



SYG 3002 Basic Ideas of Sociology

Section: RVC

Internet/Fully Online

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Course Description and Purpose

Welcome to SYG 3002 – Basic Ideas of Sociology. In this course, you'll be learning the basic theories of sociology – the study of human societies. This course will cover basic sociological theories and perspectives, and examine how these theories are used, and applicable, throughout society itself – from large scale systems of economic and political power, to the everyday lives of individuals.

Please read this entire syllabus. The syllabus is an agreement between students and instructor. It provides an overview of the expectations for you, the student, as well as what you can expect of your assignments. It also includes my contact information, information concerning course materials and technology use for the course, and grading and course policies. I'm looking forward to a productive semester, so please read this syllabus carefully and make sure this is the right section of this course for you.

Course Goals

This class is a part of the University Core Curriculum

This course satisfies the following University Core Curriculum requirement for Social Science Group Two (university-required):

- Students will demonstrate the ability to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

Students will be able to:

- CO1. Investigate the basic concepts of sociological theories, and their general history
- CO2. Analyze the influence of social structures at multiple scales - from the individual to the global
- CO3. Identify how theoretical perspectives influence everything from academic disciplines to large-scale social structures
- CO4. Explain how globalization, media influence, systems of power, and other aspects of the contemporary world in which we live influence our lives, and society in general

Expectations of the Course

Late Work and Make-Up Policy:

Late work will not be accepted for this class without a documented, university-accepted, excused reason for the "absence." A University-excused absence is one that is a result of a religious holiday, illness, or serious emergency (so, a scheduled doctor's appointment is not an "excused" absence from the course, but emergency surgery is.) If you need to make-up an assignment due to an excused absence, please provide the instructor with the appropriate documentation for your absence (this must be done within one week of the missed assignment if you're well enough to contact the instructor, and before the last week of the semester; make-up work will not be accepted during the last week of the semester unless it is work from that same week.)

Assignments

All work for this course must be **original work** intended to address each individual assignment and not work that was previously done for other courses. Each week's readings and films must be viewed or read before that week's class meeting.

Additionally, students are expected to:

- Take the Practice Quiz to ensure that your computer is compatible with the learning management system, Canvas;
- Review the Academic Honesty Policy and accept the conditions of University Policy
- Interact online with instructor and peers online. Students are expected to read the entire Discussion for each Module, paying close attention to questions and answers about the course materials, as Discussion material may be useful for assignments and quizzes;
- Review and follow the course calendar and weekly outlines, logging in at least once per week:
- Submit assignments by their deadlines. No late work will be accepted;

Assessments

- In order to mitigate any issues with your computer and online assessments, it is very important that you take the "Practice Quiz" from each computer you will be using to take your graded quizzes and exams. It is your responsibility to make sure your computer meets the minimum hardware requirements.
- All assessments will auto-submit when (1) the timer runs out OR (2) the closing date/time is reached, whichever happens first. For example, if a quiz has a closing time of 5:00 pm but the student begins the exam at 4:55 pm, the student will only have 5 minutes to complete the quiz.
- Assessments in this course are not compatible with mobile devices and should not be taken through a mobile phone or a tablet. If you need further assistance please contact FIU Canvas Help Team.

Grading

Grade Distribution:

Course Requirements	Number of Items	Points for Each	Total Points Available	Weight
QCC Assignments	2	250	500	50%
Module Discussions	3	100	300	30%
Final Reflection	1	100	100	10%
Final Quiz	1	100	100	10%
Total	7	-	1000	100%

Grading Scheme:

Letter	Range%	Letter	Range%	Letter	Range%
A	94 or above	B	83-86	C	70-76
A-	90-93	B-	80-82	D	60-69
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	F	59 or less

Textbook and Course Materials for Purchase

If no materials listed, no items are needed.

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Required/Recommended: Required

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Publisher: Polity Press

Publication Date: 2019

Copyright Date: 2012

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Course Communication

Communication in this course will take place via the Canvas Inbox. Check out the [Canvas Conversations Tutorial](#) or [Canvas Guide](#) to learn how to communicate with your

instructor and peers using Announcements, Discussions, and the Inbox. I will respond to all correspondences within 24 hours.

Discussion Forums

- Your primary Discussion posts for each Module must include a substantive mention of something from that Module's course materials. (See Course Expectations in the Modules for further details on assignment expectations.)
- Discussion Posts must be uploaded on time for the opportunity to receive full credit. (Full points are not guaranteed however just for submission; submissions will be graded on their quality.)
- Discussion Posts will receive the maximum amount of points if they include specific commentary or questions about the concepts for the Module course materials, and show evidence of you having done the readings and viewed supplementary materials for that week.

The Discussions Forum for this course is meant to simulate a face-to-face classroom discussion, but in a way that allows the class discussion to remain visible so you can go back and read through at another time if you need that information again. You're welcome to use (respectful) informal language and chat in a way similar to an in-person college class in which you ask questions about the course material, make comments, and have discussions with your peers. If you have never had that kind of course before, and you've only had lecture-style courses in which the students don't ever speak and you just listen to the professor tell you the same thing that you've already read in the course materials, then this will be a new (and, hopefully, interesting) experience for you.

