

SO 11: General Sociology; Fall 2009; Prof. Dennis Hodgson; Syllabus for Sections C & D

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Office Hours, Fall 2009	
Tuesdays:	8:30 - 9:30 AM 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Wednesday:	8:30 - 9:00 AM 10:00 - 10:45 AM
Friday	8:30 - 9:30 AM 10:30 - 11:00 AM
and by appointment	

Registered Students: Please fill out the online *Student Information Form*

Basic texts:

Society: The Basics, 10th edition, John J. Macionis

Down to Earth Sociology, 14th edition, edited by James M. Henslin

Grading:

Grades will be determined on the following basis:

QUIZZES -- There will be eight quizzes covering the readings and class discussions. Most Friday classes will end with a 15 minute quiz consisting of multiple choice and true/false questions. Seven quiz grades will constitute 45% of the final grade. One "unavoidable absence" from a quiz is provided for. If all eight quizzes are taken, then the lowest quiz grade will be dropped. There will be no make-ups given for quizzes.

You will have an opportunity to earn extra credit on a quiz by volunteering to be a "reviewer" for one of the readings. This entails presenting a 5 minute summary of the main points of a particular chapter or reading. Ideally, reviewers will not read their summaries, but simply refer to note cards containing reading highlights. Reviewers will make their presentations on quiz days right before the quiz. Student assessments will determine whether the reviewer earns up to 10 extra points on that quiz grade.

MID-TERM -- An essay exam covering all class material will be given on October 20th. It will constitute 20% of the final grade.

FINAL -- An essay Final Exam covering material since the Mid-Term will constitute 25% of the final grade.

PROJECT -- You have the option of undertaking your own sociological investigation and submitting a report of your findings in place of the final exam. If you wish to exercise this option you must have your project topic accepted by November 4th. Project reports must be submitted by the last day of class.

ATTENDANCE -- Your attendance will count as 10% of your final grade. At the beginning of each class an attendance sheet will circulate for your signature.

Attendance Grade

Number of Missed Classes	Percent of Attendance Component Earned
0 or 1 class missed	Entire 10%
2 or 3 classes missed	9%
4 or 5 classes missed	8%
6 or 7 classes missed	6%
8 classes missed	4%
more than 8 classes missed	0%

Sequence of Reading

So 11, Sections C & D, Fall 2009		
Suggested Sequence of Reading in...		
	textbook chapter	book of readings #
WEEK OF:	SOCIETY Macionis	DOWN TO EARTH Henslin
Sept. 1, 2, 4	.	.
Sept. 8, 9, 11	.	.
Sept. 15, 16, 18*	Chapts. 1 & 2	4, 7, 9
Sept. 22, 23, 25*	Chapts. 3 & 4	12, 13, 16
Sept. 29, 30, 2*	Chapts. 5 & 6	17, 23, 24
Oct. 6, 7, 9*	Chapts. 7 & 8	26, 27, 29
Oct. 14, 16	.	.
Oct. 20**, 21, 23	MID-TERM EXAM	
Oct. 27, 28, 30*	Chapts. 9 & 10	15, 30, 33
Nov. 3, 4, 6*	Chapts. 11 & 12	18, 31, 35
Nov. 10, 11, 13*	Chapts. 13 & 14	38, 39, 40
Nov. 17, 18, 20*	Chapts. 15 & 16	43, 45, 46
Nov. 24	.	.
Dec. 1, 2, 4	.	.
Dec. 8, 9	.	.
FINAL EXAM: So 11C - Friday, Dec. 18th, 9:00 AM		
So 11D - Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 9:00 AM		
* Indicates a quiz on that date.		
** Indicates date of the MID-TERM EXAM.		
Your Responsibilities: You should make a sincere effort to notify me if illness or other factors cause you to miss a quiz or exam -- before that quiz or exam is given. You should periodically go online and check the accuracy of my record of your quiz grades and attendance. You should reflect on the fact that in this class your attendance counts for 10% of your final grade. Missing more than 8 classes will effectively lower your final grade by one full letter.		

N.B. Attendance on exam days is required. Only confirmed medical excuses will be accepted. Please schedule your Christmas break so that you can attend your final exam on the day on which it is scheduled.

Materials Used in Class

This course's web page's address is: <http://www.faculty.fairfield.edu/faculty/hodgson/courses/so11/so11syl.htm>. You can type this line directly into the "location" box on your web browser and hit enter. You can also get to this page by following this trail from Fairfield University's web site (<http://www.fairfield.edu>): go to "Academics," "Undergraduate Programs," "Majors," "Sociology and Anthropology," "Faculty" (it is on the menu on the left, down "Sociology and Anthropology"), "Hodgson," "So 11 General Sociology."

All the materials used in class are accessible to you on the web -- just click on the highlighted phrases. These materials will be available several days *before* the topic is discussed in class. Ideally, you might like to view/print these materials before class. During class you can then make clarifying notes right on the printed topic pages you have in your hands -- rather than attempting to take notes on all the material presented in class. These topic pages will also be invaluable when studying for the essay mid-term and final exams, as well as being a help when reviewing for the class component portion of the quizzes.

The materials marked "*Extra Material*" are **not required** reading for this course. They are there solely for your interest. I would not print them out without first looking at them since they can be many pages long.