



## SYG 3002 Basic Ideas of Sociology

Section: U02

In Person

Fall Term 2024

### Course Meeting Information

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Classes are scheduled from 10:00 PM to 10:50 PM, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Vierdes Haus (VH) 133.

Table with Class Meeting Times  
and Location

Class Meeting Times	
Day:	MWF
Time:	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Location:	VH 133

### Professor Information

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**Office Hours:**

By appointment on Zoom

## **Course Description and Purpose**

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This course will survey some of the most widely used and discussed sociological ideas, concepts and theories. It will situate these basic contemporary ideas within the longer traditions and classical schools of thinking and theorizing about society and social issues. The course will approach these ideas through their grouping in broad themes and their relations over time. It will go over the key concepts that are building blocks of these ideas and theories and will introduce major theorists who developed them.

## **Course Goals**

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A central goal will be understanding these abstract sociological theoretical ideas and concepts in a concrete and practical enough way to be able explain and apply them to real world events and issues.

## **UCC Category Description**

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This course satisfies the University Core Curriculum Social Sciences Group 2 requirement.

According to this category:

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**

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Student learning outcomes allow faculty to assess the level of proficiency in content knowledge and skills that their students acquire in a course.

If the objective meets a special designation, you will see the code after the objective:

University Core Curriculum: UCC

Gordon Rule Writing: GRW

Global Learning: GL

Civic Literacy: CL

- CO 1 Identify, define, and evaluate major sociological theories, theorists and theoretical traditions.
- CO 2 Compare and Contrast understandings of social issues from different theoretical perspectives.
- CO 3 Critically examine social issues through the application of sociological theories to concrete cases.
- CO 4 Communicate an understanding of sociological theories through academic research and writing.

## **Expectations of the Course**

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### **Attendance Policy:**

**Attendance at all class meetings is mandatory and will constitute your attendance grade. Attendance will be taken using the FIU Check-In system and App. [https://attendance.fiu.edu/docs/CheckIn2.0\\_Student.pdf](https://attendance.fiu.edu/docs/CheckIn2.0_Student.pdf)**

### **Students are expected to:**

- Attend all class meetings
- Participate actively in class

- Complete tests and written assignments on time
- Regularly check the course Canvas website for announcements, correspondence, feedback, etc.

## Assignments

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Grades will be comprised of:

- Class Attendance
- Class Participation
- Written Assignments - Written responses to prompts at the end of each unit. Generally about 1-2 pages in length is expected to respond to about 3-5 questions.
- Unit Tests - Exams that follow each substantive unit, taken on the course website. They will be a mix of multiple choice, fill in the blank, true-false, matching, definitions, etc. They will generally take about 20-40 minutes to complete.
- Extra Credit - There will be opportunities for additional writing at the end of each substantive unit that may include bringing in additional sources to reflect on the unit material.

## Assessments

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The Course Grade will be determined by the following:

1. Class Attendance (15%)
2. Class Participation (15%)
3. Unit Tests (35%)
4. Written Chapter Assignments (35%)

5. Extra Credit (Up to 1% per unit)

## Grading

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2. Class Participation (15%)
3. Unit Tests (35%)
4. Written Chapter Assignments (35%)
5. Extra Credit (Up to 1% per unit)

## Textbook and Course Materials

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**Contemporary Sociological Theory and its Classical Roots: The Basics Sixth Edition**

**Required/Recommended:** Required

**Authors:** George Ritzer and Jeffrey Stepnisky

**Publisher:** Sage Publishing Company

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Copyright Date:** 2022

**ISBN 10:** 9781544396217

**ISBN 13:** 9781544396231

**Sociological Theory Engagement Package**

**Required/Recommended:** Required

**Authors:** Thompson and Whitworth

**Publisher:** UITAC Publishing

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Copyright Date:** 2023

**ISBN 10:** 9781544396231

**ISBN 13:** 9781544396231

**Notes:** You will get an access code for the website

## **Panther Book Pack**

FIU has implemented the Panther Book Pack rental program, which provides your required print and digital course materials at a flat rate of \$20 per undergraduate credit hour. When you registered for your classes this session, you were notified via email of the required course materials that are included in the Panther Book Pack. The Panther Book Pack program applies to all undergraduate credit hours per academic session. I recommend that you review the pricing for all materials across your classes this session compared to the Panther Book Pack flat rate. If the Panther Book Pack is not your best option, you may opt-out up to three days after the add/drop deadline. You may opt back into the Panther Book Pack up to three days after the add/drop deadline. If you do not opt out of the Panther Book Pack rental program, you will be charged \$20 per credit hour and the course materials will be reserved for you for the undergraduate courses for which you are registered. For more details, visit [onestop.fiu.edu/bookpack](https://onestop.fiu.edu/bookpack).

## **Course Communication**

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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. This is the fastest and simplest way to reach me and get a response.

## **Policies**

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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](#).

In addition, the [FIU Policies and Procedures Library website](#) serves as the official repository for university-wide policies and procedures.

## **Accessibility and Accommodation**

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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](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Respondus LockDown Browser](#)

Please visit [accessibility.fiu.edu](https://accessibility.fiu.edu) for additional information about accessibility at FIU.

# Academic Integrity

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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 University's educational mission. 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, or 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 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 [Student Conduct and Academic Integrity](#).

## **Panthers Care & Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

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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.

## **Copyright**

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The following conduct is prohibited by the Student Conduct and Honor Code. A 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

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Additional Resources:

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