SOCI 101: Principles of Sociology

Prerequisite(s): None

Credits: 3



I. Course Description

An introduction to the basic concepts, terminology, and research in the field of sociology. The focus is upon the ways the unique sociological perspective can provide understanding of group behavior and human relationships.

II. Course Objectives

At the completion of the course, students will:

- **1.** Describe what sociology is and what function sociologists perform in today's society.
- **2.** List the basic components of social science research.
- **3.** Demonstrate how social forces shape individual personality and behavior.
- **4.** Analyze the basic components of sociocultural systems and the mechanisms of social change.
- **5.** Apply the foundational theories of sociology to analysis of a subtopic in the field.
- **6.** Examine the connection between the Christian faith and sociology.

III. Course Textbooks and Reading Materials

The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology 5th edition

Kerry Ferris and Jill Stein ISBN: 9780393239886

E-book version. Inquizitive included to supplement learning.

Print version: ISBN: 9780393264302

This course includes materials provided by the publisher, which are intended to enhance your online learning experience. These materials are available to you through the **Course Materials** tab on your navigation menu and include chapter outline/study notes, flashcards, vocabulary and review practice quizzes and tests. Completion of the assessments contained in the Course Materials section of your course is not required and will not count toward your grade. They are for review purposes only.

Each Learning Module contains a READ & STUDY section, which holds your weekly reading assignment and Lectures. Also included in this section are **AUDIO CHAPTER**

OUTLINES, included as an audio alternative to the PowerPoint presentations. You may choose to complete one or the other. Completion of both is NOT required.

IV. Weekly Information

Module One - Week 1

Thinking Sociologically and Doing Sociology

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Define sociology and related concepts
- Explain the importance of sociology in today's world
- Discuss various sociological theories
- Describe social responsibility
- Articulate the differences between qualitative and quantitative research
- Identify five types of sociological research

Reading

Chapter 1: Sociology and the Real World, pp. 6 - 34

Chapter 2: Studying Social Life: Sociological Research Methods, pp. 38 - 63

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 1 and 2

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Student Introductions
Discussion: Defining Sociology

Written Assignment: Ethical Standards in Research (Essay)

Quiz One: 20 Multiple Choice Questions from Chapters 1 and 2

Module Two – Week 2

Framing Social Life

Module Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Define culture
- Distinguish between ethnocentrism and cultural relativism

- Identify the components of culture
- Articulate the nature versus nurture debate
- Explain how emotions are socially constructed
- Describe the pros and cons of social networking sites
- Discuss anomie and how face-to-face groups may have been replaced by virtual communities
- Compare the different types of power, authority, and leadership
- Identify the sociological definition of deviance and deviant behavior
- Recognize the impact of stigma, including the processes of passing, in-group orientation, deviance avowal, and voluntary outsiders

Reading

Chapter 3: What is Culture? pp. 70 - 91

Chapter 4: Socialization, Interaction, and the Self, pp. 94 - 117 Chapter 5: Separate and Together: Life in Groups, pp. 120 - 145

Chapter 6: Deviance, pp. 148 - 171

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Statements

Quiz Two: 30 multiple choice and true-false test bank questions from Chapters 3 – 6

Module Three – Week 3

Understanding Inequality

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Define and explain social stratification and social inequality.
- Apply the theories of social class of Marx, Weber, Davis and Moore, Bourdieu, Sudnow, and Goffman.
- Explain poverty: relative deprivation, absolute deprivation, and the federal poverty line.
- Discuss the sociological definition of minority.
- Apply the three main theoretical paradigms to race and ethnicity.
- Distinguish between gender and sex.

• List and explain the four major agents of socialization: families, schools, peers, and the media.

