SOCIOLOGY 378W: SOCIALIZATION AND SOCIAL CONTROL
MW 11:00-12:30
Spring 2007
3 Credit Hours

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Required Texts:


Course Description:
This course examines structures and processes through which social systems (e.g., groups, institutions, organizations, and societies) secure and maintain order and social control. Sociological concepts, principles and theories used to explain sanctioning in various social systems whereby people are socialized to want to act the way they have to act for social order to prevail. Prerequisite: Soc 261.

Course Objectives: By the end of the course, students should be able to:
1. explain basic sociological principles, concepts, issues and theories of socialization, social control and deviance;
2. think critically about how socialization and social control processes shape social behavior;
3. apply the theories discussed in class to an examination of socialization and social control processes observed outside the classroom.
**Blackboard:** The syllabus and other documents will be posted on Blackboard. You are expected to check Blackboard regularly for announcements and course materials. Grades for this course will be recorded in Gradebook.

**Exams and Grading:** The exams will cover the assigned chapters in the textbook AND the material discussed in class. Although much of the class lectures will refer to the texts, new material will also be introduced. You are expected to read and study the textbooks independently. Information discussed in class, as well as that contained in the assigned readings, even if they are not reviewed in class, may appear on exams.

Make-up exams will be given only if arranged with the professor PRIOR to the day of the scheduled exam to be missed and ONLY if the reason for the absence is deemed valid by the professor. Assignments will not be accepted after the due date.

**In-class Quizzes:** 100 points, 50 points each

Quiz #1 – Berns (50 points)  
Quiz #2 – Berns (50 points)

**Exams:** 200 points, 100 points each

There will be 2 Exams. The exams will cover material found in the textbooks and discussed in class. These will be essay exams.

Exam # 1 = Berns (All), 100 points  
Exam # 2 = Goode (All), 100 points

**2 Analytic Essays:** 200 points, 100 points each

The papers will be reactions to the readings in the *Social Deviance* text.  
1. Summarize the main points of articles (two or more);  
2. Compare and contrast the articles;  
3. Think critically about the articles; critique and link to course materials.

All papers must be a **minimum** of 5 pages in length, double-spaced, 12 point font (not in bold type) 1 inch margins, include a reference page, no title page, with heading (name and class, single spaced) only on first page, citations within text.

**Point Scale:**

Students have the possibility to earn up to 500 points in this class:

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The following scale will be used to determine your final grade:

500-450... ..................A
449-400..................... B
399-350................... C
349-300................... D
299-under..................F

**Attendance:** SHSU policy is that attendance is mandatory. Attendance is recorded at the beginning of class. Students who arrive once class is underway (after 10 minutes), or leave early, may be counted absent unless the late arrival/early departure has been negotiated with the professor prior to the class meeting. Attendance will be taken into consideration if your final average is on the cusp between letter grades.

**Extra Credit:** There will be several opportunities to earn extra credit during the semester. Announcements will be made in class and posted on Blackboard. There is a possibility that the class will organize at least one field trip. If this can be arranged, participation in the trip will form the basis for an extra-credit assignment.

**Academic Dishonesty:** Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Cheating on an exam, quiz and/or assignment is an act of dishonesty. Students who cheat will automatically receive the grade of zero (0) for the exam, quiz or assignment in question. Students who cheat more than once will receive an automatic F in the class. See Student Syllabus Guidelines http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/

**Classroom Rules of Conduct:** Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during times of examination. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process. See Student Syllabus Guidelines http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/

**Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:** Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. See Student Syllabus Guidelines http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/

**Students with Disabilities Policy:** It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center and then meet with the instructor so that appropriate accommodations may be made. This
**meeting should take place within the first two weeks of the semester.** *See Student Syllabus Guidelines http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/*

**Visitors in the Classroom:** Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. Students wishing to audit a class must apply to do so through the Registrar’s Office. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/*

**COURSE OUTLINE**


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**EXAM #2 FINAL EXAM during exam week. Date to be announced.**