

SOC 2000
Professional Seminar
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Course Objectives

This course is designed to provide each student with:

- a. An understanding of the field of sociology as an academic discipline both at EIU and in the academy in general.
- b. A general knowledge of graduate opportunities in sociology and the application process for such matriculation.
- c. A general knowledge of professional opportunities for those with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Students should:

- d. Demonstrate a clear knowledge of the role of sociology and sociologists in society.
- e. Demonstrate the ability to compose a job resume for potential employment in a sociology related field.

Readings:

Departmental Information and readings are provided in a course supplement packet that has been put together by Sociology Club and AKD and will be available for sale from the instructor.

Evaluation:

This is a credit/no credit course. To receive credit in the course you must:

- a. miss no more than 3 class periods
- b. receive a "C" or better on your readings exam (Due Dec. 7-001/9-002)
- c. Turn in a completed resume (Due at the final exam time)

Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in a final grade of no credit and the entire course must be repeated.

Class Policies

Attendance is expected at each class meeting. Your attendance is part of your credit for this course.

Your participation is expected at each class meeting. The guest speakers will be happy to answer your relevant questions at the end of their presentation.

Academic dishonesty in any form (including cheating and plagiarism) will not be tolerated. Please review department and university guidelines on this subject. In this course any infraction of academic dishonesty results in a failing grade for this course and could lead to further action by the university such as expulsion. Consequences will be decided according to the severity of the offense. Every incident is reported to the Department of Judicial Affairs regardless of severity.

Papers and homework assignments are due at the beginning of the designated class period. No assignments will be accepted late for any reason. I will take assignments early.

Excused absences due to school sponsored activities are handled according to university policy. You should notify me in advance.

Accommodations are made for students with special needs per the guidelines of the Office of Disability Services. Please provide your documentation and see me to make arrangements.

If by some extreme circumstances I should be late to class, I ask that you wait fifteen minutes. If by that time I have not arrived nor have you been given a message by departmental faculty or staff, you are free to leave.

To ensure that the classroom environment is conducive to learning, the following *behaviors are prohibited* in sociology and anthropology classes: Eating, sleeping, reading unrelated materials, exiting and reentering during class, tardiness, discussions not assigned by the professor, and littering.

If you have *questions*, need further explanations, or require additional help with the material, please see me as soon as possible.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

- Week 1: Course introduction and review of the departmental expectations for majors. Introduce EIU research opportunities, departmental honors, and co-curricular activities.
- Week 2: Provide an overview of the field of sociology inside and outside the academy.
- Week 3: Study Abroad (Class Cancelled – Labor Day)
- Week 4: Begin coverage of professional opportunities: Human Agencies
- Week 5: Professional Opportunities in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- Week 6: Professional Opportunities in Clinical Practice
- Week 7: Professional Opportunities in Community Activism
- Week 8: Professional Opportunities in Teaching and Research
- Week 9: Professional Opportunities in Business
- Week 10: Opportunities beyond professional: Volunteerism and Political Participation
- Week 11: Graduate Schools and Post Graduate Fellowships
- Week 12: Graduate and Post graduate application process and the GRE
- Week 13: Book Discussion
- Week 14: Continue Book Discussion (Take Home Exams due Dec 7-001 and 9-002)
- Week 15: Resume Workshop (Resumes Due at Final Exam meeting)

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with documented disabilities are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) if they wish to discuss any necessary academic accommodations.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY STATEMENT

For medical emergencies, go to the nearest phone and call 911. All faculty offices have telephones and during normal business hours (8-12 and 1-4:30), the Sociology Office (Blair 3170) is open. Be sure to state the floor and room number of the emergency to the 911 operator. If possible, someone should go to the central entrance of Blair Hall to direct EMS personnel to the medical emergency scene. If the medical emergency is on the second or third floor, someone else should hold the elevator on the first floor for EMS use.

TORNADO STATEMENT

In case of a tornado warning, proceed to the center of the hallway on the first floor, near the posted severe weather signs. Under no circumstances should you attempt to leave the building.

BUILDING FIRE STATEMENT

In case of fire, activate the fire alarm and exit the building. When a fire alarm sounds, everyone must exit the building and cannot re-enter the building until allowed by the building coordinator or fire department official. Fire alarms are located at the north and south ends of the corridors just inside the fire doors. The closes exits for all classrooms in Blair are on the north and south ends of the building. Under no circumstance should the elevator be used. Group assembly areas for all classes in Blair are either on the patio area between Blair and Old Main or on the southeast corner of the North Quad. As you exit the building, continue moving well away from the exits so that you do not impede the egress of other students or the work of fire officials. Move a safe distance away from the building.