

**SOCL 3601 SOCIAL INTERACTION Sections 1 & 2**  
**Spring 2019 Information and course syllabus**

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**Course description:** (*prereq. SOCL2001 or 2002, or PSYCH 2000, or equivalent*). "Human behavior as social interaction."

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** This course is designed to introduce the student to theories and research in social interaction and to help the student think critically about everyday life. This will be done through outside readings, classroom lecture, and other assignments.

**Textbook:** None. Short readings will be available online or on reserve in Middleton Library.

**Evaluation & grading:**

**Exams-** There will be three major exams in the course, including the final, worth 50 points each. Exams will be multiple-choice and will not be cumulative. Students will need a small (skinny) scantron for each exam. BE ON TIME- No student will be allowed to start an exam after the first student has finished- you will be required to take a written makeup at a later date. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER THE CLASSROOM AFTER LEAVING DURING AN EXAM-** So take care of creature comforts beforehand!

Makeup exams must be taken within two weeks of the regular exam date and may require written answers. Makeup exams for the final must be taken by noon Monday, May 6th and require permission from the Dean of Students. **YOU MUST DOCUMENT YOUR REASON FOR MISSING ANY EXAM.**

**Attendance, quizzes, & short assignments-** Regular attendance and class participation expected of all students. I will spot-check attendance at random times during the semester. I may be more inclined to do so on days when attendance is low to reward the faithful. In addition, I will give students short "quizzes" or assignments at various times as the spirit moves me. Some may be done in class, some will be take-home. Attendance, etc., will count for 30 points (16.7%) of a student's grade. I WILL NOT ACCEPT LATE OR E-MAILED QUIZZES OR ASSIGNMENTS.

**GRADING SCALE**

Exams: 3 x 50 pts each = 150	175-180 pts. =97-100%=A+	139-143 pts.=77-79.4%=C+
Attendance/quizzes = <u>30</u>	168-174 pts.=93-96.7%=A	132-138 pts.=73-76.7%=C
<b>TOTAL 180</b>	162-167 pts.=90-92.8%=A-	126-131 pts.=70-72.8%=C-
	157-161 pts.=87-89.4%=B+	121-125 pts.=67-69.4%=D+
	150-156 pts.=83-86.7%=B	114-120 pts.=63-66.7%=D
	144-149 pts.=80-82.8%=B-	108-113 pts.=60-62.8%=D-
		Less than 108 pts. = F

NOTE THAT EXAM SCORES ARE NOT THE ONLY FACTOR IN YOUR FINAL GRADE

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**CHEATING includes aiding or receiving aid from another student on exams or assignments; copying answers from another student; using notes, answer keys or other materials when taking exams; or in any way presenting someone else's work as your own. It also includes failure to follow test rules. Any student caught cheating can receive an F in the course and other sanctions prescribed by the Office of Student Advocacy & Accountability. That action can mean disciplinary probation, community service, and possible expulsion from the university. For athletes, it will also mean a loss of NCAA eligibility.**

**WARNING- When taking tests, remember that I can be as devious as you can.**

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

(Tentative and subject to change)

Wednesday, January 9th- Introduction to course

Jan. 11- Sociological perspectives

Jan. 14, 16, 18- Biology & culture

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- NO CLASS**

Jan, 23, 25, 28- Socialization

Jan. 30, Feb. 1, 4, 6, 8, 11- Identities, attitudes & behavior

Outside reading: Ralph H. Turner, *"The real self: From institution to impulse."* JSTOR

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13- EXAM 1**

Feb. 15, 18- Social power

Feb. 20, 22, 25- Deviance & stigma

Feb. 27, March 1- Social class

**MARCH 4-6- MARDI GRAS- NO CLASS**

March 8, 11- Race & ethnicity

Outside reading: Nina Jablonski, *"The evolution of human skin and skin color."* JSTOR

March 13, 15, 18- Sex & gender

Outside reading: Joseph Pleck, *"Men's power with women, other men, and society."* LSU's e-library.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20- EXAM 2**

March 22, 25- Close relationships

March 27, 29- Aggression & violence

April 1, 3, 5- Conformity & cooperation

April 8, 10, 12- Rewards & helping behavior

**APRIL 13-21- SPRING BREAK- NO CLASS**

April 22, 24- Sports & crowd behavior

April 26- TBA

**Official final exam times:**

**Section 1- Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12:30-2:30 PM in Coates 209**

**Section 2- Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 AM- Noon in Coates 209**