Reading

Chapter 7: Social Class: The Structure of Inequality pp. 175 - 209 Chapter 8: Race and Ethnicity as Lived Experience pp. 212 - 237 Chapter 9: Constructing Gender and Sexuality pp. 240 - 267

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 7, 8, and 9

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Social Classes

Written Assignment: "In the Future"

Quiz Three: 20 question multiple choice and true-false test bank questions from

Chapters 7 – 9

Module Four - Week 4

Social Institutions and the Micro-Macro Link

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Explain why politics, education, and religion are grouped together in one chapter
- Apply the links between micro and macro analyses of American education
- Distinguish American religious affiliation trends, including fundamentalism and unchurched spirituality
- Compare the major economic systems of capitalism and socialism as well as explaining how the United States is a capitalist system with some socialist attributes
- Define concepts of the family, including the official U.S. Census definition, extended family, kin, and nuclear family
- Detail how the family acts as an agent of socialization through the various life courses with an emphasis of the problems facing families as America's population ages

Reading

Chapter 10: Social Institutions: Politics, Education and Religion pp. 274 - 311

Chapter 11: The Economy and Work, pp. 314 – 345

Chapter 12: Life at Home: Families and Relationships, pp. 348 - 369

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 10, 11, and 12

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Domestic Violence

Written Assignment: American Family Trends (Essay)

Quiz Four: 20 question multiple choice and true-false test bank questions from Chapters

10 - 12

Module Five – Week 5

Social Media

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Explain how the study of leisure has become an important facet of sociology in contemporary society
- Demonstrate how recreational choices can form bonds with others: role-model relationships, communitarianism, lifestyle enclaves, collector and hobbyist relationships, and hangouts
- List the six major media conglomerations
- Describe how medicine, health, and illness are sociological phenomena
- Distinguish between an epidemic and pandemic
- Relate how our experiences of health and illness are shaped by race, gender, and socioeconomic status
- List five major issues in health care reform in the United States
- Define the problems with end-of-life care

Reading

Chapter 13: Leisure and Media, pp. 372 - 399 Chapter 14: Health and Illness, pp. 402 - 425

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 13 and 14

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Las Vegas Shooting Investigation Written Assignment: Conditions and Behaviors

Quiz Five: 20 question multiple choice and true-false test bank questions from Chapters

13 and 14

Module Six - Week 6

Envisioning the Future and Creating Social Change

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Explain demography including the concept of fertility rates, mortality rates, life expectancy, and migration
- Define urbanization and the terms Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), agglomeration, megalopolis, megacity, global city, and urban density
- Describe environmental sociology including the focus on the political economy of the environment, environmental attitudes, the environmental movement, and sustainable development.
- Demonstrate knowledge of social movements including mass society theory, relative deprivation theory, and resource mobilization theory
- Identify the stages in a social movement, who takes part in social movements, and emerging social movements
- Define social change on multiple levels and dimensions

Reading

Chapter 15: Populations, Cities, and the Environment, pp. 429 - 461

Chapter 16: Social Change, pp. 464 - 486

Lecture and Audio Outline

Chapters 15 and 16

Both audio and visual lectures are included in this module. Choose the format you prefer.

Deliverables

Discussion: Personal Social Environmental Statement

Written Assignment: Internet Research/MSA Location

Quiz 6: 20 question multiple choice and true-false test bank questions from Chapters 15 and 16

Module Seven – Week 7

Sociology - Bringing it all Together

Objectives

At the end of this Module, you should be able to:

- Apply the basic components of social science research to a selected topic.
- Practically apply one of the four research methods for conducting a study.
- Utilize the information gathered through your research to compose a sociological research paper.
- Demonstrate why your chosen topic is important to today's college students.

Reading

There is no assigned reading this week. Please use this time to review Chapters 1-16 in preparation for your final exam, conduct your research, and compose your Sociology paper.

Lecture and Audio Outline

None

Deliverables

Discussion: None

Written Assignment: Sociology Paper

Final Exam: 50 multiple choice and true-false questions from Chapters 1 - 16

V. Course Information and Grading

Course Requirements (Weekly)

Each Module will be based on the inclusion and grading of the following segments: Discussion Boards, Written Assignments, Quizzes.

