

Clarendon College
Division of Arts and Sciences
On-line Sociology 1301
(3 semester hours)
Summer Session May 31- July 7, 2011

Instructor: Mrs. Linda Comer

Required Text: Henslin, James M, *Essentials of Sociology*. New York: Pearson/Allyn and Bacon, 2009.

Course Description: This course utilizes sociological theories and scientific methodology in an examination of: culture and social structure; groups and organizations; socialization; institutions; stratification (including ethnic, gender, and class relations); and social change.

Statement of Purpose: Sociology 1301 partially satisfies the requirements for the Associates degree at Clarendon College and is designed for transfer to a senior college. The major purpose of this course is to help you understand the ways in which societies operate. We will focus primarily on this society, and how individuals fit into it. that which is often "taken for granted."

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of Sociology 1301, students should be able to:
To employ the appropriate methods, technologies, and data that social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.

To examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods, social structures, and cultures.

To use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.

To develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

To analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on the area under study.

To analyze, critically assess, and develop creative solutions to public policy problems.

To identify and understand differences and commonalities within diverse cultures

Methods of Instructions: All of the following will be used in the course as a method of instruction: online notes, assigned reading from texts, quizzes/tests, WebCT, research, e-mail

Class Policies: Plagiarism or cheating in any form is not permitted and is considered serious academic misconduct. If it is determined that a student has plagiarized or cheated on any assignment, a failing grade will be given for the assignment. Possible further disciplinary action may be taken against the student. Cheating violations include, but are not limited to: (1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given; (3) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment; (4) entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage; (5) taking an examination for another person; (6) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (7) altering grade records; (8) using any unauthorized form of electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; (9) Plagiarism. Plagiarism is the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person without proper credit.

Accommodations Statement: Clarendon College provides reasonable accommodations for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities. Should you require special accommodations, notify the Office of Student Services (806-874-3571 or 800-687- 9737). We will work with you to make whatever accommodations we need to make.

Withdrawal Procedure: If a student is unable to complete this course or decides it will be impossible to complete with a passing grade, he/she may drop the course and receive a “W.” Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that the student must initiate. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive an “F.” Any student who wishes to drop a course must be aware of the official drop dates. To drop a course the student must procure a drop form from the Office of Student Services

Grading and Class Procedures: The grade will be taken from, tests, discussion boards, lecture responses, and a short research paper. Class work will consist of various assignments and activities. There will be two timed test: a mid-term and a non-comprehensive final. The final grade in this course will be determined by the following:

Tests	50%
Research/Writing assignment	25%
Discussion board responses	25%

Grading Scale: 90-100=**A** 80-89=**B** 70-79=**C** 60-69=**D** Below 60=**F**

Tentative Course Outline:

Week 1: Sociological Perspective
Culture
Socialization

Week 2: Social Structure
Social Groups and Organizations
Deviance and Social Control

Week 3: Global Stratification
Social Class
Race and Ethnicity

Week 4: Gender and Age
Politics and Economy
Marriage and Family

Week 5: Education and Religion
Population and Urbanization
Social Change and Environment

Week 6: Last class discussion
Study for exam
Take Final Exam

