

College of San Mateo  
Introduction to Sociology Soci 100  
(Social Justice? Understanding Problems and Solutions in the New Millennium)  
Fall 2005  
MWF 9:10-10:00 (Bldg 16 Room 167)

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2:00-3:00 on Tuesday and Thursday

12:00-1:00pm on Friday, and by appointment

**Text:** Sociology In Our Times, by Kendall, Diana. Fifth edition. Published by Thomson/ Wadsworth.

**Study Guide:** Optional

**Learning Community Description:**

This learning community combines the in-depth reading and writing of English 100 with the study of group and individual identity of Sociology 100. We hope to explore some of the most important and controversial issues facing us in the new millennium. We shall also attempt to gain new insights by examining the interconnectedness of personal lives and the world around. Is there social justice in this world? Let us answer this question together.

**Course Description:**

This introductory course in sociology explores the basic concepts and theories that help us systematically explore our social world. Some topics discussed are: The science of sociology, culture, socialization through the life course, society, social theories, social inequality, social institutions, and social change. The course content emphasizes and analyzes processes of group behavior and the interaction between the individual and society.

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 836 or ENGL 848; Completion or concurrent enrollment in READ 400 or 405, or appropriate skill level indicated by the Reading placement tests and other measures. Credit/ No credit, or letter grade option. CSU/UC, CAN SOC 2.

**Course Objectives:**

1. The student will learn to identify, discuss, and differentiate the major concepts and theories of the discipline.
2. The student will learn to apply these concepts and theories to the “real” world.
3. The student will learn to analyze “real” world events using the tools provided during this course.
4. Issues related to social justice will be examined at length.

**Course Requirements:**

There will be four exams for this course, two tests and two comprehensive exams. The schedule for the exams is as follows:

MWF 9:10 class

September 14th: Test #1

October 10th: Mid term exam

November 09: Test #2

December 16th: Final exam at 8:10 a.m.

These four exams are worth 75% of the grade. All tests and exams will contain multiple-choice as well as essay questions. In addition, a research project comprises 10% of the grade. Details about this assignment will be provided separately. A sociology notebook worked in the classroom is worth 13% of the grade. And the last 2% of the grade will be judged by an in-class article presentation. The requirements of this assignment will be provided in the class. Here is a breakdown of the points:

Total Points: 700

Two tests:  $112 \times 2 = 224$

Two Exams:  $150 \times 2 = 300$

Sociology notebook: 92

Article presentation= 14

Research project: 70

Grading Scale: 90%-100% A 630-700

80%-89% B 560-629

70%-79% C 490-559

60%-69% D 420-489

**A summary of class evaluation:**

Tests, exams, in-class exercises, article presentation, research project.

**Supplies needed:**

Scantron forms #882, writing paper, #2 pencil, notebook, and blue books.

**Attendance:**

Class attendance is the responsibility of each student. Attendance will be taken every class session. In cases of excessive absences, students will be automatically dropped from the class. (Please note CSM policies stipulate that a student can not miss more than 6 classes when the class meets 3 times a week, and is not allowed to miss more than 4 classes for classes meeting twice weekly, during the course of a semester). No cell phones, pagers, or beepers are allowed in the classroom.

**Tardiness:**

Students are allowed to be tardy only three times during the course of the semester. After that, these will start counting as absences.

**General Class Policies:**

The class will abide by the add/drop policies of the College of San Mateo. Students are expected to be familiar with college policies covered in the catalog.

**Course Outline:**

We will follow the chapter topics in the text. Here is a rough guide to chapters covered:

Beginning of semester-first test: chapters 1-3

Mid term exam: Chapters 1-6

Second test: Chapters 7-9

Final exam: Chapters 7-13

**Disabled Students:**

Please meet with the instructor to discuss your special needs.