Class Discussions

Successful online learning requires active and meaningful participation in the Discussion Board Forum. Critical thinking, appropriate use of judgment and professional comments are required for all responses. Simple agreement or disagreement with a fellow student does not constitute a quality response. Student opinions are important but must be supported by relevant data obtained in the literature or text.

- One initial discussion board post is due by the fourth day (Thursday @ 11:59 pm) of each weekly module and two response posts are due by the last day (Sunday @ 11:59 pm) of each weekly module.
 - a. Undergraduate Word Count Requirements:
 - i. Initial post must be >200 words
 - ii. Responses must be >150 words
 - b. Graduate Word Count Requirements:
 - i. Initial post must be >250 words
 - ii. Responses must be >200 words
- Participation <u>Students must meet initial and response post deadlines to be eligible for full points</u>. Late initial posts may be accepted with a 33% reduction in the overall score assessed for each day late. Two response posts are required. If only one is received, then the overall score will be reduced by 25%. If no response posts are received, then the overall score will be reduced by 50%.
- 3. Students should be respectful and write in a proper and professional manner.

Please refer to the Discussion Board Rubric located within course syllabus for specific requirements and guidance on delivering a substantial discussion.

Late and Make-up Assignments

All deliverables are due by 11:59 PM on the due dates indicated. When substantive emergencies occur, acceptance of late submissions is left to the discretion of the course instructor.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date <u>with prior written approval</u> (text or email) from the instructor may receive the following deductions:

- 1. Late assignments are subject to a deduction of 10% of the available points for each day late.
- 2. Assignments submitted later than one week after due date will not be accepted and will receive a zero (0).
- 3. No work may be submitted after the last day of the course.
- 4. See Class Discussions for late discussion post policy.

Written Work

- All graded assignments must be typewritten, as designated by the professor of record for the course.
- All referenced materials must be presented according to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA), based on the most current

- published edition. (current, 7th edition) (Except for English courses that specify use of MLA format.)
- All required written assignments are due on the last night of each lesson week at 11:59pm EST. This information is included in the course scheduler and calendar of every course.
- All written and graded assignments are considered the property of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and should be returned to the appropriate professor of record for the related course.
- SafeAssign may be used to check for plagiarism.

Grading Scale and Assigned Letter Grades

Charleston Southern Online Undergraduate classes follow the following numerical and letter grading scale. Grades will be posted by the Sunday night following the closing of the Module. No grades will be given to students over the phone.

A = 90-100

B+ = 87-89

B = 80-86

C+ = 77-79

C = 70-76

D = 60-69

F = <60

Undergraduate Discussion Board Rubric – Introduction (First week only)

Criteria	Minimal	Effective
Percent Possible: 0 or 50	Percent Possible: 0	Percent Possible: 50
Initial Post Introduction.	No post or did not follow instructions at all.	Posted following instructions.
Percent Possible: 0 or 50	Percent Possible: 0	Percent Possible: 50
Response Posts Welcome.	No post or did not follow instructions at all.	Posted following instructions.

Discussion Board Initial Post Rubric – Undergraduate

Initial Post Rubric	Content	Support & References	Mechanics & Length
Mastery 90-100 %	 Relevant and thought-provoking viewpoints Innovative and indicates a high level of thought High level of critical thought, analysis, and application of concepts and ideas 	 Student cites 2 peer-reviewed sources in the body of the posts Proper APA format 	Post exceeds 200 wordsVery well written
Effective 80-89 %	 Advances the discussion and body of knowledge providing relevant, original thoughts to the question Conveys thoughts in a well-rounded manner that show understanding, critical thought, and application of concepts 	 Student cites 2 peer-reviewed sources in the body of the post Not in appropriate APA format 	Post 178-200 wordsWell written
Competent 70-79%	 Makes mostly complete response to the questions Mostly restatement of materials Conveys thoughts adequately; however, need to further develop critical aspects 	 Student cites 1 peer-reviewed source. Not in appropriate APA format 	 Post is 158-178 words A few writing errors
Minimal 0-69 %	 Provides weak contribution to the discussion board Does not convey concept understanding Shows evidence of critical thought but is not concise or complete 	 Does not cite any peer-reviewed sources Addresses questions in a manner that is unclear Not appropriate APA format 	 Post is less than 158 words Poorly written O points for posts submitted after 11:59 PM EST on Thursday

