

# SOCI498

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## Course Summary

**Course :** SOCI498 **Title :** Senior Seminar in Sociology

**Length of Course :** 8

**Prerequisites :** SOCI111 **Credit Hours :** 3

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## Description

**Course Description:** The focus of this course is to review the major issues within the field of sociology and their relationship to current events. Theoretical and applied perspectives will be discussed, culminating in the students' completion of a major sociological research paper/project that synthesizes the body of acquired knowledge.

### Course Scope:

This capstone course incorporates knowledge domains from the undergraduate sociology degree program, including fundamental and advance discipline related concepts. It provides opportunities for students to demonstrate what they have learned during their academic careers and to prepare for entering their respective professional field and/or graduate studies specialties.

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## Objectives

Students successfully completing this course will demonstrate knowledge and skills related to:

CO1: Recognize key contemporary issues facing individuals and groups in contemporary society.

CO2: Identify discipline-related research and published literature.

CO3: Apply sociological knowledge to a current social problem.

CO4: Explain the different subfields of sociology.

CO5: Identify the main professional sociological associations.

CO6: Identify sociology-related careers and career resources.

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## Outline

### Week 1: What is sociology?

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Course Objectives

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Assignment(s)

**Week 1 Introduction**

**Week 1 Forum**

**Week 2: Subfields of sociology**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 4

Assignment(s)

**Week 2 Forum**

**Week 3: Sharing research (topic for final)**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 3

Assignment(s)

**Week 3 Forum**

**Assignment #1 due**

**Week 4: Professional sociological associations**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 5

Assignment(s)

**Week 4 Forum**

**Week 5: Sharing research (sources for final)**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 3

Assignment(s)

**Week 5 Forum**

**Assignment #2 due**

**Week 6: Current issues and controversies in sociology**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 3

Assignment(s)

### **Week 6 Forum**

### **Week 7: Careers for sociology majors and job banks**

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Course Objectives

1, 2, 6

Assignment(s)

### **Week 7 Forum**

### **Assignment #3 due**

### **Week 8: Sharing research (final presentations)**

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Learning Outcomes

1, 2, 3

Assignment(s)

### **Week 8 Forum**

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## **Evaluation**

### **Forums:**

Participation in classroom dialogue on threaded Forums is required. Forums are scheduled weekly and found in the Forums tab in the classroom. Initial Forum posts are due Thursdays, peer responses are due Sundays. Specific instructions and the grading rubric are located on each Forum.

### **Assignments:**

This course includes Assignments. Instructions and specific grading rubrics are found under the Assignments tab in our classroom.

### **Grading:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade %</b>
Forums	30.00 %
Intro Forum	1.20 %
Wk 1 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 2 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 3 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 4 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 5 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 6 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 7 Forum	2.40 %
Wk 8 Forum	12.00 %

Assignment 1	10.00 %
Assignment 1: Final Project Proposal	10.00 %
Assignment 2	20.00 %
Assignment 2: Annotated Bibliography	20.00 %
Assignment 3	40.00 %
Assignment 3: Final Project	40.00 %

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## Materials

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library are used. Please visit <http://apus.libguides.com/er.php> to locate the course eReserve.

**Author:** N/A

**Publication Info:** N/A

**ISBN:** N/A

No textbook required. Extensive reading and synthesis of scholarly and professional resources is required for this capstone course. Book review assignment will require selection of one sociology book from the list that can be found under Assignments and Lessons.

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## Course Guidelines

### Citation and Reference Style

- Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted.
- Please note that no formal citation style is graded on Forums in the School of Arts & Humanities.

### Tutoring

- [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com) offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

### Late Assignments

#### School of Arts & Humanities Late Policy

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me before the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution.

Work posted or submitted after the assignment due date will be reduced by 10% of the potential total score possible for each day late up to a total of five days, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments.

***Beginning on the sixth day late through the end of the course, late work, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments, will be accepted with a grade reduction of 50% of the potential total score earned.***

## Turn It In

Assignments are automatically submitted to Turnitin.com within the course. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

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