

SOCIOLOGY 1101
INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY

Topics:

1. What is Sociology?
2. Types of Human Society
3. Stratification
4. Morphology
5. Culture
6. Organization
7. Morality
8. Individual-Level Theories
9. Social-Level Theories
10. Conclusion

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Sociology is the science of social life. Social life encompasses everything humans do with or with reference to each other, including loving and hating, buying and selling, creating and criticizing, bonding and separating, and blaming and praising. All of this can be studied scientifically – by creating and testing ideas and developing theories.

This course introduces you to Sociology. By the end of the course you should understand:

- The scope of sociology;
- Some of the principal long-term patterns in the evolution of human societies;
- Some of the principal medium-term patterns in the evolution of western societies, especially the United States;
- The logic underlying several of the most important forms of sociological theory;

READINGS

There is no textbook for the course. Instead I have assembled a packet of readings to accompany the lectures. These readings can be found on E-reserve at the Main Library. To access the articles, go to the Library web site (at the very bottom of the UGA home page), click on "Gil Catalog," and then on "Search Course Reserves." Under "Course" scroll to "Soci 1101" or under "Instructor" scroll down to "Cooney, Mark." The **password** is: intro

It is best to read the readings before the lectures.

CLASSES

Classes meet every day, 3:30-6:15. Please be on time. You are expected to attend every class. Students who have more than three unjustified absence will be dropped. (An absence is "justified" only in the case of a grave personal or documented medical problem.)

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

You are expected to attend every class in mind as well as body. Your job is to listen, speak, and think about the material being presented. To that end, please:

- Turn off all cellphones and pagers.
- Do not even think of texting during class.
- Put away all newspapers – including the crossword puzzle.
- Do not do homework for this or other courses during class time.
- Talk only to the class as a whole – on sociological topics.
- Wait until the end of class before putting away your books.
- Use your computer only to take notes. Do not web surf, email, or get onto Facebook .

DISABILITIES

If you have a disability and would like to request classroom accommodations, please see me (instructor) after class or make an appointment during office hours.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Test 1	Tuesday, May 20	(30%)
Test 2	Wednesday, May 28	(30%)
Final Exam	Wednesday, June 4	(40%)
Paper - optional		(30%)

All tests and exams have an essay or objective testing (multiple choice, true false, short answer) version. You may take either version of every test.

PAPER

You have the option of writing a paper of up to ten pages on any issue of relevance to the course. If the grade you receive on the paper is higher than the lowest grade you receive on either of the two tests I will substitute the essay grade for the test grade.

I will be available to help you choose a topic, if you so wish. In selecting your topic, remember that it is better to develop one idea thoroughly than to try and treat three or four superficially.

I will grade you on the depth of your research, the level of your understanding of the materials covered, the originality of your ideas, and the quality of your presentation.

Be careful about using Web sites for research. There is a lot of good information on the Internet but a lot of nonsense as well. Use reliable sources (e.g., U.S. government sites). Remember too that the best data and analyses are still to be found in the academic books and articles housed in the Main Library.

MAKE-UP TESTS

Make-up tests and exams will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances (e.g., medically certified hospitalization). If you need to make up, please see me after class. You may be required to take the essay version of the test,

GRADING

A	93-100
A-	90-92.99
B+	87-89.99
B	83-86.99
B-	80-82.99
C+	77-79.99
C	73-76.99
C-	70-72.99
D	60-69.99
F	0-59.99

Note that for those considering declaring a Sociology or Criminal Justice major, a C- will not count toward major completion. Students in the Franklin College must earn a C or better in major courses.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.

CAVEAT

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Topic 1: WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

- Collins, Randall
1998 "The sociological eye." Contemporary Sociology 27 (Jan): 2-7.
- Mills, C. Wright
1959 "The promise of sociology." From The Sociological Imagination. New York: Oxford University Press.

Topic 2: TYPES OF HUMAN SOCIETY

- Nolan, Patrick and Gerhard Lenski
2004 "Types of human societies." From Human Societies: An Introduction to Macrosociology. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers.
- Woodburn, James
1982 "Egalitarian societies." Man (N.S.) 17: 431-451 (excerpt pp. 435-445).
- Nolan, Patrick and Gerhard Lenski
2004 "Horticultural societies" (excerpt). From Human Societies: An Introduction to Macrosociology. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers.
- Crone, Patricia
_____ 1989 "Socio-economic organization." From Pre-Industrial Societies. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Greenblatt, Stephen
2004 "Primal scenes." From Will in the World: How Shakespeare became Shakespeare (excerpts: Pp. 23-26, 76-77, 87-95, 163-165, 172-173).
- Chirot, Daniel
1994 "Global social change: the modern era." From How Societies Change. Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press (excerpt).