Discussion Board Peer Response Rubric – Undergraduate

Peer Response Rubric	Content	Support & References	Mechanics & Length
Mastery 90-100 %	 Advances discussion providing additional commentary that is relevant or offers an alternative Critical thought development is evidenced by thoughtful and meaningful responses Source is relevant and published in last 3 years 	 Student cites 2 peer-reviewed sources in the body of the posts Proper APA format 	 Post exceeds 150 words Very well written
Effective 80-89 %	 Advances discussion providing additional commentary and critique Responses are correct but mostly restate the peers' viewpoints without development of critical thought Source is relevant and published in last 3 years 	 Student cites 2 peer-reviewed sources Not in appropriate APA format 	 Post is 133-150 words Well written
Competent 70-79 %	 Shows adequate understanding of the knowledge and concepts posted by peers Responses are mostly, "I agree" Source is somewhat relevant and published in last 5 years 	 Student cites 1 peer-reviewed source Not in appropriate APA format 	 Post is 118-132 words A few writing errors.
Minimal 0-69 %	 Shows minor comprehension of concepts and viewpoints from peers. Responses are vague and do not show understanding or comprehension 	 Does not cite any peer- reviewed sources Not appropriate APA format 	 Post 0-118 words Poorly written O points for posts submitted after 11:59 PM EST on Sunday

Assignment/Case Study/Course Project Rubric

Assignment Rubric	Critical Thinking	References & Organization
Mastery 90-100 %	 Relevant use of vocabulary throughout Demonstrates superior knowledge of concepts and theories Addresses problem/issue directly Demonstrates active critical thinking relevant to problem identification and effective solutions 	 Professional writing structure. Well-organized response. Student cites appropriate, current peer-reviewed sources Proper APA format Exceeds 500 words
Effective 80-89 %	 Demonstrates satisfactory understanding Lacks answer to all questions/full scenario Demonstrates some knowledge of content and professional vocabulary Content needs additional focus for innovative responses other than restatement of text. 	 Student cites some relevant, current peer-reviewed sources. Follows directions APA formatting demonstrated but not extensive. 450-500 words
Competent 70-79 %	 Inconsistent comprehension Marginal responses Content, concepts, ideas/responses are not fully developed 	 Sources are outdated or ineffective. Lacks focus on content Unorganized Some writing errors Not in appropriate APA format. 400-449 words
Minimal 0-69 %	 Consistently below expectations Lacks significant details of the assignment Lacks critical thought, analysis, and application. Partially addresses the topic 	 Does not cite any peer-reviewed sources Not appropriate APA format 0-399 words Poorly written. 0 points for late assignments

Final Paper Rubric

Assignment Rubric	Critical Thinking	References & Organization
Mastery 90-100 %	 Relevant use of vocabulary throughout Demonstrates superior knowledge of concepts and theories Addresses problem/issue directly Demonstrates active critical thinking relevant to problem identification and effective solutions 	 Professional writing structure. Well-organized response. Student cites appropriate, current peer-reviewed sources Proper APA format Exceeds 1250 words
Effective 80-89 %	 Demonstrates satisfactory understanding Lacks answer to all questions/full scenario Demonstrates some knowledge of content and professional vocabulary Content needs additional focus for innovative responses other than restatement of text. 	 Student cites some relevant, current peer-reviewed sources. Follows directions APA formatting demonstrated but not extensive. 1000-1250 words
Competent 70-79 %	 Inconsistent comprehension Marginal responses Content, concepts, ideas/responses are not fully developed 	 Sources are outdated or ineffective. Lacks focus on content Unorganized Some writing errors Not in appropriate APA format. 800-999 words
Minimal 0-69 %	 Consistently below expectations Lacks significant details of the assignment Lacks critical thought, analysis, and application. Partially addresses the topic 	 Does not cite any peer-reviewed sources Not appropriate APA format < 800 words Poorly written. 0 points for late assignments

