

Sociology Professional Seminar
Eastern Illinois University
Soc 2000-001 1 Credit Hour Fall 2017

Class: M 12:00 - 12:50

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“Sociology will be satisfying, in the long run, only to those who can think of nothing more entrancing than to watch men (*and women*) and to understand things human.”

- Peter Berger

Required Texts/Readings:

- Select Articles/Readings Available on the Course D2L Page.
- SOC 2000 - Sociology Professional Seminar Handbook - Available on the Course D2L Page.

Course Description and Objectives:

As stated in the undergraduate catalog, “this seminar is designed to familiarize departmental majors to the field in general and opportunities and challenges both in continued education and the labor force.” As such, you are required to complete this seminar because it gives us an opportunity to collectively cover a range of topics related to your major in Sociology. For example, some of the topics covered include administrative and advising issues specific to Eastern Illinois University, study abroad opportunities, internship programs, and career options for those with a bachelor’s degree in Sociology.

The specific objectives for this course are as follows:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the field of Sociology as an academic discipline.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of Sociology and Sociologists in society.
- Analyze professional opportunities for those with a bachelor’s degree in Sociology.
- Create a job resume for potential employment in a Sociology-related field.
- Develop a general knowledge of graduate opportunities in Sociology.

These objectives will be met through a combination of course readings, assignments, class discussions, and guest speakers.

Course Requirements:

This is a Credit/No Credit course. To earn credit for this course you must successfully complete all of the requirements listed below.

1. *Attendance.* Because this is a Credit/No-Credit course attendance is required. In order to receive Credit for this course you can miss no more than 3 classes - excused, unexcused, or otherwise.
2. *Why Sociology? Assignment.* Early in the semester you will be required to write a short paper addressing such issues as what interests you in Sociology and why you chose to major in Sociology. Specific assignment instructions and the due date will be available on the course D2L page.
3. *Resume.* You are required to submit a professional resume that will be placed in your advising folder in the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology. During the semester a representative from EIU's Career Services will provide some tips and strategies for developing a resume and there are some "Quick Tips" in the course handbook. The specific due date will be announced in class and on the D2L page.
4. *Reflective Writing Assignment.* Towards the end of the semester you will be required to write a short paper that will require you to reflect on such matters as how the sociological imagination can and has shaped your chosen occupational goals, among other issues. Assignment instructions and the due date will be available on the course D2L page.
5. *Participation.* Students are expected and required to both raise and answer questions and remain active participants in this course. While you are expected to be an active participant in the course you are also expected to respect the viewpoints expressed by others. All classroom discussion will be done in a civil and respectful manner.
6. *Sociology-Anthropology Assessment Survey.* Toward the end of the semester you will be asked to complete an assessment survey. This assessment survey is anonymous and is used solely for the Sociology and Anthropology Department to track, over time, the knowledge base of majors and to critically evaluate our curriculum.

If you fail to complete the aforementioned requirements, for example by failing to submit an assignment by the specified due date, you will receive a final grade of "No Credit" for the course. If you get "No Credit" for the course you will have to repeat the course next semester because SOC 2000 is a core requirement for the Sociology major.

Desire2Learn (D2L):

You will be required to use D2L in this course. A copy of the course syllabus, the course handbook, other important course documents, and course announcements will also be posted on the D2L course page. More information about accessing D2L is available at the following site: <http://www.eiu.edu/eiuonline>

Tentative Course Schedule:

August 21	Solar Eclipse and General Course Introduction
August 28	The Sociological Imagination Readings: C. Wright Mills. "The Promise." Peter L. Berger. "Invitation to Sociology." Joel M. Charon. "What Does it Mean to be Human?"
September 4	No Class – Labor Day
September 11	Sociology & the Sociological Imagination (cont'd) Discussion – Career Interests & Options
September 18	Career Services/Resume Building
September 25	Faculty Introductions/Handbook Review Note: September 27 – EIU Job & Internship Fair Grand Ballroom, University Union
October 2	Faculty Introductions/Handbook Review
October 9	Academic Advising & Degree Audits
October 16	Study Abroad Opportunities
October 23	Professional/Career Opportunities
October 30	Professional/Career Opportunities
November 6	Professional/Career Opportunities
November 13	Professional/Career Opportunities
Nov. 20 – Nov. 24	☺☺☺☺☺ Thanksgiving Break ☺☺☺☺☺
November 27	Professional/Career Opportunities
December 4	Course Wrap Up

Policies:

Attendance: As noted in the “course requirements” section of the syllabus, attendance in this course is required. In fact, to earn “Credit” for this course you can miss no more than 3 classes, regardless of the reason for your absence. In other words, if you miss more than 3 classes during the semester you will *not* receive “Credit” for this course. Furthermore, you are responsible for any course material that you miss if you are not in class, regardless of the reason for your absence.

Student Success Center: Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center (www.eiu.edu/success) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217.581.6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Academic Integrity: Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU’s Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards. Furthermore, if you are found cheating or plagiarizing you will receive a zero for that assignment, exam, or quiz.

Students with Disabilities: If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217.581.6583 to make an appointment.

Tape/Video Recorders: The use of tape recorders, or other recording devices, during class is not allowed. Exceptions will be made only under special circumstances.

Cell Phones/Text Messaging: I understand that many of you like to stay connected and many important people are constantly trying to get a hold of you, but if you have a cell phone please turn off or disable the ringer before coming to class. Furthermore, text messaging during class is not permitted or tolerated.

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 closest 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.

Note: All material in this course syllabus, including assignment due-dates, may be subject to change.