-facilitated course. All students are required to utilize Blackboard. To meet course requirements necessary to pass this course; all students must ensure that they have regular (several times weekly) access to a computer with a reliable internet connection. Computers are available on campus and at many public libraries.

**For Directions on how to log in on Blackboard**, please click the following link:

Student Technical Support for logging into Blackboard:

<http://www.saddleback.edu/de/help1.html>

**Please note:**

1. Exams and quizzes must be completed when selected. They cannot be resumed at a later date.
2. Each exam and quiz has a posted time limit; exceeding the time limit will result in a one point penalty for every minute or portion that you exceed the time limit.
3. Please note, you are only permitted one attempt for both objective and essay portions of each exam.
4. The exam does not allow backtracking. That is, changes to the answers after submission are prohibited.
5. To prevent problems with the quizzes and exams, do not use the back arrow, the refresh button, and do not have other programs/windows open while you are taking the quiz. Should you experience a technical problem, please contact your professor as soon as possible so that she can reset the quiz/exam for you.

**For Discussion Boards:**

1. Click on the —Discussions button on the left menu or use the link provided in the —Assignments folders.
2. Follow the directions and onscreen prompts for posting a new discussion board item or for responding to another student's posting.

**Technical Difficulties:**

If you experience difficulties with the Blackboard that last beyond a few hours, you must immediately contact me. General questions or problems with navigating Blackboard can often be resolved by reading the general instructions for Blackboard available at <http://www.saddleback.edu/de/documents/BBInfoandFAQ.pdf>

**Please note** that it is your responsibility to notify me of a technical difficulty before an assignment or exam is due. Failure to do so may result in a failing grade on the exam or assignment. **Please note** that *exam and quiz due dates will not be extended for technical difficulties related to personal computer equipment, only for system-wide Blackboard errors.* It is suggested that you do not wait until the last minute to complete your work. *All assignments completed within 24 hours of the due date are done so at your own risk.*

**For Available Computer Access on Campus**

(This is a direct link to all student computer labs on campus)

[Computer Labs for Student Use on Campus](#)

**Course description**

Welcome to sociology I or introduction to sociology. This course emphasizes the sociological perspective of human behavior; institutions and patterns of human interaction; the origin and nature of culture; the socialization processes; and the natural forces and consequences of sociological change.

Because this is an introductory level course there are no prerequisites.

**Learning outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the historical and scientific characteristics of Sociology as an academic discipline
2. Analyze specific sociological topics, utilizing the major theoretical models that are appropriate for each specific topic.
3. Demonstrate the academic and practical importance of studying Sociology.
4. Identify important sociological concepts associated with the study of socialization.

5. Explain the underlying dynamics of social and cultural change.

**Dropping the class:**

If you wish to drop the class, you are responsible for initiating the paperwork. Do not assume that you will be dropped, even if you only attend one class. If you suddenly stop attending the class and never return, expect a grade of "F".

**First Week of Class Begins:** 📅 Monday,  
10/17/2011

**Add without Instructor Permission by:** 📅 Sunday,  
10/16/2011

**Drop with Refund by:** 📅 Friday,  
10/21/2011

**Elect Pass/No Pass by:** 📅 Wednesday,  
11/2/2011

**Drop without 'W' Grade by:** 📅 Wednesday,  
11/2/2011

**Drop with 'W' Grade by:** 📅 Wednesday,  
11/23/2011

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**Required Materials:**

The required textbooks for this course are:

**Sociology**

By Richard T. Schaefer, Introduction to Sociology/ Sociology in Modules. Custom Edition, Created for Sherry Miller-White at Saddleback College  
McGraw-Hill, Inc. Publishers, New York

Student Review Manual: Study Guide to accompany: Sociology, Twelfth Edition Schaefer, suggested.

**EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING POLICY:**

There will be a total of four exams. The emphasis in the class is on learning and understanding sociology. Thus, students are encouraged to ask questions and explore new and challenging ideas related to sociology with each other on the discussion boards.

**OBJECTIVE EXAMS:**

All exams are objective. Don't skip any exams and expect your grade to be the same. All objective exams have 50 questions.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Plagiarism is using other people's words or ideas as your own or not giving appropriate credit to the creator of those ideas. This is a form of cheating and it will not be tolerated in this class.

Duplicate copies of any written assignment (chapter outline, discussion board comments or any other written work) will be considered cheating.

Cheating will result in a failure on that assignment and you may be dropped from the course. Paperwork will be completed which will be forwarded to the Dean of Students for discipline, which can include expulsion from the college.

**THE GRADING SCALE**

<b>Grade Points Possible</b>	<b>No. of Assignments x Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Exams	4 x 50	200
Discussion Boards	4 x 16	64
Wiki Terms	16 x 5	80

**20 Extra Credit** Points may be earned with 4 extra wiki terms

- 90% = A
- 80% = B
- 70% = C
- 60% = D
- 59% AND Below = F

Grades will be available on Blackboard. Click the grade button on the Blackboard menu and a breakdown of information on your grade should appear.

**COMMUNICATION:**

All enrolled students are provided with a Saddleback College email address. You may access your email address through MySite. Please make sure that you know how to use and access your email using your school email address before the class begins. I will use this email address to communicate with you. Information, feedback and other vital information will be sent to you on a regular basis. It is necessary that you check your email on a regular or daily basis.

When you contact me, please identify yourself with your full name, class name, and ticket number. This will ensure a more prompt response. If you do not provide this information it will delay my ability to respond to you.