Short Answer Rubric – Undergraduate

Short Answer Rubric	Clarity	Depth	Quality
Mastery 90-100%	 Relevant use of vocabulary throughout Demonstrates superior knowledge of concepts and theories Addresses problem/issue directly Demonstrates active critical thinking relevant to problem identification and effective solutions 	 Articulates critical thoughts & analysis throughout the answer Obvious use of outside resources to supplement resources 	 Professional writing structure Well-organized response Free of grammatical, spelling, & formatting errors
Effective 80-89 %	 Demonstrates satisfactory understanding Lacks answer to all questions/full scenario Demonstrates some knowledge of content and professional vocabulary Content needs additional focus for innovative responses other than restatement of text 	 Demonstrated some form of outside material used Shows some critical thinking and active thought 	 Follows assignment instructions Well-written Few writing errors
Competent 70-79 %	 Inconsistent comprehension Marginal responses Content, concepts, ideas/responses are not fully developed 	 Provided enough detail for marginal requirement "Textbook" in nature (restatement of what was in textbook) 	Lacks focus on contentSome writing errors
Minimal 0-69 %	 Consistently below expectations Lacks significant details of the assignment Lacks critical thought, analysis, and application Partially addresses the topic 	 Lacked detail that demonstrates active thought One-sentence answer 	 Unorganized and poorly written 0 points for late assignments

Sociology 101: Final Paper Grading Rubric (150 points total)

Criteria	Minimal	Competent	Effective	Mastery
Pts Possible: 0 - 50	Pts Possible: 0 - 12	Pts Possible: 13-25	Pts Possible: 26-39	Pts Possible: 40-50
Addresses the Problem/Issue presented directly. Demonstrates active critical thinking relevant to problem identification and effective solutions.	Work did not consistently meet expectations, as significant details of the assignment are not addressed. Lacks critical thought, analysis and application	Comprehension is not shown consistently throughout the assignment. Marginal responses; content, concepts, ideas/responses not fully developed.	Demonstrates satisfactory understanding but does not answer all questions/scenario in full. Demonstrates some knowledge of the content and business vocabulary.	Relevant use of vocabulary applied throughout the assignment. Demonstrates superior knowledge of concepts and theories.
Pts Possible: 0 – 25	Pts Possible: 0 - 9	Pts Possible: 10 - 14	Pts Possible: 15 - 19	Pts Possible: 20 - 25
Properly Written Structure and Writing include effective use of peer-reviewed resources and APA 6 th edition formatting.	Work does not meet expectations. Relevant critical thought/analysis is not demonstrated in the assignment. Partially addresses the topic. Does not follow APA 6 th edition. No use of peerreviewed resources. <800	Comprehension is not demonstrated. Grammar/spelling errors; unorganized deliverable. Lacks focus on content. Does not follow APA 6th edition. Peer-reviewed resources are not current or are not effective. 800 - 999 words	Organized deliverable, directions followed. Content needs additional focus for innovative responses other than restatement of text. Appropriate APA formatting is seen, but not extensive. Provides some relevant, current peer-reviewed resources. 1000 - 1250 words	Relevant use of vocabulary and professional writing structure. Well-organized response of at least 1-full page that fully and completely addressed all the criteria/questions using proper APA 6 th edition formatting. Provides appropriate, relevant and current peer-reviewed sources as directed in the assignment. >1250 words

Using a 12 pt. font and double spacing (APA format) there are approximately 250 words to fill a page. Sources must be cited using APA 6th edition formatting guidelines.