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**East West University**

**Department of Sociology**

**SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology**

**Summer 2019**

**Course Outline\***

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\*course outline is usually renewed every semester.

**Course Description:** This course primarily aims at introducing basic concepts of Sociology to enhance the sociological thinking capacity of the students so that they can relate and understand the social issues of Bangladesh as well as of the world using sociological perspectives. For this, along with the emergence of sociology and sociological perspectives, this course discusses various foundations of society, sociological perspectives, society and social change as well as analyzes different substantive issues of sociology such as nature and environment, cities and urban life, work and the economy. However, at the end of the course, students are expected to be able to apply a sociological lens in analyzing every social phenomenon they encounter.

**Course Objective:**

* To introduce the basic concepts of sociology and its emergence
* To enhance the sociological imagination of the students to deal with every social phenomenon
* To orient students with the sociological perspective and how to think sociologically
* To acquaint students with the sociology of the foundations of society, social institutions, and social inequality
* To provide a critical understanding of the forces which contributes to social change

**Teaching Methods:**

* Lecture
* Discussion
* Exercise
* Presentation

\*\* Not reduced to these methods only, some other method may be included according to the necessity

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| First Midterm Examination | |
| Topics | Learning Outcomes |
| Introducing Sociology   1. Definition and Subject matter of Sociology, is Sociology a Science? 2. Sociological Imagination 3. Development of Sociological Thinking 4. Why Sociology? | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Give your own definition of sociology and can identify the distinctive features of sociological imagination * Explain how sociology emerged as an academic discipline listing the main contribution of different scholars * Outline the central theoretical traditions in sociology and their disputes * List why sociology needs to be studied |
| Sociological Perspectives   1. Positivism and Social Evolution 2. Karl Marx: Capitalist Revolution 3. Durkheim: The social Level of Reality 4. Max Weber: Capitalism and Religion 5. Enduring Theoretical Dilemmas 6. Transformation of Society and Sociology | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Briefly explain the contribution of four founding fathers of sociology * Explain feminist theory, post-colonialism, poststructuralism, postmodernism and how they challenge all conventional theories * Outline social reflexivity and give some example of manufactured risks |

Exam Date: 15 October 2019

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| Second Midterm Examination | |
| Topics | Learning Outcomes |
| Asking and Answering Questions in Sociology   1. Human Subjects and Ethical Issues 2. Sociological Questions 3. Understanding Cause and Effect 4. Research Methods in Sociology 5. Sociology in Real World | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Explain factual research, comparative research, developmental research, and theoretical research * List difference between correlation and causal relationship * Understand different types of research methods and apply them in real-world |
| Society and Social Change   1. Types of Societies 2. The transformation of societies 3. Globalization 4. Culture 5. Socialization | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Explain the evolution of societies * Describe the effect of industrialization and colonialism in the transformation of societies outlining the future of the development of developing countries * Outline three tendencies of conceptualizing globalization * List factors and consequences of globalization |

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| Final Examination | |
| Topics | Learning Outcomes |
| Sociology of Nature, Environment, and Society   1. Sociology and the Environment 2. Environmental Issues 3. Sociological Theories and Sustainable Societies | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Define the natural environment and the social construction of environmental problems * List critical environmental issues that involve manufactured risks * Understand sustainable development and ecological modernization * Explain Ulrich Beck’s risk society, environmental justice, and ecological citizenship |
| Sociology of Cities and the Urban Life   1. Theorizing Urbanism 2. The Development of the City 3. Cities and Globalization | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Outline the approach of Chicago School * Explain how the city influence the behavior of its inhabitants * Describe how urban restructuring linked to socio-economic change * How urbanization in the developing countries differ from the earlier industrialization period of Europe and North America |
| Sociology of Work and the Economy   1. Economic Sociology 2. The Changing Nature of Work 3. The Social Significance of Work | After completing this chapter you will be able to,   * Explain economic recession and how economic sociology differs from mainstream or orthodox economics * Describe how capitalism has expended the division of labor * Outline the key features of Taylorism, Fordism, and Post-Fordism * Understand the development of Unions in the UK and their role in society * Illustrate the feminization of work, Flexi-worker, portfolio workers, job insecurity, unemployment |

Exam Date: 05 December 2019

# Suggested Readings

Schaefer, R. (2012). *Sociology: A Brief Introduction.* McGraw-Hill Humanities.

Giddens, A. (2013). *Introduction to Sociology.* New York: Polity Press.

Macionis, J. J. (2012). *Sociology.* Pearson Education,Inc.

**Policies**

Performance in the examination, assignments, and academic participation will determine your grade.

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| Tentative distribution of Marks | |
| Quiz | 10 |
| Presentation/ Drama/ Viva | 5+2\* (For Asking Difficult Question) |
| Assignment and Field Work (Essay or Report) | 8 |
| Mid I | 20 |
| Mid II | 20 |
| Class participation and Note Taking | 5 |
| Home Tasks | 5 |
| Final | 25 |
| Total | 100 |

* **Assignment/Presentation:** Group or Individual assignments/presentations must be submitted on the assigned date. **Plagiarism is highly prohibited and should include proper referencing.** If the students are unable to be present in class on that day the students should hand in their assignment before the due date/class to the group leader or the class representative.
* **Late Assignment:** No late assignment will be considered.
* **Exams:** Students missing exam/presentation/midterm will get a zero. In case of an emergency, she should contact the course teacher. The course teacher has the authority to determine whether the excuse is valid and whether the make-up exam would be scheduled. No lame excuses will be considered.
* **Attendance:** Students who missed more than 4 classes without any valid reason or prior notification will not be allowed to sit for any examination.
* **Homework/ Class Test:** Some homework/class tests may be given if a particular topic demands.
* **Student Hour:** Student is highly encouraged to utilize the student hour described above.
* **Mobile phone:** Please keep it switched off if possible or otherwise silent. Taking pictures of any slide/whiteboard is totally prohibited.

**Have an excellent Semester!**