



INTRODUCTION

Content and Structure

COURSE AND INSTRUCTOR

NAME OF THE COURSE: Sociology

COURSE CODE: SOC100

INSTRUCTOR: Assist. Prof. Dr. Direnç Kanol

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the students to some of the most important sociological topics like social inequality, social contract, compliance, obedience, collective action and social movements. We will focus on questions like: What is social inequality? Is social inequality natural? Is social inequality (un)desirable? What is compliance and why do people comply? What is obedience and why do people obey? What is collective action problem? Why does it occur and how can it be overcome? What are social movements? Are social movements effective?



COURSE OBJECTIVES

Understand some of the major issues in modern society

Think analytically about solutions to some of the major issues in modern society



READING REQUIREMENTS

There is no compulsory reading for this course. Students are obliged to attend the class and take notes. Power Point presentations will be provided. Students are free (and encouraged) to read the books and articles mentioned in the presentations.

ASSESSMENT

Paper and Presentations (25%)

Mid-term Exam (25%)

Final Exam (50%)

MID-TERM EXAM

Mid-Term exam will be composed of one or two essay questions on social inequality.

Date – 06.11.2015, 15:00, D122, D 123

PAPER AND PRESENTATIONS

You will be randomly assigned into groups.

Each group will be composed of 5-6 people.

You will write a 3,000 words review essay on social inequality.

1 person will present the group paper in 20 minutes in the class.

I will be grading your paper/presentation.

Also, each person in the group will be giving a grade to their colleagues in the group based on the contribution they have made to the paper/presentation.

I will calculate your grades accordingly.

You will give the papers to me in the class on 20th November 2015 (No Late Submissions – If you can't come to class on that day for any reason, you should send it to me by email)

WEEKLY TOPICS

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Social Inequality: The Root of All Evil? (1)

Week 3: Social Inequality: The Root of All Evil? (2)

Week 4: Social Inequality: Natural?

Week 5: Social Contract

Week 6: Social Influence: Compliance and Obedience

Week 7: Collective Action

Week 8: Social Movements

Week 9: Presentations

Week 10: Presentations

Week 11: Presentations

Week 12: Revision