Introduction to Sociology

SYG 1000

Course Description:
Sociology is the scientific and systematic study of human associations called societies; it is an understanding of how these associations are organized and the reasons for their formation. Sociology examines how we and others create and change the world in which we live, as well as how we are influenced and changed by the society around us. This course is an overview of the fundamentals of sociology, including theories and methodologies; basic sociological concepts, such as status, roles, and groups; and research on social structures, inequality, institutions, and change.

Course Learning Objectives (including liberal studies learning objectives assigned to the course): By the conclusion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Identify, define and illustrate basic sociological concepts, including the dominant theoretical perspectives and major research methods used in sociological research.
2. Apply these sociological concepts and theoretical frameworks to personal experiences, popular media, and current events in order to recognize the difference between sociological reasoning and personal opinion.
3. Critically examine, interpret, and explain how structures of inequality shape the past and present lives of individuals and groups.
4. Critically examine, interpret, and explain how large-scale social institutions such as the family, the economy, and education, etc., shape our lives and the social world we live in.
5. Identify how individuals perpetuate and change social structure through participation in social groups.

This course also has been approved to meet FSU's Liberal Studies Social Sciences requirements and helps you become a critical analyst of theories and evidence about social forces and social experience. By the end of this course, students will:
- Discuss the role of social factors in contemporary problems or personal experiences.
- Analyze claims about social phenomena.

Grading Assignments: (List assignments typically associated with the course. Include Participation, if appropriate.)
Quizzes, Exams, Written Assignments, Discussion Boards

LIBERAL STUDIES STATEMENT

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UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY

Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students' academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and... [to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Florida State University (FSU) values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. FSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with academic standards of the course while empowering the student to meet integral requirements of the course.

To receive academic accommodations, a student:

(1) must register with and provide documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS); (2) must provide a letter from OAS to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type; and, (3) should communicate with the instructor, as needed, to discuss recommended accommodations. A request for a meeting may be initiated by the student or the instructor.

Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from the Office of Accessibility Services has been provided.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.

For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the

Office of Accessibility Services

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108 Student Services Building
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167
(850) 644-9566 (voice) (850) 644-8504 (TDD)
oas@fsu.edu
https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Your academic success is a top priority for Florida State University. University resources to help you succeed include tutoring centers, computer labs, counseling and health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans and students with disabilities. The following information is not exhaustive, so please check with your advisor or the Dean of Students office to learn more.

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

Various centers and programs are available to assist students with navigating stressors that might impact academic success. These include the following:

Victim Advocate Program
University Center A, Room 4100
(850) 644-7161 Available 24/7/365
Office Hours: M-F 8-5
https://dsst.fsu.edu/vap

Counseling & Psychological Services
Askew Student Life Center, 2nd Floor
942 Learning Way
(850) 644-8255
https://counseling.fsu.edu/

University Health Services
Health and Wellness Center
(850) 644-6230
https://uhs.fsu.edu