The College of Staten Island/City University of New York

Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Sociology 100  Section E001/4002  Professor: J. Hession

Course description: This course is designed to be an introduction to basic sociological concepts and theories and apply those concepts to a wide array of social topics. Students will become familiar with various sociological perspectives and the impact of modern society on the individual and the individuals impact on society.


Objectives: At the conclusion of this course each student should be able to:

- Identify basic sociological concepts and how to apply them to our everyday lives
- Be able to understand the roots of sociology and the applications of sociological research
- Identify and understand that society is more than a collection of random people, but an assembly of groups, institutions, organizations and individuals and how each are shaped by the other and their interactions with the world around us.

Grading: There will be weekly exams and each exam will be worth 25% of your grade. There will be NO MAKE UP exams, under any circumstances. Exam format/content will be discussed in class.

Classroom behavior: ALL students are expected to be present and on time for class and prepared to take part in that classes planned discussions and assigned readings. Students should be aware of “current events” and be prepared to discuss the issues impacting our society. When engaged in class discussions, please show your fellow students the same respect you would want for yourself. There is NO TEXTING OR CELL PHONE usage permitted during class time. If you HAVE to answer an emergency, leave the class discreetly. Do not disturb your fellow students. ANYONE WHO IS TEXTING DURING CLASS TIME WILL BE REMOVED FROM CLASS. This will have a negative effect on your overall class grade.

June 5/2017 – Class orientation/syllabus review / Begin Chap 1 // Chap 2
Chap 3 – Culture

Tues 6/6 – Chap 3 cont. // Chap 4 Socialization // Begin Chap 5

Wed 6/7 – Chap 5 – Social Structure // Chap 6 – Social Groups, Org/Institutions

Thurs 6/8 – Chap 7 Deviance, Crime and the Criminal Justice system
Chap 8 – Social Stratification // Exam #1

Mon 6/12 – Continue with chap 8 // Chap 9 Gender and Sexuality

Tues 6/13 – Chap 10 – Race and Ethnicity –

Wed 6/14 – Chap 10- cont // Exam #2

Thurs 6/15 – Chap 11 Politics and Government

Mon 6/19 – Chap 12 – Work and the Economy

Tues 6/20 – Chap 13 – Families and Aging / Chap 14 – Education


Thurs 6/22 – Chap 17 – Social changes, Social Movements and Technology

Mon 6/26 – Chap 15 – Religion

Tues 6/27 – Review for Final // Environmental project

Wed 6/28 – Final Class/Exam