Schor, Juliet B.
1991 "The insidious cycle of work-and-spend." From The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure. New York: Basic Books.

Topic 3: STRATIFICATION

de Botton, Alain
2004 "Our need for love, our desire for status." From Status Anxiety. New York: Pantheon Books.

Gorman, Tom
2003 "Wealth and poverty." From The Complete Idiot's Guide to Economics (excerpt). New York: Penguin Books.

Domhoff, G. William
2002 "Who rules America? The corporate community and the upper class." From Who Rules America: Power and Politics. Boston: McGraw-Hill (fourth edition; first edition, 1967).

Chambliss, William J.
1973 "The saints and the roughnecks." Society 11: 24-31.

Ehrenreich, Barbara
2001 "Evaluation." From Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America. New York: Metropolitan Books.

Newman, Katherine S. and Catherine Ellis
1999 "'There's no shame in my game:' status and stigma among Harlem's working poor." From The Cultural Territories of Race: Black and White Boundaries, edited by Michèle Lamont. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

O'Barr, William M.
1982 "Speech styles in the courtroom: powerful versus powerless styles." From Linguistic Evidence: Language, Power, and Strategy in the Courtroom. New York: Academic Press.

Topic 4: MORPHOLOGY

- Harris, Marvin
1988 "Domestic life." From Culture, People, Nature: An Introduction to General Anthropology. New York: Harper and Row.
- McLanahan, Sara and Dona Schwartz
2002 "Life without father: what happens to the children?" Contexts 1 (1) 35-44.
- Gerstel, Naomi and Natalia Sarskian
2006 "Marriage: the good, the bad, and the greedy." Contexts 5(4): 16-21.
- Putnam, Rober D.
2000 "Bowling Alone." From Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Baumgartner, M.P.
1998 "Introduction: the moral voice of the community." Sociological Focus 31: 105-113.
- Bergesen, Albert
1979 "Spirituals, jazz, blues, and soul music: the role of elaborated and restricted codes in the maintenance of social solidarity." From The Religious Dimension: New Directions in Quantitative Research, edited by Robert Wuthnow. New York: Academic Press.
- Shulman, Polly
1998 "From Muhammad Ali to Grandma Rose." Discover 19 (December): 85-89.

Topic 5: CULTURE

- Ostler, Rosemarie
1999 "Disappearing languages." The Futurist (August-September): 16-22.
- Lee, Jennifer and Frank D. Bean
2003 "Beyond black and white: remaking race in America" Contexts 2 (3): 26-33.
- Wrigley, Julia
1999 "Is racial oppression intrinsic to domestic work? The experiences of children's caregivers in contemporary America.." From The Cultural Territories of Race: Black and White Boundaries, edited by Michèle Lamont. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Goldscheider, Calvin
2003 "Are American jews vanishing again?" Contexts2 (1): 18-24.
- Baumgartner, M.P.
1998 "Moral life on the cultural frontier: evidence from the experience of immigrants in modern America." Sociological Focus 31: 155-179.

Topic 6: ORGANIZATION

- Fukuyama, Francis
1992 "The worldwide liberal revolution." From The End of History and the Last Man. New York: Avon Books.
- Rummel, R.J.
1994 "169,198,000 murdered: summary and conclusion." From Death by Government. New Brunswick: Transaction Books.
- Coleman, James
1982 "Two kinds of person: natural and corporate." From The Asymmetric Society. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.

Ritzer, George
1996 "The McDonaldization of society." From The McDonaldization of Society: An Investigation into the Changing Character of Contemporary Social Life. Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge Press.

Shirky, Clay
2008 "It takes a village to find a phone." From Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing without Organizations. New York: The penguin Press.

Topic 7: MORALITY

Cooney, Mark
2008 "The morality of homicide " From Is Killing Wrong? A Study in Pure Sociology. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, forthcoming.

Aya, Rod
1978 "Norbert Elias and "The Civilizing Process." Theory and Society 5: 219-228.

Baumgartner, M.P.
1984 "Social control from below." From Toward a General Theory of Social Control, Volume 1: Fundamentals, edited by Donald Black. Orlando: Academic Press.

