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OUTLINE

COURSE: Introductory Sociology  PROFESSOR: L.S. Rupnick
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REQUIRED TEXT: SOCIOLOGY: CONCEPTS AND CHARACTERISTICS (11th ed.) by J.R. Landis
CLASSIC READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY (3 ed) by Eve Howard

RECOMMENDED TEXT: ELEMENTS OF STYLE by Strunk and White

Sociology is the study of "groups". Sociologists study how group members
socially interact with each other AND with members of other groups. These INTER
and INTRA group social interactions either contribute to, or undermine an
efficiently functioning society. Every group, large or small, has some degree of
SOCIAL STRUCTURE and SOCIAL ORDER that are the result of the members
interactions. This is true for all kinds of groups whether we look at a football
team, a community action group, a night spot, a political convention, a
corporation, a group of hostages (or terrorists), a group of people stuck in an
elevator, or a class like ours. Your own family GROUP is the sociologist's
classic example of the basic sociological UNIT OF STUDY. So, Sociology is the
scientific analysis of the day to day business of people dealing with other
people. Finally, sociologists believe that each person is a SOCIAL PRODUCT. That
is, aside from your basic biological constitution which you were born with, you
are the sum total of all the GROUP (eg. family, peers, your local church, people
you hang out with at work &/or school, etc.) and CATEGORY (eg. race, religion,
sex, height, weight, political identification, marital status, birth order, level
of education & income, age, etc.) membership influences upon you right up to this
present moment. Furthermore, as a living and dynamic SOCIAL PRODUCT you will
continue to change with each passing moment and experience you have, even if its
trivial. The course objectives hinge on these very important insights.

Each student's final grade will reflect the degree to which she/he
accomplishes the following STUDENT OBJECTIVES:
1. Recognize basic Sociological theories, concepts and persons.
2. Recognize the Masters of Sociological Thought.
3. Learn and understand the sociological vocabulary.

The final grade of:
A - will indicate a SUPERIOR degree, or mastering of all course material.
B - will indicate a HIGH degree of accomplishment of all course material.
C - will indicate a REASONABLE degree of accomplishment of all course material.
D - will indicate a MINIMAL degree of accomplishment of all course material.
NOTE: A "D" grade is usually NOT transferable.
F - will indicate an INADEQUATE degree of accomplishment of all course material
necessary to pass this course.

NOTE: The grade of "W" (for WITHDRAW) will not be given to a student by this
professor beyond the last day to withdraw from class without academic penalty.
This semester the date is: 3-19-07. After this date, being dropped, or dropping
by your own choice results in an "F" final grade.

Each student's final grade will be arrived at by using the following
formula:
75% - The average of three semester tests.
25% - Semester paper.
100% - Final Grade
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for this course fall into three areas: tests, assignments and attendance.

1. TESTS: There will be THREE TESTS given during the semester. The tentative dates are:
   - 3281 & 3284: 2/28, 4/11, 5/14
   - 3282 & 3283: 2/27, 4/12, 5/15

Tests are NOT CUMULATIVE. Each test will consist of 50 multiple choice questions drawn from lectures and assigned reading assignments. Each question will have a point value of "2" (equaling 100%).

ABSOLUTELY NO MAKE-UP TESTS WILL BE GIVEN! THIS IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE ISSUE! However, any student who misses a test should confer with the professor as soon as possible.

2. ASSIGNMENTS: Each student is expected to keep up with the reading assignments as indicated below. The semester and assignments are divided into three sections. Thus, it is each student's responsibility to read &/or do all assignments & REVIEW BEFORE respective due dates.

3. ATTENDANCE: No more than THREE (3) cut will be permitted. A student who accumulates the "MAX" will be notified. An additional cut after being notified will result in the student being dropped automatically from the course regardless of how late it may be in the semester. NOTE: Late arrival is NOT TOLERATED (TWO LATENESS = ONE ABSENCE) and can result in being dropped from this course! SLEEPING IN CLASS COUNTS AS A CUT!