I recommend that you utilize your Saddleback College email account when emailing me, because other email services (e.g., Hotmail) may block replies from me. In addition, I can only discuss grade related information with you by email if you email me from your Saddleback email account.

This syllabus is tentative and is subject to change at the professor's discretion. Students are responsible for noting any changes announced on Blackboard.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

This course meets the requirements set forth in the accessibility checklist and universal design grid provided by Special Services. The Web pages, video presentation, textbooks and class materials used in this course are accessible to students with disabilities.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS**

All assignments have a due date and must be turned in on or before that date. All Exams and Assignments are due by 11:55 p.m. on the date

listed on the EXAM AND ASSIGNMENT page.

### **Exams**

There will be a total of four Exams worth 50 points each. Each exam will cover the chapters indicated from the text, and the lecture material. Exams are not cumulative. Discussion board activities will reinforce information covered in each section.

All exams are objective and based on straight percentage points. Many of the questions are designed to motivate and test "critical thinking skills." As such, many questions may not be as easy as they appear to be.

All exams are administered on Blackboard. You may take each exam only once. Once the exam has been opened, you will have a period of 1 hour and 30 minutes to complete it. Exam dates are posted on the HOMEWORK AND ASSIGNMENTS page.

### **Discussion Boards**

There will be a discussion board topic posted for each unit. All students are required to submit thoughtful and clear "thoughts" for discussion board topics. You are also required to respond other students' postings to fulfill this requirement.

Each posting will be graded based on how well it addresses the specific issue, as well as the quality of thoughts expressed. Each discussion topic is worth a total of 4 points. You may earn 2 point for each post and 2 point for each response.

### **Class Wiki**

Each student is required to post 2 Sociological concepts in each Unit to the Wiki. A thorough definition should consist of no less than four well developed sentences. If the definition is taken directly from your text or another source, please reference your information.

You are expected to use the class textbook as your primary source for learning and references. If you use additional outside references they must be Sociological. No Wikipedia references accepted. For example, if you are looking up the definition of a sociological term, use a Sociological Dictionary and or resource.

You may post up to 4 additional Sociological Terms in the Wiki for extra credit. You may post a maximum of 20 Sociological Concepts (including 4 extra credit terms). Each Wiki concept is worth up to 5 points.

You may also use the Wiki as a study tool for each Exam.

**HOMEWORK AND ASSIGNMENTS:** See detailed explanations of each Unit's assignments and activities and due dates below and in Blackboard.

<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?</b>	<b>Exam 1 September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011</b>
	<p>A general discussion of Sociology The Historical Origins of Sociology</p> <p><b>Reading, Chapter 1</b>- What is Sociology? Power Point Presentation- Chapter 1</p> <p><b>Reading Chapter 2</b>-Doing Research in Sociology Power Point Chapter 2</p>	
	<b>Assignment- Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due</b> 8/23/ 2011
	<b>Assignment- Discussion Boards Response</b>	<b>Due</b> -8/25/ 2011
	<b>Assignment – Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due</b> - 8/29/ 2011
	<b>Assignment - Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due</b> - 8/31/ 2011
<b>Unit 2</b>	<b>SOCIAL PROCESSES; BECOMING OUR SOCIAL SELVES</b>	<b>Exam 2-September 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011</b>
	<p><b>Reading Chapter 4</b>- Socialization and the Life Course Power Point Presentation- Chapter 4</p> <p><b>Reading Chapter 5</b> - Social Interaction, Social Structure and Groups Power Point Presentation- Chapter 5</p> <p><b>Reading Chapter 3</b>- Culture Power Point Presentation- Chapter 3</p>	
	<b>Assignment- Wiki Terms</b> Two Extra Credit Terms may be	<b>Due</b> - 9/6/ 2011

	posted	
	<b>Assignment - Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due-9/8/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due –9/12/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment - Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due-9/14/ 2011</b>
<b>Unit 3      SOCIETAL ORGANIZATION CONSIDERING STRATIFICATION, DEVIANCE, INEQUALITY, SOCIAL CONTROL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION      Exam 3-September 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> , 2011</b>		
	<b>Reading Chapter 8- Stratification and Social Control in the United States</b> <b>Power Point Presentation- Chapter 8</b>	
	<b>Reading Chapter 7- Deviance and Social Control</b> <b>Power Point Presentation- Chapter 7</b>	
	<b>Reading Chapter 10 - Racial and Ethnic Inequality</b> <b>Power Point Presentation- Chapter 10</b>	
	<b>Reading Chapter 9- Global Inequality</b> <b>Power Point Presentation- Chapter 9</b>	
	<b>Assignment- Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due – 9/19/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due – 9/21/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due –9/26/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due – 9/28/ 2011</b>

<b>Unit 4</b>	<b>Society, SOCIAL ORGANIZATION And SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS</b>	<b>Exam 4-October 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> , 2011</b>
	Reading Chapter 13-The Family and Intimate Relationships Power Point Presentation- Chapter 13  Reading Chapter 15-Religion Power Point Presentation- Chapter 15  Reading Chapter 14- Education Power Point Presentation- Chapter 14	
	<b>Assignment - Wiki Terms</b> Two extra credit terms may be posted	<b>Due – 10/3/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment –Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due – 10/5/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Wiki Terms</b>	<b>Due – 10/10/ 2011</b>
	<b>Assignment – Discussion Board Response</b>	<b>Due – 10/12/ 2011</b>