Western, Bruce
2006 "Mass imprisonment." From Punishment and Inequality in America. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Pager, Devah
2003 "The mark of a criminal record." American Journal of Sociology 108: 935-975 (excerpt).

Coleman, James
1966 "Female status and premarital sexual codes." American Journal of Sociology 72: 217.

Brooks, Geraldine
1995 "Whom no man shall have deflowered before them." From Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women. New York: Anchor Books.

Topic 8: INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL THEORIES

Nisbett, Richard E. and Dov Cohen
1996 "Violence and honor in the southern United States." From Culture of Honor: The Psychology of Violence in the South. Boulder: Westview Press.

Posner, Richard A.
1992 "Sex and rationality." From Sex and Reason. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Topic 9: SOCIAL-LEVEL THEORIES

Herman, Edward S.
1999 "A propaganda model." From The Myth of the Liberal Media: An Edward S. Herman Reader. New York: Peter Lang.

Black, Donald
2004 "Violent structures." From Violence: From Theory to Research, edited by Margaret A. Zahn, Henry H. Brownstein, and Shelly L. Jackson. Newark, NJ: LexisNexis/Anderson Publishing.

Topic 10: CONCLUSION

No reading

Final Exam: Wednesday, June 4.

E-Reserve List (password: intro)

#	Author	Title
01	Randall Collins	The Sociological Eye
02	C. Wright Mills	The Promise of Sociology
03	Patrick Nolan and Gerhard Lenski	Types of Human Society
04	James Woodburn	Egalitarian Societies
05	Patrick Nolan and Gerhard Lenski	Horticultural Societies
06	Patricia Crone	Socio-economic Organization
07	Stephen Greeblatt	Primal Scenes
08	Daniel Chirot	Global Social Change: The Modern Era
09	Juliet B. Schor	The Insidious Cycle of Work and Spend
10	DeBotton, Alain	Our Need for Love, Our Desire for Status
11	Tom Gorman	Wealth and Poverty
12	G. William Domhoff	Who Rules America? The Corporate Community and the Upper Class
13	Willam J. Chambliss	The Saints and the Roughnecks
14	Barbara Ehrenreich	Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America
15	Katherine S. Newman and Catherine Ellis	There's No Shame in My Game: Status And Stigma Among Harlem's Working Poor
16	William M. O'Barr	Speech Styles in the Courtroom: Powerful Versus Powerless Speech

- 17 Marvin Harris Culture, People, Nature: An Introduction
To General Anthropology
- 18 Sara McLanahan and Dona Schwartz Life Without Father: What Happens to the
Children?
- 19 Naomi Gerstel and Natalia Sarkisian Marriage: The Good, The Bad, and The
Greedy
- 20 Robert D. Putnam Bowling Alone
- 21 M.P. Baumgartner Introduction: The Moral Voice of the
Community
- 22 Albert Bergesen Spirituals, Jazz, Blues, and Soul Music: The
Role of Elaborated and Restricted Codes in
the Maintenance of Social Solidarity
- 23 Polly Shulman From Muhammad Ali to Grandma Moses
- 24 Rosemarie Ostler Disappearing Languages
- 25 Jennifer Lee and Frank D. Bean Beyond Black and White: Remaking Race in
America
- 26 Julia Wrigley Is Racial Oppression Intrinsic to Domestic
Work? The Experiences of Children's
Caregivers in Contemporary America
- 27 Calvin Goldscheider Are American Jews Vanishing Again?
- 28 M.P. Baumgartner Moral Life on the Cultural Frontier:
Evidence from the Experience of Immigrants
in Modern America

29	Francis Fukuyama	The End of History and the Last Man
30	R.J. Rummel	Death By Government
31	James S. Coleman	The Asymmetric Society
32	George Ritzer	The McDonaldization of Society
33	Clay Shirky	It Takes a Village to Find a Phone
34	Mark Cooney	Is Killing Wrong? A Study in Pure Sociology
35	Rod Aya	Norbert Elias and "The Civilizing Process"
36	M.P. Baumgartner	Social Control from Below
37	Bruce Western	Punishment and Inequality in America
38	Devah Pager	The Mark of a Criminal Record
39	James S. Coleman	Female Status and Premarital Sexual Codes
40	Geraldine Brooks	Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women
41	Richard E. Nisbett and Dov Cohen	Culture of Honor: The Psychology of Violence in the South
42	Richard A. Posner	Sex and Reason
43	Edward S. Herman	A Propaganda Model
44	Donald Black	Violent Structures