

Course: Sociology

Course objectives: Introduce the basic concepts, leading figures, and philosophy of sociology. Test and quizzes are primarily short answer and essay. Very few, if any, objective tests will be given.

Course materials: Readings for Sociology, Nickel and Dimed, Globalization 101

Course Outline:

Unit 1 Sociologists: Students will study the philosophy and writings of prominent sociologists. They include but are not limited to the following:

William Chambliss

Ulrich Beck

James Coleman

C. Wright Mills

Robert Ezra Park

Patricia Collins

Michael Messner

Lawrence Henderson

Iris Fineburg

Karl Marx

Amy S. Wharton

Emile Durkheim

Michael Mann

Helle Johannessen

Unit 2 Socio-economics: Student will explore issues of race, culture, poverty, class, and opportunity in national and international climates. Nickel and Dimed will serve as an introduction to the issues.

Unit 3 Globalization: Students will become acquainted with the following elements of globalization:

Trade

Technology

Investment

Health

Culture

Environment

Migration

IMF and World Bank

Development

Women

International Law

Energy

Human Rights

Education

Media

Unit 4 Digital Age: Students will explore the social impact of digital tools on their lives and the lives of others. A hands-off digital deprivation experiment and a reflective response may be required by the end of the unit.

Grading:	Tests	30%
	Homework/In Class Reading/Writing	30%
	Class Participation	20%
	Quiz	10%
	Projects	10%

Class Expectations: Bring your book, something to write with, a notebook, and a charged laptop.