Zoom Video Conference

There is no "Zoom" component for this course.

Policies

Please review the [FIU's Policies webpage](#). The policies webpage contains essential information regarding guidelines relevant to all courses at FIU, as well as additional information about acceptable netiquette for online courses. For additional information, please visit [FIU's Policy and Procedure Library](#).

As a member of the FIU community, you are expected to be knowledgeable about the behavioral expectations set forth in the [FIU Student Conduct and Honor Code](#).

Technical Requirements and Skills

One of the greatest barriers to student success is a lack of basic computer literacy. By computer literacy, we mean being able to manage and organize computer files efficiently and learning to use your computer's operating system and software quickly and easily. Keep in mind that this is not a computer literacy course, but students enrolled in online courses are expected to have moderate proficiency in using a computer. Please go to the [What's Required webpage](#) to find out more information on this subject

Privacy Policy Statements for Partners and Vendors

- [Canvas](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [Adobe](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [ProctorU](#)
- [HonorLock](#)
- [Turnitin](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
- [Zoom](#)

- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

Please visit our [Technical Requirements webpage](#) for additional information.

Accessibility and Accommodation

The Disability Resource Center collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable. The DRC provides FIU students with disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact the Center at 305-348-3532 or visit them at the Graham Center GC 190.

For additional assistance please contact [FIU's Disability Resource Center](#).

Web Accessibility Statements for Partners and Vendors

- [Canvas](#)
- [Microsoft](#)
- [Adobe](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [ProctorU](#)
- [HonorLock](#)
- [Turnitin](#)
- [OpenStax](#)
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Please visit accessibility.fiu.edu for additional information about accessibility at FIU.

Academic Integrity

Florida International University is a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas, and community service. All students should respect the right of others to have an equitable opportunity to learn and honestly demonstrate the quality of their learning. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to a standard of academic conduct, which demonstrates respect for themselves, their fellow students, and the educational mission of the University. All students are deemed by the University to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Conduct and Honor Code.

Academic Misconduct includes:

Cheating

- The unauthorized use of any materials, information, study aids or assistance from another person on any academic assignment or exercise, unless explicitly authorized by the course Instructor;
- Assisting another student in the unauthorized use of any materials, information, study aids, unless explicitly authorized by the Instructor; and
- Having a substitute complete any academic assignment or completing an academic assignment for someone else, either paid or unpaid;

Plagiarism

- The deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the Student's own.
- Assisting another student in the deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the representation of such work as the student's own.

Learn more about the [academic integrity policies and procedures](#) as well as [student resources](#) that can help you prepare for a successful semester.

Panthers Care & Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

If you are looking for help for yourself or a fellow classmate, Panthers Care encourages you to express any concerns you may come across as it relates to any personal behavior concerns or worries you have, for the classmate's well-being or yours; you are encouraged to share your concerns with [FIU's Panthers Care website](#).

[Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) offers free and confidential help for anxiety, depression, stress, and other concerns that life brings. Professional counselors are available for same-day appointments. Don't wait to call (305) 348-2277 to set up a time to talk or visit the online self-help portal.

Inclusivity

This course will serve to embrace the diversity and inclusivity found within Florida International University. We appreciate and respect diversity, equality, equity, cooperativeness, community, and sustainability within our online courses. We are committed to the ongoing education of our students and their participation within the course regardless of gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, geographical location, religion, and disability. We strive in encouraging collaboration by preparing our students to value the differences in others. At the core of our intentions is the encouragement of acceptance and appreciation of differences within our student population and community.

Copyright

The following conduct is prohibited by the Student Conduct and Honor Code. Lack of familiarity with University policy is not a defense to a violation of this Code. Unless specifically noted, the intent is not a required element to establish a policy violation. The following conduct violation or any attempt to violate the Code will be used in charging all Students or Student Organizations;

Section 5 | Conduct Violations - g. Computer Misuse

- vii. Unauthorized distribution or downloading of copyrighted materials, including but not limited to, unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing. This is a violation whether the user is using their own personal computer or the University's information technology system for unauthorized distributions.

Copyright Statement: The materials and content in this online course are provided solely for student use during the course. Course materials may not be shared outside of the course or with any third party without the explicit permission of the instructor or content publisher. [Visit FIU Library's Copyright Lib Guide](#) to learn more about copyright law and restrictions.

Additional Resources:

- [Student Conduct and Honor Code](#)
- [Digital Millennium Copyright Act Policy](#)
- [FIU - Copyright Guidance for Students](#)
- [FIU Library's Copyright Lib Guide](#)

Proctored Exams

Please note that the information contained in this section applies only if your course requires a proctored exam.

Through a careful examination of this syllabus, it is the student's responsibility to determine whether this online course requires proctored exams. Please visit our [Student Proctored Exam Instructions webpage](#) for important information concerning proctored exams, proctoring centers, and important forms.