

Sociology 124

Introductory Sociology (One Semester)

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The course has two main objectives: to present an academically sound introduction to the study of sociology and to communicate it in simple English (i.e., devoid of obtuse sociologese). While some technical terms are unavoidable, it has been the instructor's experience that the excitement of sociology can best be conveyed in easily comprehended English.

Some of the topics to be covered include:

1. An attempt to introduce the student to sociology.
2. An examination of the twin concepts of "Culture" and "Society".
3. Socialization.
4. Social Stratification.
5. The Sociology of the Family.
6. Problems of Social Inequality.

If time permits, additional areas will be examined.

Attendance: 3 unexcused absences during the semester shall be grudgingly tolerated.

Evaluation: 80% on segmental tests
20% on attendance and class participation

Grading: 60% = C
70% = B
85% = A

Office Hours: By appointment.

Text: Jan Robertson, Sociology, 2nd ed.,

Additional readings may be assigned from time to time.