COURSE SCHEDULE:

AUG.  29 WED  INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE
      31 FRI  WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

   3 MON  LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
  5 WED  WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?
  7 FRI  WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

10 MON  THEORIES OF SOCIETY
12 WED  THE ELEMENTS OF SOCIAL STRUCTURE
14 FRI  THE ELEMENTS OF SOCIAL STRUCTURE

17 MON  QUIZ #1
19 WED  PANEL #1
21 FRI  SOCIALIZATION

24 MON  SOCIALIZATION
26 WED  TELEVISION’S EFFECT ON SOCIALIZATION
28 FRI  TELEVISION’S EFFECT ON SOCIALIZATION

OCT.  1 MON  DEVIANCE
  3 WED  DEVIANCE
  5 FRI  PANEL #2

   8 MON  FALL BREAK
10 WED  CLASS WILL NOT MEET
12 FRI  GENDER ISSUES

15 MON  QUIZ #2
17 WED  GENDER ISSUES
19 FRI  GENDER ISSUES

23 MON  PANEL #3
24 WED  GENDER ISSUES
26 FRI  RACE RELATIONS IN THE U.S.

29 MON  RACE RELATIONS IN THE U.S.
31 WED  VIDEO – “ETHNIC IMAGES”

NOV.  2 FRI  RACE RELATIONS IN THE U.S.

  5 MON  AGING IN AMERICA
INSTRUCTOR:  DR. MICHAEL McQUAIDE
OFFICE:  306 SENEY HALL
OFFICE HOURS:  MWF 11:00-12:00PM/  TTH 9:30 – 1:00PM
            IT IS BEST TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.
PHONE:  48321
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READING ASSIGNMENTS:
WEEK 1:  1; BERGER, P. 3
WEEK 2:  2; MILLS, P. 20  QUIZ #1 MATERIAL
WEEK 3:  3
WEEK 4:  4
WEEK 5:  5; ZIMBARDO, P. 297  QUIZ #2 MATERIAL
WEEK 6:  6; ROSENHAN, P. 304
WEEK 7:  13
WEEK 8:  11
WEEK 9:  9
WEEK 10:  8; MARTIN & HUMMER, P. 331  QUIZ #3 MATERIAL
WEEK 11:  EHRENREICH, P. 393
WEEK 12:  10
WEEK 13:  12
WEEK 14:  7; HIGLEY, P. 377
WEEK 15: 14; GANS, P. 358

GRADING POLICY:

FOUR EXAMS COUNT 20 POINTS EACH 80 POINTS
PANEL PRESENTATION COUNTS 15 POINTS 15
IN-CLASS PARTICIPATION COUNTS 5 POINTS 5

100 POINTS

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ATTENDANCE POLICY:
YOU ARE LIMITED TO THREE CUTS IN THIS COURSE. EACH ABSENCE
AFTER YOUR THIRD CUT WILL COST YOU ONE POINT FROM YOUR
FINAL SCORE. BEING ABSENT, LATE, OR ASLEEP ON A PANEL
PRESENTATION DAY WILL COST YOU THREE POINTS FROM YOUR
PANEL SCORE.

CLASS STARTS PROMPTLY AT THE APPOINTED HOUR. COMING TO
CLASS LATE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN YOUR
BEING COUNTED AS ABSENT.

TURN OFF CELL PHONES AND ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BEFORE
ENTERING THE CLASSROOM.

TEXTS:

SOCIOLOGY, 7TH EDIT. CALHOUN, LIGHT, & KELLER
DOWN TO EARTH SOCIOLOGY, 13TH EDIT. HENSLIN

PURPOSE:

This course will provide each student with an opportunity to increase their understanding of:

- the relationships between the various social sciences
- the role of ideology in shaping perceptions of social issues
- the complex dynamic interplay among the elements of social structure
- the role of socialization in shaping human societies
- the causes and consequences of social problems
- the importance of each social institution in the creation of society
- the structure and functions of the family
- the increasing concern for ethical standards in public life
- the effects of gender, age, race, educational status, and occupation in a sociological context
- the importance of social stratification in predicting life chances
AND

Demonstrate skill in written communication
Demonstrate skill in oral communication

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Prior to the completion of this course, each student will have an opportunity to demonstrate their comprehension of concepts and competence in the goals stated above.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

Each student will undergo a series of four written examinations that consist of essays, definitions, and multiple choice questions as a part of their evaluation in this course. Each student’s exam will be judged against standards of logical and accurately organized material, and precise use of the language.

In addition, each student will participate in a panel presentation during which they will make an oral presentation to the class from a variety of sources. At the completion of this formal presentation, the student will lead the class in a discussion of relevant issues. This oral communication will be judged by its clarity, precision, and style of presentation.

USE OF ASSESSMENT FINDINGS:

Each exam is carefully read and graded and constructive comments are written concerning each answer. Reference to the text and lectures are made to encourage precise reading and note-taking. Each exam is thoroughly discussed and correct answers are explained to the class. Individual appointments are available in order to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each answer.

HONOR CODE

All aspects of this course are governed by the Oxford College Honor Code as is articulated on the relevant pages of the current Oxford College catalog.