



Nanchang University SOC 12: Introduction to Sociology B

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours)at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

This course is an introductory survey to sociology, by which is meant an overview of this discipline as well as the major components of human societies and particularly our contemporary global society. The sociological discipline is introduced first throughout the presentation of its ways of thinking, its methods, and theories. Among the major components of human societies, the following will be approached: culture; socialization and social interaction; groups, networks, and organizations; stratifications and inequalities; politics, economics, and world views (religion, education, and mass media). All of these components will be presented emphasizing their current shape in our globalized world. Moreover, the last section of the course will be fully dedicated to the process of globalization.

Required Textbook

Introduction to Sociology. Giddens, A. et al. W. Norton & Company.

Grading

- Participation 20%
- Homework 20%
- Midterm 30%
- Final Exam 30%
- Total 100%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65



D	60-61	F	< 60
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Assignment

All homework assignments must be submitted prior to the due date. **Late assignments are not accepted.**

Students are encouraged to study in groups: it will make studies productive and fun. However, remember: all assignments must be submitted individually.

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Ethnicity and race

Reading: Ch. 11 (319-328)

Class 2:

Global migration

Reading: Ch. 11 (329-343)

Class 3:

Racial and ethnic inequality

Reading: Ch. 11 (344-351)

Class 4:

Growing old: competing sociological explanations

Reading: Ch. 12 (357-363)

Class 5:

The politics of Aging

Reading: Ch. 12 (364-374)

Class 6:

Democracy

Reading: Ch. 13 (387-402)

Class 7:

Political and social change

Reading: Ch. 13 (404-414)



Class 8:

The social organization of work

Reading: Ch. 14 (426-434)

Class 9:

The modern economy

Reading: Ch. 14 (435-456)

Class 10:

Theoretical perspectives on the family

Reading: Ch. 15 (463-467)

Class 11:

Changes in family patterns worldwide

Midterm Review Ch. 11-15

Reading: Ch. 15 (470-483)

Class 12:

Midterm Exam

Class 13:

Education

Reading: Ch. 16 (496-512)

Class 14:

Communication and the mass media

Reading: Ch. 16 (513-523)

Class 15:

Theories of religion

Reading: Ch. 17 (528-535)

Class 16:

World religions

Reading: Ch. 17 (538-548)

Class 17:

The sociology of the body: health and illness

Reading: Ch. 18 (566-578)

Class 18:

Human sexuality

Reading: Ch. 18 (590-602)



Class 19:

Urbanization

Reading: Ch. 19 (610-629)

Class 20:

World population growth

Reading: Ch. 19 (634-650)

Class 21:

Social Change and globalization

Reading: Ch. 20 (656-662)

Class 22:

Social Change and globalization(Cont)

Reading: Ch. 20 (656-662)

Class 23:

The effect of globalization on our lives

Reading: Ch. 20 (671-682)

Class 24:

The effect of globalization on our lives(Cont)

Reading: Ch. 20 (671-682)

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on "Late Withdrawals"

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:



Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.