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GRAND PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 200 (C3)

Winter 1991
Time: MWF 1000-1050
Location: F137
Office: Portable C-5
Office hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 1100-1200 or by
appointment. Drop-ins welcome.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The primary purpose of this course is to help students learn how to think sociologically, to understand how people are shaped by culture and fitted into society, while at the same time they take an active part in creating, sustaining and changing their society. These processes will be studied at levels ranging from individual interaction to social institutions. We will be concerned with how sociologists define their field of study, the explanations and theories they have developed and modified, and the methods used to collect and interpret data to substantiate theories. A recurrent theme throughout the course will be how students can use sociology to enrich their understanding of their own lives, and how their own experience can be viewed sociologically.

REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

There will be a mid-term test and a final examination. Each will consist of essay questions, and will be based on all course materials: lectures, class discussions, readings and/or films. At least one week before each test/exam, students will be given a list of study questions from which test questions will be chosen by the instructor.

Students will also write two or three short papers, up to ten pages in length. (The best two out of three essay marks will contribute 25% each of the final course grade.) On the basis of class lectures, readings and their own thinking, they will discuss topics they consider worthy of further investigation. (For further detail, see description of assignments.)

Assignments must be handed in to the instructor in class on the day they are due. Excessive grammatical or spelling errors may result in the loss of 2 out of 9 points. Decisions regarding make-up tests will be at the instructor's discretion.

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Short Paper #1	25	January 31
Short Paper #2	25	March 14
Short Paper #3	25	April 11
Mid-term Test	20	February 21
Final Examination	30	Registrar-Schedule

Grading System

Grade	Interpretation
8	Excellent
6	
7	Good
5	
5	Pass
4	
3	Fail
2	
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REQUIRED TEXT

Spencer, Melba. FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN SOCIOLOGY, Prentice Hall, 1990.

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Schedule

of topics, readings, assignments and tests

Readings are in Melba Spencer's FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN SOCIOLOGY. They should be completed by the date noted, to facilitate classroom discussion. Lectures are intended to clarify and supplement readings, not summarize them.

Week 1	Chapter 1. What is sociology?
Week 2	Chapter 2. Methods of social research
Week 2	Chapter 3. Culture
Week 3	Chapter 9. Social stratification
Week 4	Chapter 10. Ethnicity
January 31	ASSIGNMENT ONE
Week 5	Chapter 11. Gender
Week 6	Chapter 12. Religion
Week 7	Chapter 15. Economics and Politics
February 21	MID-TERM TEST
Week 8	Chapter 4. Social interaction
Week 9	Chapter 5. Socialization
March 14	ASSIGNMENT TWO
Week 10	Chapter 6. Self and the stages of life
Week 11	Chapter 12. The family
Week 12	Chapter 6. Deviance and Social control
Week 13	Chapter 20. Population and ecology
April 11	ASSIGNMENT THREE
Week 14	Chapter 21. Collective behavior and social movements
	Chapter 22. Social change
April	FINAL EXAMINATION - Registrar-scheduled