Sociology 201: Introduction to Sociology  
Sonoma State University Fall 2018  
General Education: This course satisfies D1 (Individual & Society)  
Prerequisites: None

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Course Description
This class will give you the fundamentals of Sociology and how it relates to our everyday lives. Sociological concepts and ideas will be explored, from the sociological concept of self and the process of socialization to the analysis of various sociological patterns of everyday life and interactions. You will examine society through the lens of a sociologist. You will be evaluating issues related to group relations in the United States and analyze social institutions such as education, and the legal system using a sociological framework. My hope is that by the end of the semester you develop an appreciation and understanding of Sociology and find it useful in your endeavors.

Course Objectives:
1. Describe the sociological perspective in contrast to individualistic analysis.  
2. Explain the major theoretical perspectives in sociology and how they can be applied.  
3. Describe and apply the major research methods used by sociologists.  
4. Explain the sociological concept of self and the process of socialization.  
5. Analyze various sociological patterns of everyday life and interactions.  
6. Describe the importance of groups to the shaping of individuals and societies.  
7. Explain the meanings and components of social class as well as the consequences of social location.  
8. Evaluate issues related to group relations in the United States.  
9. Analyze social institutions such as education, medicine, or others using a sociological framework.  
10. Discuss and explore American society in a global context.

Course Requirements:  
Midterm = 20%  
Small Group Presentation=15%  
Essay=25%  
In Class Assignments/pop quizzes=20%  
Final Exam= 20%

Required Readings


Various articles will be assigned and made available online

Disclaimer: This description is meant to be a guideline for the course, it is subject to change.