Valencia College

Course Syllabus

Introduction to Sociology SYG 2000

Summer B 2013

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Required Text: Our Social World: Condensed Version

 2nd Edition. Ballentine and Roberts

Supplemental Material: Any article or video handed out by the instructor

*Course Description*

A course designed to enable the student to understand social behavior and social processes as well as to familiarize the student with the vocabulary and methodology of the discipline of sociology. Areas of emphasis: culture and personality, age and sex roles, family, deviant behavior, social class and stratification, group behavior and social change.

*General Course Objectives*

1. Students will become interested in social processes.
2. Students will learn how to apply sociological theories to better understand themselves and society.

Communication:

Students are strongly encouraged to check their Atlas email accounts regularly, as this system will be utilized to distribute abrupt changes, as well as for notification of pertinent information to individuals. Students are encouraged to use office hours or employ email as a means of communicating with the professor concerning any questions or comments they may have regarding this course. Face to face meetings with the professor on campus may occur during the posted office hours, though if a more lengthy discussion is anticipated an appointment is suggested. Alternative meetings with the professor outside office hours may be arranged via telephonic conferences and/or email with advance notice and approval.

Please be aware, college level students are expected to be able to communicate in a professional manner with professors. Emails that do not include the professor’s name, student’s name, course information (i.e. Introductory to Sociology T&R 1:00-2:15), and use proper English (no texting abbreviations, slang, etc.) may be ignored. If a student does not ask a specific question, the email may not receive a response. Please do not ask general questions that may be better answered by peers, such as “I was absent today, did I miss anything?”, “Did you cover anything important today?”, or “What did you talk about today? I wasn’t there”.

Expected Student Conduct

Valencia College is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but is concerned with the development of responsible personal and social conduct. By enrolling at Valencia College, a student assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding by the general rules of conduct. The primary responsibility for managing the classroom environment rests with the faculty. Students who engage in any prohibited or unlawful acts that result in disruption of a class may be directed by the faculty to leave the class. Violation of any classroom or Valencia’s rules may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from Valencia. Disciplinary action could include being withdrawn from class, disciplinary warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, or other appropriate authorized actions. You will find the current code of student conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook. **I do not want to see or hear a phone. Put it in your pocket/purse/backpack on vibrate do not bring out in this classroom or I will call you out in class and ask you to leave for the day.**  *Academic Honesty: A*ll forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.

**READ THE SYLLABUS!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Attendance/Participation*

Again, regularity in classroom attendance and punctuality is vital to academic success. Student’s are expected to attend class and punctually. Students who do not maintain regular attendance in their work may be withdrawn by the professor. **After three (3) unexcused absences, each additional absence will result in a loss of one final letter grade for the course (i.e. from a B to a C).** Requests for excused absences must be made prior to class meetings. If extenuating circumstances preclude prior notification, students must get in touch with me after a missed class ASAP. If a student arrives late, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor in order to be counted as present. Since tardiness is disruptive to the class, it is advisable to enter the classroom as quietly as possible. Not only is attendance strongly encouraged so is class participation (group discussions, communication of ideas….) these things will not only help you learn, but also your classmates and your instructor. Texting, sleeping, reading non-course related material, or other behavior not related to learning the concepts of this course will be considered as not present behavior and the student will be marked as absent without notification**.**

*Withdrawal*

Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the withdrawal deadline of (July 18, 2013*)* will receive of “W.” A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline. Students who stay in the class after this deadline are responsible to complete all work required for the course; e.g., homework, projects, tests, etc. If you choose to stop coming to the class after the Withdrawal deadline, you will be held responsible for all work missed, including the final. Any work which is not completed by the appropriate deadline will receive a zero. Hence, the final grade for the course will be determined by taking into consideration the percentages obtained by work which was turned in and the zeros given to work which was not turned in on time. Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of “F.” For a complete policy and procedure overview on Valencia Policy 4-07 please go to: <http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policydetail.cfm?RecordID=75>.

*Valencia Student Core Competencies*

The Valencia Student Core Competencies (Think, Value, Act, and Communicate) are an established component of the College’s development and review process. A detailed overview can be found in the current Valencia Catalog, pp 13-14 or on the Valencia Website <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/catalog/06-10/>

*Students with physical or learning disabilities*

"Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities." West Campus SSB, Rm. 102 Ph: 407-582-1523 Fax: 407-582-1326 TTY: 407-582-1222

*Valencia ID cards*

Valencia ID cards are required for the library, Testing Center and IMC usage. No other form of ID at those locations will be accepted. Possession and Utilization of a Valencia ID is mandatory to obtain these services.

*Grading and Testing*

# Grading Grading Scale:

## Examinations (4 grades Averaged) 90 - 100 = A

###  80 - 89 = B

###  70 - 79 = C

 60 - 69 = D

 Below 60 = F

Reading assignments

You are expected to read a minimum of one to two chapters per week plus any additional articles or supplemental materials that I hand out in class. It is my goal to cover a minimum of one chapter per week plus any additional articles or video material deemed appropriate.

**DISCLAIMER: THIS SYLLABUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE at the instructor’s discretion, during the course of the term. It is the responsibility of the student to make any adjustments as announced.**

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