REQUIRED SEMESTER PAPER

Each student will select a current, NEW motion picture that she/he may be interested in. Your charge is this: TELL ME THE STORY IN SOCIOLOGICAL LANGUAGE.

Tell me ONLY the story - no personal opinion, no movie "Reviews", nothing about the actors, directors, etc. - no more, no less. You MUST do the following in your paper:

A. Thoroughly, extensively and intelligently use the sociological vocabulary (see GLOSSARY in the text).
B. Demonstrate a keen sense of the SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE.
C. Neatly UNDERLINE all sociological words you use.

Your paper will be graded on the above points as well as your grammar, punctuation, spelling, use of non-sociological vocabulary, neatness and overall appearance. In addition, you will be graded on the following:

1. COVER PAGE to include the title of the movie, your name and ID number, my name, the name of this course, the section number, the semester and the due date.
2. FULL PAGES OF NARRATIVE. FULL does mean FULL! That is, ONE INCH MARGINS ONLY (top, bottom and both sides)! NOTE: Any narrative beyond the third page will not be read. Points will be taken off for going over, or being short of the THREE FULL PAGES OF NARRATIVE requirement. ADVICE: A rough rule of thumb for converting hand written words to typed words is 250 per page. Therefore, you should be aiming for about 750 to 800 words of hand written narrative BEFORE you get to the typewriter the FIRST TIME.

1. BIBLIOGRAPHY PAGE (APA style. No footnotes).
1. BLANK PAGE for my comments and your grade.

NUMBER ALL PAGES!!!!!!!!!!!!

Adding all this up means that the final paper you submit to me will consist of a TOTAL OF SIX (6) PAGES.

All papers MUST be typed (DOUBLE SPACED between lines).

A word processor is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. PLEASE NOTE: THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SIZE FONT IS 10 POINT!!!!

Secure your papers together with a PAPER CLIP ONLY. No staples or binders
please. Early papers will be accepted. Get started early. All papers are due on the date of the SECOND TEST.
3281 & 3284 - 4/11
3282 & 3283 - 4/12

Good luck!

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Get at least two classmate's names and phone numbers NOW!
  1.)____________________________________________________
  2.)____________________________________________________
- **NO BEEPERS PERMITTED IN CLASS!**
- **NO CELL PHONES PERMITTED IN CLASS!**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO LEAVING THE CLASSROOM, ESPECIALLY DURING TESTS!**
- No "W" will be given past the Drop/Add deadline: 3/19/07.
- You are strongly advised to start a STUDY GROUP as soon as possible.
- All students are encouraged to participate in class discussions.
- Should a student miss a lecture, it is the student's responsibility to get the missed lecture notes from another student.
- The professor's lecture notes will not be released to any student.
- In the event a student is falling behind or is having difficulty with the material, it is the student's responsibility to seek out the professor or a tutor before it is too late in the semester to catch up.
- "Scan-Tron" test forms are used. These forms can be purchased at the College Book Store.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

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NOTE: You **ARE** responsible for any readings at ends of chapters.

FIRST THIRD:

Read: Landis: 15 - Sociology: Another Perspective
1 - Introduction
3 - Pages 70 & 71, 76 - 86
4 - Groups
12 - Social Change and Social Disorganization
Howard: 1, 3 - 6, 10

All readings to be completed BEFORE TEST #1.

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SECOND THIRD:
Read: Landis: 3 - Pages 71 - 102
4 - Groups
6 - Social Inequality: Race, Ethnicity, etc.
7 - Institutions: Family
8 - Institutions: Religion
Howard: 7 - 9, 11

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FINAL THIRD:
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5 - Social Inequality: Social Class
13 - Collective Behavior
14 - Deviation & Social Control
15 - Sociology: Another Perspective
Howard: 12 - 15

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