



Walters State Community College Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number and Name: SOCI 1010 Intro to Sociology

Section ID: 50268.202350

Semester and Year: Summer 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Start Date: July 05, 2023

End Date: August 03, 2023

Course Format: WEB - Web Classes

Catalog Course Description: Major concepts and theoretical approaches of sociology with emphasis on culture, socialization, social organization, and social stratification. **F, S, Su**

General Education Course Designation: General Education Course

Meeting Details: TBD

Course Drop Deadline: July 24, 2023

Instructor Information

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Required Textbook(s) and Materials

Introduction to Sociology

Publisher: Lumen: Creative Commons

Publication Date: 2019

Edition: 2

Additional Information

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/wm-introductiontosociology/>

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- Describe how the sociological perspective contributes to an understanding of social life and the social origin of beliefs, values, and behaviors.
- Define and give examples of basic concepts in sociology: culture, ethnocentrism, social structure and institutions, race/ethnicity, globalization, rationalization of society, social stratification, and other topics.
- Describe how social institutions are interrelated.
- Identify the process of social change and social movements
- Compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives in sociology and identify their underlying assumptions.
- Analyze research methods, emphasizing their strengths and weaknesses.

Instructional Approach and Methods

This course is largely self guided and self paced. As your instructor I am available for questions and to help offer insights into concepts as needed. I will give feedback on your assignments to help you incorporate knowledge you have gained in sections to the ones you encounter in the future. The material in this course is designed to be additive.

Assessment, Evaluation and Testing Procedures

This course is designed around 1 exam, your final. You also have one major assignment due at the end of the course, a final paper. For every module you should complete your quiz and your discussion post. This will ensure that you complete all assignments. Points are generally evenly distributed across all materials.

Grading Scale

A	270-300
B	240-269
C	210-239
D	180-209
F	<179

Assignments

Discussion Posts: For each module you will need to respond to your discussion post questions with no fewer

than 250 words. You must also comment on two classmates' posts in a way that adds to the discussions. "I agree" and "Great job" posts will not count for your participation points. (100 points)

Final Paper: You will be assigned a final paper that should be no less than 5 pages double spaced. (120 points)

Exams: Your exam will be worth 100 points each. (100 points)

Course and Class Policies/Procedures

All discussions posts are due the at the end of the assigned module period.

However, there is no penalty for late submission. Your final paper is due on the last day of class.

Academic Program Standards/Policies/Accreditation Information

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Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. The

minimum penalty for cheating is a "0" (zero) on the examination or assignment. Academic dishonesty may result in an "F" for the course. Additional information can be found in the WSCC Catalog/Student Handbook.

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6892) if they need any special facilities, services, or consideration.

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- Greeneville Campus - GRNV 226 - (423) 798-7982
- Sevierville Campus - MMH Room 210 - (865) 286-2787
- Claiborne Campus - Room 123A - (423) 851-4761

Specific tutoring assistance in mathematics and writing is available in-person and online as follows:

Morristown Campus - English Learning Lab - HUM 120 - (423) 585-6970 [Walters State English Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](http://ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab) ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab

Morristown Campus - Mathematics Lab - MBSS 222 - (423) 585-6872 [Walters State Mathematics Learning Lab \(opens in new window\)](http://ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab) ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab

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Greeneville: (423) 798-8186 or

Sevierville: (865) 286-2789 or on-

line access. [Walters State](http://helpdesk.ws.edu)

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Cancellation of Classes and Academic Continuity:

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Academic Honesty

Faculty expect all students to refrain from acts of academic misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism - refers to using another person's ideas or writing without giving proper credit to the original source. Indulging in this type of conduct will subject the student to disciplinary sanctions, which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures of Walters State Community College as outlined in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the paper/exam/presentation. Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions contained in the college Catalog/Student Handbook apply (see policy 04:18:02 Disciplinary Sanctions). Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Using cut/paste tool from original document with no references given.
 - b. Copying another student's work and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Forging or otherwise altering signatures.
 - d. Giving or falsifying academic documents or materials.
2. Cheating - construed as attempting to deceive or mislead which includes, but is not limited to the following:
- a. Utilizing old tests, projects, notes or written papers.
 - b. Providing unauthorized information to a fellow student about exam content.
 - c. Receiving unauthorized aid from any source with quizzes, examinations, or other assignments.
 - d. Seeking information in an unacceptable manner during/preceding an exam or other assigned work (cheat sheet, verbal exchange, looking at another person's paper or electronic device, utilizing headphones, using textbook when the test/quiz is not an open book test/quiz, using textbook test bank etc.).
 - e. Consulting with a classmate or others when taking a computerized test.
 - f. Disregarding other specific policies and procedures outlined for a particular class.
 - g. Utilizing unapproved technology/electronic equipment during testing (i.e.: mobile devices such as cell phones, smart devices, or tablets, etc.).
 - h. Using the same Internet Protocol network address (IP address) as another student for testing without approval from the course faculty.

Student Resources

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SUICIDE PREVENTION STATEMENT

Walters State is committed to and cares about all students. Support services are available for any person at Walters State who is experiencing feelings of being overwhelmed, hopelessness, depression, thinking about dying by suicide, or is otherwise in need of assistance. For immediate help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 9-8-8 or the Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. Veterans may also contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or Text 838255.

Walters State has a relationship in place with the following community agencies to provide services (may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, etc.):

- Cherokee Health Systems 423-586-5032
- Frontier Health 423-467-3600

College Policies

STUDENTS HANDBOOK AS OFFICIAL GOVERNING DOCUMENT

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PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND MODIFICATION OF SYLLABUS

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to change at any time. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time with written notification to the students. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus for the semester/year specified in the Course Information section of the syllabus. This syllabus is only valid for the semester/year specified and course requirements are not guaranteed for future semesters.

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LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Brightspace (commonly known as eLearn or D2L) is the college's Learning Management System (LMS).

Brightspace is committed to accessibility by "deliver[ing] a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." [Brightspace Accessibility Standard \(opens in new window\)](#)

Brightspace is also committed to guarding student data and privacy. [Brightspace Privacy Policy \(opens in new window\)](#)