

Course Syllabus

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Los Angeles Mission College · Department of Global Language & Society · Sociology (SOC)

SOC 1: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Fall 2023 | Section 11891 | 3.0 Credits | 08/28/2023 to 10/22/2023 | 8-week Online

Instructor: Cherry Lai

This is an 8-week online course which means that we will not have class meetings. You will access the course materials and turn in assignments through Canvas, our online classroom. Even though we do not have class meetings, I am here to support your academic success.

To ensure each student's identity, you are required to meet with me via Zoom for a short 5-minute meeting in the first week of class. Students will be dropped from the course for not meeting this mandatory requirement.

The best way to contact me is to send me a message using the Canvas Inbox (the "Inbox" icon on the left of the Canvas page). I make a point to respond to emails within twenty-four hours, except on weekends, which I usually will respond to on Monday mornings.

Office Hours and Locations:

- Office Hours:
 - Mondays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Zoom only)
 - Wednesdays 3:00 pm to 5:35 pm (Zoom only)
 - Feel free to drop in during office hours or message me to set up an appointment
- Locations:
 - For In-person Appointments: Instructional Building Faculty Office Room 32
 - [Office Hour Zoom Meeting ID: 930 1634 6796 \(https://laccd.zoom.us/j/93016346796\)](https://laccd.zoom.us/j/93016346796)

Course Catalog Description:

Presents an orientation to the field of sociology, including core sociological theories in the areas of socialization; the impact of social institutions such as the family, culture, religion, education, and government; concepts of conformity and deviance; and the study of social inequalities in U.S. society due to race/ethnicity. Total 54 hours of lecture. *Transfer Credit: CSU; UC*

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Assess and describe the three sociological theories and how they impact sociological research.
2. Utilize research design and complete social research, analyze the data to come to a sociological conclusion.
3. Define a social problem you have experienced and discuss solutions to reduce, educate or eliminate such problems in society.

Required Materials

- Textbook (Great news, your textbook is free!)
 - [Introduction to Sociology, 3rd Edition](https://openstax.org/books/introduction-sociology-3e/pages/1-introduction) (<https://openstax.org/books/introduction-sociology-3e/pages/1-introduction>) rd Edition (<https://openstax.org/books/introduction-sociology-3e/pages/1-introduction>) from OpenStax, ISBN 1-947172-11-5
- Additional readings and videos provided in Canvas
- Access to the Internet is required for this course

Important Class Dates

- Last date to enroll with a permission number: 9/6/2023
- Last date to drop this class with a refund/no fee owed: 9/1/2023
- Last date to drop this class without a "W": 9/6/2023
- Last date to drop this class with a "W": 10/8/2023

Grading Policy

- A: 100% - 90%
- B: 89% - 80%
- C: 79% - 70%
- D: 69% - 60%
- F: 59% - 0%

Grade Weights or Point System

- 40 % Online Discussion Posts
- 40 % Chapter Quizzes
- 20 % Terrible Magnificent Paper

Graded Components:

Weekly Online Discussion Posts

- There is the Introduction Assignment plus weekly online discussion posts that are due every Saturday, and you must respond to two posts from your peers by Sunday to receive full credit. If

discussion posts are completed on time, you have to opportunity to revise for a better grade.

Chapter Quizzes

- There is a quiz for every chapter and lecture material of that week. Each quiz will consist of multiple-choice, short-answer, and/or essay questions. For the 8-week class, there's a quiz due every Tuesday and Thursday.

Terrible Magnificent Paper

- In this essay, you will choose one or more social issue(s) that is connected to your own experience. How does the social issue connect to your biography and history? Sociologist, C. Wright Mills warned that gaining insights into this connection can be a terrible yet magnificent lesson. This paper should be between 4-6 pages, double-spaced. I will accept late papers up to 3 days after the due date, but 10 points will be deducted for each day that the paper is late. NO LATE paper will be accepted after the 3 days.

Course Policies:

Online Participation Policy

- Students
- In order to do well in an online class, you are expected to maintain ongoing course engagement.
- Maintaining an ongoing online presence requires participating in course-related activities that may include, but are not limited to reading announcements, taking quizzes online, participating in group work, posting to discussion forums, submitting assignments, watching lectures, and carrying out all other course requirements.
- As a good practice, I recommend logging in to Canvas several times a week to stay informed of news, announcements, grades, assignments, and other important course information.

Late Assignment Policy

- I accept late Discussion Posts without penalty, but you will not have the opportunity to revise late discussion posts. You have until 10/1/2023 to turn these in.
- The weekly quizzes must be completed by the due dates. If you have a schedule conflict or need additional time, you MUST email me PRIOR to the due date, and I will do my best to accommodate your request.
- The Terrible Magnificent Paper must be turned in by the due date. I will accept late papers up to 3 days after the due date, but for each day that the paper is late, 10 points will be deducted from the final score.

