

Soc 201: The Sociological Imagination Syllabus

Objective: The purpose of this syllabus is to guide the participant in the requirements, demands, logistics and expectations of this course.

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Instructors:

One of the following will be your instructor for this course:

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Dr. Grace Young

Hello and Welcome to The Sociological Imagination!

My name is Grace Young. Since 1997, I have taught sociology at Adams State College. I grew up in a town called Elyria, Ohio, just west of Cleveland. I did my bachelor's work at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, and then did my graduate work at the University of Chicago and at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

I look forward to working with you on your Extended Studies course.

Good luck. Professor Grace E. Young

Dr. Stephanie Gonzales

My name is Dr. Stephanie Gonzales and I am currently an associate professor of sociology at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. I currently teach the criminology and statistics courses on campus. I received my BA degree in sociology from Adams State College in 1994, my MA degree from CSU Fullerton in 1998, and my PhD from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2003. While my PhD is in sociology, I also have a minor in statistics from the Statistics department at the University of Tennessee.

I was born in New Zealand, but was raised in Los Angeles, CA. Because of my experiences, I have a keen interest in working with students from a wide range of locations and backgrounds.

The best way to contact me is through e-mail at sjgonzales@adams.edu. My office phone number is (719) 587-7845. If you would like to contact me in writing, I can be reached at:

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I will try to respond as quickly as possible to any questions regarding the course content, the textbook, or assignments and exams. Because I do not have the opportunity to get to know you on campus or in the classroom, feel free to tell me about yourself, your goals and your interests. I am looking forward to working with you,
Stephanie Gonzales, PhD

Dr. Michael Martin

Welcome!

My name is Michael Martin and I am one of the instructors of record for this course, Sociology 201 – *The Sociological Imagination*. I am the Chair of the Department of Sociology at Adams State College and have thirty years of experience teaching sociology and social welfare courses. This course is designed as an introduction to the principles and concepts of the discipline of Sociology. Sociology 201 also meets one of the General Education Requirements for degree completion at Adams State College.

Please carefully read the syllabus for this course. The final grade in the class is explicitly contingent upon understanding and fully meeting all of the course requirements to a tee. After reviewing the syllabus, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

I look forward to working with you. Good Luck.

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Cindy Whitney

Hello, and welcome to The Sociological Imagination! My name is Cindy Whitney and I'm an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Adams State College. I teach in the areas of criminology, deviance, and racial and ethnic relations. My specialty areas are gender and criminology. I'm a native of the San Luis Valley and an Adams State Alumnus. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to return to Adams State as a faculty member and look forward to having you as student in SOC 201.

If you do not understand an assignment please don't hesitate to contact me via email at cwhitney@adams.edu.

Cindy Whitney

Course Delivery:

Fully-Online in WebCT

Credit Hours:

Three Semester Hours

Catalog Description: as taken from '09 catalog

The social world is often taken for granted or reduced to explanations that stem from conventional wisdom and personal experience. This course is designed to encourage students to develop social scientific frameworks for analyzing the social world in a context that transcends conventional wisdom and personal experience. The major question is “What are the social forces operating in society and often beyond the control of individuals that shape individual behaviors and societal changes?” Topics include culture, socialization, social and economic inequalities, social structure, organizational behavior, social groups, deviance, and social institutions (e.g., family, religion, education, and political economy).

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to define basic social scientific concepts pertaining to life in society.

- Students will be able to analyze the social world from different social scientific perspectives (functionalist, conflict, and interactionist).
- Students will be able to identify the various social forces impacting society and social life.
- Students shall be able to interpret social scientific data regarding human interactions, group processes, and societal trends.
- Students will be able to describe the ways in which inequities by gender, race, and class impact our social world
- Students will develop effective writing skills.

Course Requirements:

There will be three written assignments (each worth 33.3 points) and three multiple-choice exams (each worth 100 points), consisting of 100 multiple choice questions. You have 3 hours to complete each exam. The first written assignment must be completed before Exam I; the second written assignment must be completed before Exam II; and finally, the third written assignment must be completed before Exam III. For each written assignment, there are three questions (or sets of questions), from which you may choose one to answer in written format. Although it is difficult to say how long your written response should be, a good guideline is that you cannot answer the question is less than two double-spaced pages. The written assignments must be turned in before taking the exams. If you take an exam before submitting the respective written assignment, you forfeit your opportunity to earn those points. There will be no make-up opportunities.

Required Textbook:

Macionis, John J. 2009. *Society, The Basics*. Tenth Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall. ISBN-13: 9780135018828.

Macionis, John J. and Nijole V. Benokraitis. 2009. *Seeing Ourselves: Classic, Contemporary, and Cross-Cultural Readings in Sociology*. Seventh Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0-13-220491-6

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Grade Distribution and Scale:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

Assignments	33.3 points each X 3 Assignments	100 points
Exams	100 points each X 3 Exams	300 points
Total Points		400 points

Scale:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F