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Course Objective
Sociological inquiries operate at macro and micro levels. At
the macro level sociologists study "institutions of advanced or
industrialized societies and ... the conditions of
transformation of these institutions" (Giddens, 1992:11). At
the micro level, the focus is, primarily, with more
immediate and intense levels of everyday interactions
(Boden, 1986).

The principal objective of this course is to expose students
to the theoretical, methodological and substantive issues
that have engaged both levels of inquiry since the latter
half of the 19th Century. Since this is an introductory
course my approach will be panoramic: some depth will be
sacrificed for comprehensiveness.

Course Format
The first 50 minutes of each class will be spent on straight
lectures. The remaining 25 will be spent on questions and/or
discussion. The reason for this format is to ensure that
students are sufficiently exposed to the topic of day before
they ask questions. When appropriate and possible, films
and/or slides will be used to buttress class lectures. I
will also invite some guest lecturers to share with us some
of their expertise on specific social issues.

Course Requirement
Your final grade for this course will be based on four
exams. The first three exams are each weighted 20 percent
and the final exam is weighted 40 percent. All four exams
will take the form a combination of essay and multiple
choice questions. Exams must be taken at the scheduled times
and place. Make-up exams are allowed only for validly
supported medical and/or personal emergencies. The
instructor reserves the right to determine the merits of
each request for a make-up examination. Extra credit is not
are allowed.
**Students with Disabilities**
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, at 825-5816 for further instruction and/or guidance.

**Academic Advising**
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Additionally, students are encouraged to speak to the instructor before dropping the class.

**Course Outline**

Jan. 12-26   An Introduction to "Introduction To Sociology"
What is Sociology? Chap.1
Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology Chap.1
Research Methods in Sociology Chap.2

Jan. 31      **First Exam. 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

Feb. 7-Mar. 1 Culture Chap. 3
Society Chap.4
Socialization Chap.5

Mar. 06      **Second Exam 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

Mar. 08-29   Social Structure and organizations Chap 6&7
Deviance chap. 8
Social Stratification: Class - chap.11

Apr. 03      **Third Exam 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

Apr. 05-May 1 Social Stratification:
Gender - chap 13
Race/Ethnicity chap. 14

Social Institutions:
Family Institution chap 18
Educational Institution chap 20
Social Change chap. 24

May 09       **Final Exam. 1:45- 3:45 p.m.**

** This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor to accommodate students' and/or instructional needs.**