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# JINAN UNIVERSITY

## Introduction to Sociology

**Lecturer:** Dr. Arlene Clachar

**Time:** Monday through Friday (June 18, 2018-July 20, 2018)

**Office hours:** 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

**Contact Hours:** 60 (50mins each)

**Credits:** 4

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### Overview:

Sociology is the academic discipline concerned with the systematic investigation and understanding of human action and interaction. This broad definition includes everything from the actions, attitudes and beliefs of individual persons to the structures and cultures of entire societies and global regions. Sociologists study a wide range of topics, from race relations to sports to religious rituals to immigration patterns. They do so through large-scale surveys, interviews, participant observation, documentary analysis and other means of measurement. What unites such a diverse set of interests, methods and units of analysis is a common perspective. In the simplest terms, sociology is concerned with the contextual understanding of human behavior, where the context is relational, cultural, institutional, historical, or (most commonly) some combination of these. The course is organized into six major areas: 1) the basic principles and questions of the discipline; 2) how new members are socialized into the culture of their social worlds; 3) the relationship between individuals and the groups they belong to; 4) major institutions of society including work, the family, education and religion; 5) key dimensions of inequality in society, including class, race, ethnicity and gender; and 6) processes of social change.

*Sociology*. John Macionis, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall. ISBN: 13: 978-0-205-78616-9

### Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

### Grading Policies

**Exams:** There will be three exams over the five week term. Each exam will be worth 25% of the final grade.

**Paper:** There will be one short paper assignment (5 pages) which will be worth 15% of the final grade.

**Attendance and Participation:** The remaining 10% of the student's grade will be determined by regular attendance and participation in class. You are allowed 3 absences maximum for the course before dropping a letter grade. Full and prepared participation is expected. Attendance is mandatory in the class. Respect towards the instructor and classmates are expected. Unjustified absences, disrespectful behavior in the classroom and lack of participation in class will have a negative impact on the final grade.

### Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Satisfactory	C	70-79
Poor	D	60-69
Fail	E	Below 60

**Week 1**

Monday - What is Sociology? Chapter 1

Tuesday - Sociological Questions on Class, Race, and Ethnicity Chapter 2

Wednesday – Culture Chapter 3

Thursday – Language and Culture

Friday – Society Chapter 4

**Week 2**

Monday - Socialization Chapter 5

Tuesday – Language and Social Interaction Chapter 6

Wednesday – EXAM I

Thursday - Groups and Organizations Chapter 7

Friday – Groups and Organizations continued

**Week 3**

Monday – Work and the Economy Chapter 16

Tuesday – Work and the Economy continued

Wednesday – Social Stratification in Language and Education Chapter 10

Thursday – Global Inequality Chapter 12

Friday - Global Inequality continued

**Week 4**

Monday – EXAM II

Tuesday – Politics and Government Chapter 17

Wednesday – Politics and Government continued

Thursday – Health and Medicine Chapter 21

Friday – Health Care and Health Disparities

### **Week 5**

Monday – Paper Due: In class presentations

Population and Urbanization Chapter 22

Tuesday - Social Change Chapter 24

Wednesday – Social Change and Globalization Chapter 24

Thursday – The Social Effects of English as a Global Language

Friday - EXAM III

### **Academic Honesty**

Jinan University defines academic misconduct as any act by a student that misrepresents the students' own academic work or that compromises the academic work of another scholastic misconduct includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e. misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or substantially similar papers, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; sabotaging another's work within these general definitions, however, Instructors determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties ranging from lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.