

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 33417 | 3.0 Credits | 08/28/2023 to 12/17/2023 | 16 weeks |

Instructor: Cherry Lai

This is a 16-week in-person course which means that you are expected to attend class meetings. Besides in-class activities, you will also access the course materials and turn in assignments through Canvas, our online classroom.

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Class Meeting Time and Location:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:55 am to 10:20 am
- LAMC main campus, Instructional Building (INST) 2001 (second floor)
 - [LAMC main campus map \(https://www.lamission.edu/Maps/Main-Campus-East-Campus.aspx\)](https://www.lamission.edu/Maps/Main-Campus-East-Campus.aspx)

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

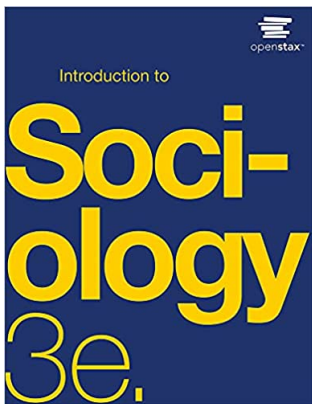
government; concepts of conformity and deviance; and the study of social inequalities in U.S. society due to race/ethnicity. Total 54 hours of lecture. *Transfer Credit: CSU; UC*

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: [Introduction to Sociology, 3](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

- Great news, your textbook is free! You may [view the textbook online](https://openstax.org/books/introduction-sociology-3e/pages/1-introduction) (<https://openstax.org/books/introduction-sociology-3e/pages/1-introduction>) and/or [download the textbook as a PDF](https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/IntroductiontoSociology3e-WEB_RYhjwp2.pdf) (https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcms/media/documents/IntroductiontoSociology3e-WEB_RYhjwp2.pdf) for free
- 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: 9/10/2023
- Last date to drop this class with a refund/no fee owed: 9/10/2023
- Last date to drop this class without a "W": 9/10/2023
- Last date to drop this class with a "W": 11/19/2023

Grading Policy

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

Grade Weights or Point System

- 30 % Participation
- 30 % Chapter Quizzes
- 15 % Research Project
- 15 % Terrible Magnificent Paper
- 10 % Final Presentation

Graded Components:

Participation

- The Introduction Assignment (5 points)
- Attendance (50 points)
 - 3 tardies or absences (-10 points)
 - 6 tardies or absences (-20 points)
 - Students will be dropped if there are more than 6 absences
- Participation Assignments (10 points each)

Chapter Quizzes (130 points)

There is a quiz for most chapters. Each quiz will consist of multiple-choice, short-answer, and/or essay questions. For the 16-week class, there's a quiz due every Thursday, and each quiz opens on Tuesday of the same week.

Research Project (100 points)

- You will develop and conduct an original research project. The research project is divided into 3 parts: observation, a written analysis, and an in-class presentation.

Terrible Magnificent Paper (100 points)

- 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, 12-font.

Final Presentation (50 points)

- Each student will complete an in-class presentation in the last week of class. You may choose to present either your Terrible Magnificent Paper or develop a creative project that demonstrates your understanding of sociology. Students who choose the creative project MUST seek approval from the

instructor by Week 10. Each presentation should be between five to ten minutes. The presentation will require you to prepare original visual aids, such as a PowerPoint or Google slides, and you must present this in class.

Course Policies:

Late Assignment Policy

- Participation assignments must be completed by the due dates.
- 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 be happy to accommodate your request.
- The Terrible Magnificent Paper should 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. No late papers will be accepted after the 3 days for ANY reason.
- If you missed your assigned time for the final presentation in class, you will receive a zero and will not be able to make this up.

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 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 panel on 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.
- Take advantage of your peers by utilizing the chatting app, Pronto. (Pronto is on the left panel on the Canvas page)
- Please keep a lookout for my weekly reminders and course material in Canvas Announcements.

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 applications without permission, 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 (<mailto: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
Thu Aug 31, 2023	 Participation Assignment: The Sociological Imagination https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813305	due by 9am
	 Introduction Assignment https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813293	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 5, 2023	 Extra Credit: Pronto https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813291	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 7, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Influential Sociologist https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813302	due by 9am
	 Quiz- Chapter 1: Introduction to Sociology https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813285	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 14, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Research Project Workshop https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5878257	due by 9am
	 Quiz- Chapter 2: Sociology Research https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813282	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 21, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Sociological Perspectives https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813304	due by 9am
	 Quiz- Chapter 4: Society and Social Interaction https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813289	due by 11:59pm
Sat Sep 23, 2023	 Extra Credit: Program Mapper https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813290	due by 11:59pm
Thu Sep 28, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 3: Culture https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813280	due by 11:59pm
	 Quiz- Chapter 5: Socialization https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813281	due by 11:59pm

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Tue Oct 3, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Cultural Artifact (Week 6) https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813294	due by 9am
Thu Oct 5, 2023	 Research Project Part 1: Observations and Research Topic https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5878254	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 5, 2023	 Quiz: Chapter 7- Deviance, Crime, and Social Control https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/6075882	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 12, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Brainstorm Session https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/6076987	due by 10am
Thu Oct 12, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 8: Media and Technology https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813287	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 19, 2023	 Participation Assignment: The Nest Egg https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813303	due by 9am
Thu Oct 19, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 9: Social Stratification in the United States https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813284	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 19, 2023	 Research Project Part 2: Written Analysis https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5878255	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 26, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813301	due by 9am
Thu Oct 26, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 11: Race and Ethnicity https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813277	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 26, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 12: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813283	due by 11:59pm

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Thu Nov 2, 2023	 Research Project Part 3: In-Class Presentation (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5878256)	due by 10am
	 Quiz- Chapter 14: Marriage and Family (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813279)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Nov 9, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Educational Policy (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813299)	due by 9am
	 Quiz- Chapter 16: Education (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813286)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Nov 16, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Debate on Supreme Court Decisions 1 (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/6078043)	due by 9am
	 Quiz- Chapter 17: Government and Politics (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813276)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Nov 21, 2023	 Participation Assignment: Debate on Supreme Court Decisions 2 (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813295)	due by 9am
Thu Nov 30, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 21: Social Movements and Social Change (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813288)	due by 11:59pm
	 Terrible Magnificent Paper (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813309)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Dec 7, 2023	 Quiz- Chapter 20: Population, Urbanization, and the Environment (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813278)	due by 11:59pm
	 Participation Assignment: Environmental Issues (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813300)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Tue Dec 12, 2023	 Peer Evaluation on Final Presentations (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813307)	due by 11:59am
	 Final Presentation (https://ilearn.laccd.edu/courses/247890/assignments/5813292)	due by 12pm