Soc 103 (Fall 2021) - syllabus

Sociology Of American Life (Queens College CUNY)



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Queens College
Department of Sociology

Sociology 103: Section 1
Sociology of American Life
Fall 2021
Course Time: Mon/Wed 10:45am - 12pm
Course Location: Online
Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course will examine the sociological perspectives of American life. We will be discussing changes in social ideas and institutions in the United States throughout history. Issues of inequality regarding class, gender, and race will also be addressed. While the focus of this course will be on American society, we will also explore these issues in a comparative framework. Upon completion of this course, students will have a greater understanding of the discipline of sociology. In addition, students will expand their knowledge of current and historical social issues and trends in American society.

Required Textbook:
Race Class and Gender: An Anthology – Ninth Edition
By Margaret L. Anderson and Patricia Hill Collins

Grading:
Exam 1 – 33%
Exam 2 – 33%
Final Exam – 34%

In addition, there will be extra credit opportunities offered throughout the semester.

Discussion Board:
There will be a discussion board on blackboard. Please post all of your questions regarding the course on the discussion board. This will be the fastest way to get a response to your question.

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Exams:
There will be three exams throughout the semester.
Exams will be available on blackboard from 9am until 11pm on the exam dates listed on the syllabus.
Please note that exam dates are subject to change and changes will be posted on blackboard and emailed to the class through blackboard.
The exams will be open notes, and open book but must be completed individually.
Makeup exams will not be permitted without a documented excuse.

Lectures:
PowerPoint slides will be posted on blackboard under "Content"
All lectures will be held live during class time (10:45am-12pm) on blackboard collaborate ultra. You can join the live lecture by clicking on the icon on blackboard for "Online Lectures."
Attendance is strongly encouraged, as this is a discussion-based class.
Lectures will be recorded. You can access these recordings by clicking on the icon for "Online Lectures" and then clicking on the three bars on the top left of the page. Here you will see "Recordings."
Note: All class sessions will be recorded and will be made available on Blackboard so that students who can't tune in or are having connectivity issues can view them later. Students who participate in this class using the "chat" feature are agreeing to have their comments and questions recorded solely for the purpose of creating a record for students enrolled in the class to refer to. Please keep comments respectful.

Academic Integrity
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www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/Documents/AcademicintegrityPolicywithoutmemo.pdf

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should register with and provide documentation to the Office of Special Services, Frese Hall, room 111. For more information about services available to Queens college students, contact the Office of Special Services at (718) 997 – 5870 or visit their website at http://sl.qc.cuny.edu/oss/

Grading Guidelines:

A+	97-100
A	93-96
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	60-66
F	0-59

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Please Note:

-Lecture, reading and exam schedules may be subject to change. These modifications will be announced during lecture.
-I will email the class throughout the semester using blackboard. Please make sure your email address on blackboard is up-to-date.
-All reading, film and lecture material is considered testable.
-This course follows a highly lecture driven format. Therefore, regular class attendance is strongly advised. If you cannot attend class at any time, please listen to the recordings on blackboard.
*The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus at any time throughout the semester.

Course Outline:

Wed 8/25 – Introduction to Course
Mon 8/30 – Understanding Sociology
Wed 9/1 – Understanding Sociology (cont.)
Mon 9/6 – No classes scheduled
Wed 9/8 – No classes scheduled
Mon 9/13 – The American Family
Wed 9/15 – No classes scheduled
Mon 9/20 – The American Family
    Article on blackboard "Rethinking Families and Community"
Wed 9/22 – Racial Inequality
Mon 9/27 – Racial Inequality (cont.)
    Article 7 "Color-Blind Privilege" and Article 39 "Navigating Interracial Borders"
Wed 9/29 – Articles
Mon 10/4 – Film
Wed 10/6 – Review for Exam #1
Mon 10/11 – No classes scheduled
Wed 10/13 – Exam #1
Mon 10/18 – Gentrification
    Articles on blackboard
Wed 10/20 – Urban Inequality
    Articles on blackboard
Mon 10/25 – Urban Inequality (cont.)
Wed 10/27 – Immigration
Mon 11/1 – Residential Segregation
Wed 11/3 – Review for Exam #2
Mon 11/8 – Exam #2
Wed 11/10 – Gender Inequality
    Article 21 "Sex and Gender through the Prism of Difference"
Mon 11/15 – Gender Inequality (cont.)
Wed 11/17 – Class and Inequality
Mon 11/22 – Class and Inequality (cont.)
    Article 11 "Is Capitalism Gendered and Racialized?" and Article 15 "Health and Wealth"
Wed 11/24 – Aging
Mon 11/29 – Aging (cont.)
Wed 12/1 – Generation Gaps
Mon 12/6 – Generation Gaps (cont.)
Wed 12/8 – Education
Mon 12/13 – Review for Final Exam

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Final Exam – TBA

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