

Pensacola State College Section Syllabus  
SYG 2000  
Introduction to Sociology

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**Credits: 3 cc**

**Prerequisites:**

Placement at the college level or completion of the appropriate exit-level developmental course(s) with a grade of C or better.

**Course Description:** Introduces the student to the field of sociology as the systematic study of human group dynamics. Covers the theoretical foundations of sociology and their application to modern society. Some topics covered include: race and ethnicity, gender and age inequalities, globalization, education and politics. Invites the student to view and analyze their social world in a new and exciting perspective.

**Offered:** FA, SP, SU.

**Distribution:** Meets AA General Education Core, Social Sciences requirement.

**Textbooks:**

Real World: Intro to Sociology; Kerry Ferris & Jill Stein; 9780393419337; 7th; Norton; 2020

**Supplemental Materials:**

None

**Special Requirements:**

Student Expectations:

Students enrolled in this course can expect the following:

1. clearly identified course objectives;
2. productive class meetings;
3. a positive learning environment;
4. opportunities for appropriate student participation;
5. effective instruction;
6. positive and appropriate interactions;
7. assistance with meeting course objectives during and beyond class hours;
8. evaluation of student performance and appropriate and timely feedback; and
9. clear and well-organized instruction.

**General Education Student Learning Outcomes:**

**Critical Thinking:** The student analyzes, evaluates, and, if necessary, challenges the validity of ideas, principles, or data in order to develop informed opinions, probable predictions, or defensible conclusions.

**Communication:** The student effectively communicates knowledge and ideas.

**Cultural Literacy:** The student demonstrates an understanding of human culture and its diversity.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Illustrate how the sociological imagination and sociological concepts apply to their lives.
2. Compare and contrast basic theoretical orientations in sociology.
3. Interpret sociological research methods and results to identify correlation and causation.
4. Identify how the self develops socially, recognizing the connections between culture and the individual.
5. Describe the influences and interconnections of social structure, social forces and technology.

**Methods of Evaluation:**

At minimum, the instructor will cover content which aligns with statewide and institutional learning outcomes for the course. The instructor will measure student performance using the following:

<b>Grading Scale:</b>	
90% - 100%	A
87% - 89%	B+
80% - 86%	B
77% - 79%	C+
70% - 76%	C
67% - 69%	D+
60% - 66%	D
0% - 59%	F

<b>Grading Calculation</b>	
Chapter Exams	20%
Homework	20%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	30%
Totals	100%

Evaluations of student progress towards achieving the stated learning outcomes and performance objectives is the responsibility of the instructor, within the policies of the College and the department. Detailed explanations are included in the course supplementals developed by the instructor for each section being taught.

**Student Email Accounts:**

Pensacola State College provides an institutional email account to all students enrolled in courses for credit. PirateMail is the official method of communication, and students must use PirateMail when communicating with the College. In cases where companion software is used for a particular class, email may be exchanged between instructor and student using the companion software.

**Flexibility:**

It is the intention of the instructor to accomplish the objectives specified in the course syllabus. However, circumstances may arise which prohibit the fulfilling of this endeavor. Therefore, this syllabus is subject to change. When possible, students will be notified of any change in advance of its occurrence.

**ADA Statement:**

Students with a disability that falls under the Americans with Disability Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, it is the responsibility of the student to notify Student Resource Center for ADA Services to discuss any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course. Upon completion of registration with the Student Resource Center for ADA Services office, specific arrangements can be discussed with the instructor.

**Equity Statement:**

Pensacola State College does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, ethnicity, religion, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or genetic information in its programs, activities, and employment. For inquiries regarding the College's nondiscrimination policies, contact the Executive Director of Institutional Equity and Student Conduct, 1000 College Blvd., Building 5, Pensacola, Florida 32504, (850) 484-1759.

**Security Statement:**

Pensacola State College is committed to encouraging all members of the College community to be proactive in personal safety measures. In case of emergency, students should ensure that they are aware of the building exit closest to each of their classrooms, as well as all alternative building exits in case circumstances require using a different route.

**Emergency Statement:**

In the case of severe weather or other emergency, the College administration maintains communication with appropriate state and local agencies and makes a determination regarding the cancellation of classes. Notices of cancellation will be made through the College's PSC Alert system and on the College's website.