

Soc 315 Sociology of Education

Syllabus

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COURSE CREDIT:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

SOC 201 The Sociological Imagination

COURSE MATERIALS:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to www.exstudies.adams.edu and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 721** to order books from Bookstore site.

Required Text:

Ballantine, Jeanne H. (2001). *The sociology of Education*, (5th ed.). New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.
ISBN: 0-13-025974-8

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores the relationship between education and society, with special emphasis on the effects of this relationship on the lives of students in the American education system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Reviewing the theoretical and historical perspectives used by sociology in the study of education and schooling
- Examining the social organization of education
- Analyzing the relationships and influences between education and other social institutions (family, law, government, the economy, sports, religion, etc.)
- Focusing on social inequality in education; inequality that results from differences associated with race & ethnicity, social class, and gender
- Analysis of the school culture
- The relationship between the school and the larger community
- Identifying the ways in which education influences individuals and society, and how individuals and society influence education

- Discovering how social issues and social problems are related to the educational system

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

There are **three** proctored exams you are required to take for this course. Each exam is multiple-choice and is worth 100 points, for a total of 300 points. They are worth 75% of your final grade. Please refer to Guidelines for Proctored Exams and submit your Exam Request Form for each exam as include in the study guide.

In addition, you will be required to write five essays on the information from the chapters in the text. These writing assignments are a way for me to evaluate your progress through the course. They can also be a way of helping you prepare for the exams since they cover material from the text. Each writing assignment is worth 20 points, thus they add up to 100 points, or the equivalent of one exam. They are 25% of your final grade.

Since each writing assignment focuses on specific chapters of the text, you should read the appropriate chapters before attempting the writing assignments. And as noted above, when you prepare the writing assignments, you are taking a step toward preparing for the exams. In the study guide you will find the course work schedule. Note that **you must submit your writing assignments that cover the chapters of the text before you take the exam for those chapters of the text.**

Contact me at any time if you need clarification on some aspect of the course requirements, especially the writing assignments. You may want guidance on the first couple of writing assignments in order to get comfortable with writing sociologically.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

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

Grade Distribution:

Essay Writing Assignments 1-5	100 points
Proctored Exam 1	100 points
Proctored Exam 2	100 points
Proctored Exam 3	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points	400

Scale:

360-400	A
320-359	B
280-319	C
240-279	D
239 and below	F

