



National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2021 Summer Program

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology

Course Outline

Term: June 14 -July 09, 2021

Class Hours: 10:00-11:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: SOC 111

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Credit: 4

Course Description:

This course offers a broad introduction to the field of sociology, the systematic study of human social behavior. We will discuss the major concepts, methods, and theories used by sociologists to think about and study the social world. Perhaps most importantly, we will gain an understanding of how history, culture, individuals and institutions intersect in the shaping of our own experiences, life chances, and identities as well as of those of other individuals and groups in society. We will study the influence of culture, socialization, social structure, and social institutions (e.g., family, education, the media) with special attention to the roles of race/ethnicity, social class, gender, and sexuality in the shaping of our own lives and of society at large. Students will learn how social arrangements shape peoples' behavior and choices while develop a more complex understanding of their own position in the social world in relation to other individuals and groups.



Required Textbooks:

Applebaum, Richard, et al. 2019. Essentials of Sociology. 7th Edition. W.W. Norton.

ISBN: 978-0-393-69142-9. We will use the e-book of this text.

Any additional readings will be provided in form of PDFs uploaded to the course website.

Course Requirements & Grading:

- **Class Participation & Attendance (20%)**

Student-driven discussions and activities will constitute a key component of this class, thus class attendance, preparation, and participation are absolutely essential.

- **Reflection & Response Papers (30%) [2 x 15% each]**

Two 2-3 page single-spaced response-reflection papers on topics/questions to be specified prior to the assignment. In these, I look, most importantly, for genuine personal engagement with and reflection upon the course material.

In grading these I will consider, most importantly (1) degree of personal engagement with ideas in readings and lecture, but also (2) relating of personal opinions and ideas to readings and lecture, and (3) correctness of explanations of concepts discussed in class.

- **Midterm Exam (20%)**

Will consist of identification (of key terms), short answer, and short essay questions. Study guide and list of terms will be distributed ahead of time.

- **Final Exam (30%)**

Cumulative exam involving multiple choice, matching, identification, and essay questions. Study guide will be distributed ahead of time.

Course Policies:

- **Punctuality.** Please come to class on time. Entering class more than a couple minutes late is very disruptive and will result in deductions to your attendance and participation grade.
- **Attendance.** An attendance roster will be passed around each class. You are allowed two unexcused absences. All other unexcused absences will result in hefty deductions to your participation grade.
- **Illnesses.** Absences due to illness can be excused, but a make-up assignment is required.
- **Religious Observances.** Absences for religious observances will be excused (pending completion of a make-up assignment); however, it is the responsibility of each student to inform me ahead of time of any religious observances that conflict with classes or other required academic activities.
- **Make-up assignments.** All absences will be excused only if a make-up assignment is



submitted. The standard make-up assignment is a 1-2 page single-spaced summary of, and response to, the assigned readings for the class day missed. Make-up assignments must be emailed in to me within one week of the missed class day.

- Academic Integrity. At all times, the work you submit must be solely your own, with all sources properly cited. Instances of cheating or plagiarism will have severe consequences. Plagiarism occurs when a student, with intent to deceive or with reckless disregard for proper scholarly procedures, presents any information, ideas, or phrasing of another as if they were his or her own and does not give appropriate credit to the original source.
- Communication. Throughout this course, I expect you to keep lines of communication open with me. You can always come and talk to me so that we can try to make reasonable arrangements to accommodate any adverse circumstances you may be facing.
- Grading Policy. A 93 – 100%; A- 90 – 92.9%; B+ 87 – 89.9%; B 83 – 86.9%; B- 80 – 82.9%; C 73-76.9%; C- 70 – 72.9%; D+ 67 – 69.9%; D 64 – 66.9%; D- 60 – 63.9; F below 60

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Mon Introduction to Course: What is Sociology?

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 1

Tue Culture & Society

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 2

Wed Socialization, the Life Course, and Aging

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 3

Thu Social Interaction in the Internet Age

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 4

Fri TA-Led Discussion Session; Reflection Paper #1 Due

Week 2

Mon Groups, Networks, & Organizations

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 5

Tue Conformity, Deviance, & Crime

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 6

Wed Stratification, Class, & Inequality

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 7

Thu Global Inequality

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 8

Fri TA-Led Discussion Session; Review Session



Week 3

Mon Midterm Exam

Tue Gender Inequality

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 9

Wed Race, Ethnicity, & Racism

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 10

Thu Families & Intimate Relations

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 11

Fri TA-Led Discussion Session; Reflection Paper #2 Due

Week 4

Mon Education & Religion

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 12

Tue Politics & Economics

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 13

Wed Urbanization, Populations, & the Environment

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 15

Thu Globalization in a Changing World // Review Session

Applebaum, et al., Essentials of Sociology, Chptr 16

Fri Final Exam