SOAN 101: FRESHMAN SOCIOLOGY

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SOAN 101-

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of sociology. Sociology is a motivating discipline that enables you to gain insight into the society around you. The discipline’s range is wide and its perspectives are challenging. The major focus is to explore, comprehend and explain changes in behavior and social relationships within societies. The course provides an introduction to theoretical thinking in sociology, research methods and an analysis of basic issues of interest in sociology today.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course you will be able to:
1. Define major concepts in the discipline
2. Describe the history of sociological reasoning
3. Assess the appropriate methods for collecting different kinds of data
4. Look critically and analytically at issues, question assumptions and assess information
5. Use concepts and theories to reflect on practical matters
6. Articulate ways that connect us as individuals to the culture and society in which we live.

3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

READINGS. Students are expected to read the assigned materials for each class session and be prepared to contribute to class discussion.

ACTIVITIES. Students should be prepared to participate in all course activities. The course activities are designed to help students understand, apply and share ideas pertaining to the course materials.

COURSE PROJECT. One project is planned for this course. Detailed information concerning this project will be provided on week 4.
4. COURSE POLICIES

1. Students are encouraged to attend all classes. In case of absence from any class, students are required to cover material missed and inquire about any announcements made during their absence.
2. Mobile phones are strictly prohibited in class.

5. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

1. **Academic Integrity:**
   Please refer to AUB Student Code of Conduct:
   [http://www.aub.edu.lb/pnp/generaluniversitypolicies/Documents/StudentCodeConduct/StudentCodeConduct.pdf](http://www.aub.edu.lb/pnp/generaluniversitypolicies/Documents/StudentCodeConduct/StudentCodeConduct.pdf), in particular section 1.1, which concerns academic misconduct including cheating, plagiarism, in-class disruption, and dishonesty. Please be aware that misconduct is vigorously prosecuted and that AUB has a zero tolerance policy. Course policy is that **credible evidence of cheating will result in course failure.**

2. **Recommended Accessibility Statement to Acknowledge the Unique Learning Needs of Students with Disabilities:**
   AUB strives to make learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers due to a disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please inform me immediately so that we can privately discuss options. In order to help establish reasonable accommodations and facilitate a smooth accommodations process, you are encouraged to contact the Accessible Education Office: [accessibility@aub.edu.lb](mailto:accessibility@aub.edu.lb); +961-1-350000, x3246; West Hall, 314.

3. **Non-Discrimination**
   AUB is committed to facilitating a campus free of all forms of discrimination including sex/gender-based harassment prohibited by Title IX. The University’s non-discrimination policy applies to, and protects, all students, faculty, and staff. If you think you have experienced discrimination or harassment, including sexual misconduct, we encourage you to tell someone promptly. If you speak to a faculty or staff member about an issue such as harassment, sexual violence, or discrimination, the information will be kept as private as possible, however, faculty and designated staff are required to bring it to the attention of the University’s Title IX Coordinator. Faculty can refer you to fully confidential resources, and you can find information and contacts at [www.aub.edu.lb/titleix](http://www.aub.edu.lb/titleix). To report an incident, contact the University's Title IX Coordinator Trudi Hodges at 01-350000 ext. 2514, or [titleix@aub.edu.lb](mailto:titleix@aub.edu.lb). An anonymous report may be submitted online via EthicsPoint at [www.aub.ethicspoint.com](http://www.aub.ethicspoint.com).

6. COURSE RESOURCES

2. Readings
7. TOPICS COVERED

1. The sociological view – Chapter 1
2. Sociological research methods – Chapter 1
3. Culture, society and the individual – Chapter 2
4. Social interactions and everyday life – Chapter 3
5. Deviance and social control – Chapter 4
6. Stratification and social class – Chapter 5
7. Inequality by race and ethnicity – Chapter 6
8. Sexuality and gender – Chapter 7
9. Family – Chapter 8
10. Education – Chapter 9
11. Health, illness and disability – Chapter 10
12. Social Movements – Chapter 11

8. EVALUATION

The final grade will be determined as follows:
- Class attendance and participation: 10%
- Drop quizzes: 5%
- Class Presentation: 10%
- Assignment: 5%
- Project: 20%
- Midterm exam: 20%
- Final exam: 30%