Course: Human Societies (Soc 1301:001) Semester: Summer 2014
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Required Text:

Meyer, Pamela; Ramirez, Michael; Araiza, Isabel; Benibo, Bilaye. Introduction To Sociology Reader Kendall Hunt Publishing Company

Student Learning Outcomes
By the end of the semester students should be able to:
1. Describe basic concepts and theories in sociology;
2. Understand the relationship between technology and social change;
3. Recognize the reciprocal relationships between individuals and society.

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 Requirement
Your final grade for this course will be based on four exams. Each of these exams is weighted 25 percent of your final grade. Every exam will be a combination of essays and multiple choice questions. Exams must be taken at the scheduled times and place (unless otherwise announced). 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 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
June. 2-5   An Introduction to "Introduction To Sociology"
            What is Sociology? Chap.1
            Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology Chap.1
            Research Methods in Sociology Chap.2

June. 09   First Exam.

June. 09-12   Culture Chap. 3
              Society Chap.4
              Socialization Chap.5

June. 16   Second Exam

June. 16-19   Social Structure and organizations Chap 6&7
              Deviance chap. 8
              Social Stratification: Class - chap.11
June 23 Third Exam

June 23-26 Social Stratification: Gender - chap 13
Race/Ethnicity chap. 14

June 30 Fourth Exam

June 30-July 02 Social Institutions:
Family Institution chap 18
Educational Institution chap 20

July 03 Final Exam.

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