

Sociology in Everyday Life (SOC 204) Winter 2022
CRN 11324 - 4 Credits
PCC Rock Creek, Virtual Classroom
Meets on Zoom: Wednesdays 9:30-10:50 a.m.
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Course Description: Introduces the sociological perspective and the scientific study of human social behavior. Focuses on the core concepts, theories, and research on human interactions within social groups and how people are shaped by their social locations (status, roles, race, class, sex, age, etc.) within society's structures, stratification systems, and institutions, and by cultural processes such as socialization and group dynamics.

Intended Outcomes/Skills:

1. Apply sociological perspectives and the sociological imagination in their everyday lives, to reflect on structural and cultural contexts and current events.
2. Identify social inequality and stratification systems to evaluate the impact on societies.
3. Participate as active citizens in their societies and communities, demonstrating respect for diversity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Texts and Materials: All required reading materials and videos are available as PDF files or weblinks via [Desire2Learn \(D2L\)](#).
Ask for help if you need a D2L account or encounter trouble using D2L! PCC D2L Account required.

Grades: 90 (A)/80 (B)/70 (C)/60 (D) assignment of letter grades, based on these elements:

1. Participation in Online Discussions (2 points per unit, 10 points total, rules explained in class)
2. Reading Reports (2 points each, 40 points total)
3. Exams: Midterm Online Quiz (opens Feb 23, closes Feb 27), Final Online Quiz (opens Mar 16 closes Mar 25) (50 questions total [25 each quiz], worth ½ point each, so 25 points total)
4. Signature Assignment (20 points for report and 5 points for Zoom presentation on March 23)

Class Meetings: We meet from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. every Wednesday of Winter Term. I am also generally available for one-to-one Zooms on an as-needed, arranged-by-email basis. I encourage you to be bold and use this advantage of the all-online situation.

Course Units and Dates:

UNIT ONE: *Sociology: What and Why? (Jan 10 - Jan 30)*

UNIT TWO: *Sociology's Classic Paradigms (Jan 31 - Feb 20)*

UNIT THREE: *Race (Feb 21 - Mar 6)*

UNIT FOUR: *Gender (Mar 7 - Mar 20)*

March 23: Class Meeting - Signature Assignment Reports (5 minute oral explanation)

Course Notes:

1. In this course, while we will insist on modernity and respect amongst ourselves, you will encounter words and ideas that may make you uncomfortable.
2. This biggest key to success in this class is doing the assigned readings on time.

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