

SOC 1 - PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students will explore the concepts, theories and social issues that will enable them to view the world sociologically. Topics to be covered will include race and ethnicity, the family, religion, gender, deviance, education and others.

TEXTS AND READINGS: Henslin, Essentials of Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Attendance grade will contribute 10% to the overall grade.

Two short papers each contributing 20% to the final grade.

Four assignments worth 30% of the final grade.

Two exams in essay format will contribute 20% to the final grade.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To expose students to a conceptual thinking frame for use when critically analyzing and understanding social problems and social issues.
2. To practice learning of the thinking frame while understanding and considering various societal problems and issues.
3. To enable students to identify important steps concerning how to think and analyze information presented in everyday life regarding social problems and issues.