

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology
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Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 -9:15 AM, PC 213

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Course Description & Objectives:

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology. The purpose of this course is to expose you to a variety of human ideas and behavior and learn to understand them in broader social contexts. To do so we first introduce major theories and analytical frameworks in sociology. We will then survey various substantive topics that sociologists do research on, including family, education, work, race, ethnicity, gender, class, organization, medicine, deviance, social change, and so on. You will need further training for a fuller coverage of the substantive topics and research methodology in sociology, but upon the completion of this course, you should be able to appreciate the sociological perspective. Course materials will be assigned over 14 weeks. Your work will be evaluated based on online quizzes and an extra-credit essay. Students who apply good study skills — consistently reading assigned materials and completing all quizzes on time — can expect to do well in the course.

By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to:

- Define and explain basic concepts, theories, and research methods of sociology.
- Make sense of the interrelationships between social entities at different analytic levels.
- Grasp the foundations of social heterogeneities and inequalities.
- Apply the sociological analytic framework to achieve a critical understanding of society.
- Develop viewpoints on how to promote constructive change in societies.

Required Online Text:

REVEL for *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach* -- Access Card (13 Edition)
Author: James M. Henslin
Publisher: Pearson, 2016
ISBN-13: 9780134253350

This course will use the more affordable REVEL version instead of the physical copy of the textbook. The REVEL version is an interactive e-textbook that is available on any device (smart phone, tablet, computer) where you can listen or read your text. It also contains online chapter quizzes which will be part of your course grade. Here is how to buy and access the e-text:

- Go to: <https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/emnqg2>
- Sign in with your Pearson Account. You can either sign in with an existing Pearson username and password OR create a new Pearson account if this is your first Pearson digital product. Very importantly, you MUST use your FIU email. If your existing Pearson user account was registered with a non-FIU email, please register for a new user account using your FIU email.

Failing to do so will cause major problems with your grading profile. This course is typically large in enrollment size, which means I will not be able to validate and fix individual records.

- Choose your course under 'My Courses' and choose an access option: redeem an access code that you got from bookstores or purchase access online.

Requirements & Grading:

Once you gain access to the online text, you will see 14 weekly assignments with clearly specified due dates (also see the course outline). Each of them contains a chapter and the chapter quiz. There are 15 questions in each quiz. You get 2 attempts to answer each question correctly. Each question is worth 5 points initially but will decrease by 2 points in value if the first attempt is incorrect. You will need to read the assigned chapter and attend the classes in order to perform well in the quiz. All quizzes should be completed and submitted via REVEL by 11:00 PM on the due dates. To avoid last-minute glitches, please budget time to finish the chapter quizzes well in advance. Late submissions will not be graded. There will be no exception.

You may also choose to submit an optional final essay of 1200-1500 words on the last day of the semester (April 21) via email. Please do NOT submit early as I will likely lose it. The essay will be graded on a basis of 75 points, which will be added to your overall course grade as extra credit. When you submit, include your full name and FIU ID in the subject line (i.e., SYG 2000-Final Essay-John Smith-1237654). Attach your essay as a Word document or PDF file. The essay should be your reflections on your own life with regard to one or more chapter topics (gender, education, deviance, etc.). I do not expect a research paper but a personal statement. Please do not feel compelled to reveal any privacy—that does not really help with your grade.

In total, the 14 assignments add up to 1050 points. On top of this, the optional essay contributes an additional 75 points as extra credit. The final course grade will be determined according to the following scheme.

A	1001-1050
A -	951-1000
B+	901-950
B	851-900
B-	801-850
C+	751-800
C	701-750
D	651-700
F	0-650

Email:

Always use your FIU email address. To avoid deletions by mistake (I do this more often than you think), please include the course number in the subject line (e.g., SYG 2000-Question about Chapter 12 Quiz). If there no response in 24 hours, email again.

Course Outline:

Week 1 (1/9, 11)	Chapter 1 The Sociological Perspective REVEL Quiz due 1/15
Week 2 (1/16, 18)	Chapter 2 Culture REVEL Quiz due 1/22
Week 3 (1/23, 25)	Chapter 3 Socialization REVEL Quiz due 1/29
Week 4 (1/30, 2/1)	Chapter 5 How Sociologists Do Research REVEL Quiz due 2/5
Week 5 (2/6, 8)	Chapter 9 Global Stratification REVEL Quiz due 2/12
Week 6 (2/13, 15)	Chapter 10 Social Class in the United States REVEL Quiz due 2/19
Week 7 (2/20, 22)	Chapter 11 Sex and Gender REVEL Quiz due 2/26
Week 8 (2/27, 29)	Chapter 12 Race and Ethnicity REVEL Quiz due 3/5
Week 9 (3/6, 8)	Chapter 16 Marriage and Family REVEL Quiz due 3/12
Week 10 (3/13, 15)	Spring Break
Week 11 (3/20, 22)	Chapter 17 Education REVEL Quiz due 3/26
Week 12 (3/27, 29)	Chapter 8 Deviance and Social Control REVEL Quiz due 4/2
Week 13 (4/3, 5)	Chapter 19 Medicine and Health REVEL Quiz due 4/9
Week 14 (4/10, 12)	Chapter 21 Collective Behavior and Social Movements REVEL Quiz due 4/16
Week 15 (4/17, 19)	Chapter 22 Social Change and the Environment REVEL Quiz due 4/21 Extra credit essay due 4/21