

Elgin Community College
Sociology 100 – Principles of Sociology
Online Sections

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Welcome to Elgin Community College and the world of sociology. Sociology is the scientific study of society and human behavior. We all have social contacts in our families, at school and work, with friends and associates, and in the many groups and organizations of which we are a part. An understanding of sociology can help us to understand the complex nature of these relationships.

As we examine the role of sociology in U.S. society, we will do so using both multicultural and inclusive perspectives. All individuals will be treated equitably, and the voices and experiences of all members of the class will be respected. Unfair treatment of others based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, class, ability, sexual orientation or any other basis will not be tolerated.

DESCRIPTION

This introductory course will examine the nature of society, and the relationships between individuals, groups and institutions. We will focus on the different methods and theories used to analyze and understand past societies, and the myriad of changes occurring in contemporary society.

OBJECTIVES

- to introduce students to the academic discipline of sociology, emphasizing theory, research and application
- to examine the effects and relevance of sociology to everyday life
- to assist students in increasing their understanding of society and the factors driving social change
- to explore remedies to some of the critical issues facing society
- to improve students' planning, research and writing skills

REQUIRED TEXTS

Contact the ECC Bookstore at 847-214-7395; eccbookstore@elgin.edu

BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to be respectful of themselves, the instructor and other students at all times and derogatory comments are not acceptable.

- Students are responsible for, and may be tested on, all assignments.
- Exams should be taken on the days scheduled. Make-ups are at the discretion of the instructor, and if allowed, students are responsible for requesting the exam and the grade will be lowered minimally by one letter grade.

- Papers are due on the assigned date. Acceptance of late papers is at the instructor's discretion, and if accepted, the grade will be lowered minimally by one letter grade.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If you are experiencing any unusual circumstances that are affecting your class performance, please contact me. If you decide not to continue with the class, you must formally drop the class in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Registration Department identified in the ECC Catalog. **You must complete the appropriate withdrawal process by week ten to avoid a negative impact on your grade point average (GPA).**

PLAGIARISM, CHEATING & OTHER GROSS INFRACTIONS

Instructors reserve the right to withdraw students from their classes with a failing grade at any point in the semester due to plagiarism, cheating or other gross infractions. Formal charges may be filed in accordance with ECC's [Student Code of Conduct Discipline Procedure](#) (available on the ECC website). As you complete this course, take advantage of all the campus resources that are available to you, including writing assistance in The Write Place (see attachment at the end of your syllabus).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

ECC welcomes students with disabilities and is committed to supporting them as they attend college. If a student has a disability (visual, aural, speech, emotional/psychiatric, orthopedic, health, or learning), s/he may be entitled to some accommodation, service, or support. While the College will not compromise or waive essential skill requirements in any course or degree, students with disabilities may be supported with accommodations to help meet these requirements. Accommodations must be reasonable and are specific to the disability and the course.

The laws in effect at college level are the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and state that a person does not have to reveal a disability, but if support is needed, documentation of the disability must be provided. If none is provided, the college does not have to make any exceptions to standard procedures.

All students are expected to comply with the Student Code of Conduct and all other college procedures as stated in the current College Catalog.