Instructor Feedback

- For all assignments, I will grade them based on the rubric within 7 days after the due date and may provide additional feedback in the comment section as necessary.

Instructor Drop Policy

- It is the student's responsibility to drop the class if they no longer wish to participate or attend.

- It is at the instructor's discretion to drop a student for missing three or more assignments or for non-participation at any time during the allowed drop/withdrawal period.
- Students who remain enrolled in a class beyond the published withdrawal deadline, as stated in the class schedule, must receive an evaluative letter grade in the class. (A 'W' grade cannot be assigned during final grading for students appearing on the roster).
- For dual enrollment students, you must contact your school's academic counselor to discuss dropping/withdrawing from the course.

Communication Policy

- Communicate, communicate, communicate. Please communicate with me in advance if you foresee ANY challenges, and I will do my best to work with you and support your academic success.
- The best way to contact me is to send me a message using the Canvas Inbox (the "Inbox" icon on the left of the Canvas page).
- I make a point to respond to emails within twenty-four hours, except on weekends, which I usually will respond to on Monday mornings.

A Note on Diversity, Brave Spaces, and Respect

Some themes of this course are political and socially sensitive (i.e., race, ethnicity, privilege, power, sexual orientation, gender, religion, etc.) and some ideas covered may be new to you and may challenge how you currently view the world, society, and people. I want you all to keep an open mind and an open heart, learn, examine the evidence and narratives, and make informed opinions and judgments based on academic research and evidence. With that said, I expect all of us to be respectful to one another and be able to sit with some discomfort when our perspectives are challenged. While I welcome differences in perspectives and opinions, I do not tolerate bigotry, misogyny, or any behaviors that incite hatred. A positive and inclusive learning environment requires us to welcome diversity, be active listeners, and contribute to the discussion thoughtfully. Thank you for your cooperation.

Academic Honesty

Sometimes life circumstances (i.e., work, family obligations, unexpected events) may prevent us from fully preparing for exams or from developing a well-written assignment. It may be tempting to find an easy way out and cheat and/or plagiarize but please do not fall into this trap. To clarify, plagiarism in this class includes using artificial intelligence (AI) applications, not citing/crediting your sources, and/or recycling your own material from previous courses without the approval of the instructor. Additionally, recycling and submitting a paper from another student is cheating. **Any form of plagiarism or cheating will result in a zero for that assignment.** There are numerous ways to contact me so don't be discouraged and tempted to plagiarize or cheat. If you want further clarification on this matter and would like to know your rights as a student, please see the school catalog for more information on academic honesty.

Programs and Services for Students with Diverse Abilities

Each student brings a unique set of skills and educational needs, and I will do my best to make certain that each of you can fully participate and benefit from learning regardless of your learning needs.






Los Angeles Mission College is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. The [Disabled Students Programs and Services \(DSPS\)](https://www.lamission.edu/DSPS/Home.aspx)

[office](https://www.lamission.edu/DSPS/Home.aspx) is the office that collaborates with students with "diverse abilities" to provide reasonable accommodation. Please contact the DSPS office at (818) 364-7672 or dspsinfo@lamission.edu. Once registered with DSPS, students will be provided with an Authorized Academic Accommodations form that can be shared with the faculty.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Tue Aug 29, 2023	 Introduction Assignment (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813272)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Aug 31, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 1: Introduction to Sociology (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813252)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 2, 2023	 Discussion: The Sociological Imagination (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813267)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 5, 2023	 Extra Credit: Pronto (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813271)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 5, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 2: Sociology Research (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813249)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 7, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 4: Society and Social Interaction (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813251)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 9, 2023	 Discussion: Sociological Perspectives (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813264)	due by 11:59pm

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Tue Sep 12, 2023	 Extra Credit: Program Mapper https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813270	due by 11:59pm
	 Quiz- Chapter 3: Culture https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813256	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 14, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 5: Socialization https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813258	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 16, 2023	 Discussion: Cultural Artifacts https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813263	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 19, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 9: Social Stratification in the United States https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813250	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 21, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 11: Race and Ethnicity https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813260	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 23, 2023	 Discussion: The Unequal Opportunity Race https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813268	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 26, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 12: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813259	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 28, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 14: Marriage and Family https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813254	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 30, 2023	 Discussion: Gender, Sex & Sexuality https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813265	due by 11:59pm
Tue Oct 3, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 16: Education https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813255	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 5, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 17: Government and Politics https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813257	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Sat Oct 7, 2023	 Discussion: Supreme Court Decisions (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813269)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Oct 10, 2023	 Terrible Magnificent Paper (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813273)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 12, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 20: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813261)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Oct 14, 2023	 Discussion: Environmental Issues (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813266)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Oct 17, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 21: Social Movements and Social Change (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247879/assignments/5813253)	due by 11:59pm