SOC 110 · Survey of Sociology

W2007 - 5 Credits

COURSE SYLLABUS

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PLACE & TIME

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Survey of sociology, its core concepts, theories, and application.

REQUIRED TEXT & MATERIALS


PIERCE COLLEGE CORE ABILITIES

Pierce College has adopted five core abilities that we believe are essential. These are:

- Responsibility
- Effective Communication
- Information Competency
- Critical Thinking
- Multiculturalism

As part of the educational process in this class we will be integrating these five core abilities into the class.
LEARNING COMMUNITY GUIDELINES AND CLASS STANDARDS

As discussed in class, our goal in the course is to become a community of learners. As such we share a common goal: to have the best possible learning experience. This will be our guiding principle. In order to do this is essential that we have a classroom environment where we build trust among ourselves and create a positive learning environment. It is essential that all members of the learning community (students and instructor alike) be treated with dignity and respect. Anyone whose behavior is disruptive to the educational process may be asked to leave at any time. Disrespectful comments to others, including inappropriate references to a person’s race, gender, spiritual beliefs, disability, sexual orientation, etc., will not be tolerated. It is expected that everyone will be committed to professional and educational growth. High standards of professional and academic behavior shall prevail. I’ve rarely had problems in this area but were incidents of cheating, plagiarism, dishonesty about attendance, or misrepresenting one’s work would result in a non-passing grade in the course.

Students will be responsible for keeping track of their own attendance. At the end of the quarter you will be responsible for submitting a recommendation for your grade on attendance and participation, to include your rationale for the grade. Students are responsible for their own learning, and for getting up to speed should the need to miss class occur. I usually make announcements about exams, homework, etc., at the beginning or end of class. Handouts will only be available from the instructor when passed out in class. You should get notes and handouts from other students if you need to miss class (I ask each of you to get the phone numbers of at least two other students in the class). In exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness, injury, or personal crisis, the attendance requirement may be waived as determined by a conference with the instructor. Attendance and participation will be worth 100 points.

EXAMS

There will be three short exams and one final (comprehensive) in the course. Each of these exams will be worth 100 points, and you have the option of dropping one exam. This could be either one of the short exams (maybe you didn’t do so great on one exam) or the final (maybe you’ve done well on all exams and you’d like to study for other finals). No make-ups (We have one “drop” exam built into the system). If you need to miss class on exam day, for whatever reason, you will need to make that your dropped exam score. Should you have serious illness, or other circumstances beyond your control, that affects you ability to be here on exam days see the instructor to discuss your options. Sometimes the best option is to take the course when you can make it for exams.
EVALUATION & GRADING (* Note: the lowest short exam or the final is “dropped”)

- 3 short exams - 100 points each
- Final examination
- Attendance & participation
- Experiential exercises
- Outside assignments

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& Etc.

Reading assignments:

We will be covering a little more than a chapter and a half each quarter, beginning with chapter one and progress through the book as the quarter unfolds. Lecture-discussion, videos, etc. will correspond to the material covered in the text. Please stay abreast of the reading. I recommend reading the material before we discuss it in class.