

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY--FALL 2023

INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY 1301.01

BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE

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*****Call, text or email me with questions any
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E-Textbook:

Henslin, James. *Essentials of Sociology*. Pearson, 14th ed.

Note: ISBN to be provided on the first day of class.

“Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.”

For a description of the course, see the Overview on D2L above the Table of Contents.

ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION: + or -

Final grade may be dropped OR raised a letter depending on the quality of your class participation and attendance. Class participation does not mean raising your hand all the time! Rather it depends on whether you attend class and exhibit proper classroom behaviors.

As far as attendance goes, see the COURSE ABSENCE POLICY, below.

COURSE ABSENCE POLICY

Students are allowed 4 absences. You may be withdrawn from class if you miss more than 4 times. Please see me if you are having difficulties! I'm fairly understanding!

GRADING

Exam 1 20%

Exam 2 20%

Project 20%

Quizzes, Class assignments 20%

Final Essay 20%

Grades are weighted based on completion of all course requirements.

DATES OF EXAMS: (may be subject to change timing depends on when we finish the material)

First exam: Oct 19th

Second exam: Nov 30

The exams may consist of multiple choice, matching, short answer, essay or project/presentation.

MAKEUP POLICY:

Makeups the last day of class; test may be in a different format than the one missed.

NOTE:

This syllabus is subject to revision. Any revisions will be announced in class as well as posted on the D2L.

- **Required Textbooks and Resources:**

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- **Academic Honesty Policy:** o perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>. Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may, at a minimum, result in a 0 in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.
- **Title IX Statement:**

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct.

Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator
Office C-114; 979-230-3303; mareille.rolon@brazosport.edu

- **Students with Disabilities:**

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information.

- **Covid-19 Statement:**

At Brazosport College, all of us, including faculty, staff and students, share a common goal this fall semester, to keep our classes running in the safest manner possible and avoid any disruption to your progress in achieving your educational and career goals. To that end, we ask and encourage you to conduct yourself in the following manner while on campus this semester:

- Every day, perform a self-health check prior to coming to campus and stay home if sick.
- To the greatest extent possible, maintain your distance between you and other students, faculty, and staff while on campus.
- Wear a properly fitted face covering over your mouth and nose while indoors on campus. If you do not have a mask, they will be available to you in all classrooms this fall.
- Practice good hygiene, washing your hands regularly and/or using hand sanitizer.
- The most effective way to protect yourself from Covid-19 is through vaccination. The vaccine is readily available and at no cost to you. Vaccine information and availability can be found at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/vaccine/>.

If at any time this semester you begin to experience Covid symptoms, or if you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please take the following steps:

- Stay home if you're feeling sick and minimize your contact with others.
- Alert the College by completing the Covid-19 Exposure Report Form online at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/report/>. Be sure to provide accurate contact information, including a working phone number that you will answer.
- After submitting the report, you will be promptly contacted by a member of our Rapid Response Team, who will ask you some specific questions about your situation and provide you with guidance moving forward.
- If it is determined that you should not come to class, your instructor will be notified. Please know that your instructor will consider course adjustments and potential make-up work only if your case has been reported to Brazosport College, and they've been notified by our response team. Your instructor will work with you to determine how to manage any make-up work.

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Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Office C-114; 979-230-3303; mareille.rolon@brazosport.edu

Student Conduct Statement

Students are expected to be aware of and follow the Brazosport College Student Code of Conduct. Students have violated the Code if they "fail to comply with any lawful directions, verbal or written, of any official at BC." Lawful directions include precautions and requirements taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at Brazosport College.

Campus Closure Statement

Brazosport College is committed to the health and safety of all students, staff, and faculty and adheres to all federal and state guidelines. The College intends to stay open for the duration of the semester and provide access to classes and support services on campus in the safest way possible. The College will also comply with lawful orders given by applicable authorities, including the Governor of Texas, up to and including campus closure. It is possible that on campus activities may be moved online and/or postponed if such orders are given.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to fully participate in this course. The following criteria are intended to assist you in being successful in this course:

1. understand the syllabus requirements
2. use appropriate time management skills
3. communicate with the instructor
4. complete course work on time, and

5. utilize online components (such as Desire2Learn) as required.

OTHER STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

Information about the Library is available at <http://www.brazosport.edu/library> or by calling 979.230.3310.

For assistance with online courses, an open computer lab, audio/visual services, and study skills, visit Learning Services next to the Library, call 979.230.3253, or visit <http://www.brazosport.edu/learningservices>.

For drop-in math tutoring, the writing center, supplemental instruction and other tutoring including e-tutoring, visit the Student Success Center, call 979.230.3527, or visit <http://www.brazosport.edu/studentsuccesscenter>.

The Student Services provides assistance in the following:

Counseling and Advising	979.230.3040
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Financial Aid	979.230.3294
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Student Life	979.230.3355
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To reach the Information Technology Department for computer, email, or other technical assistance call the Helpdesk at 979.230.3266.

Learning Outcomes Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Compare and contrast the basic theoretical perspectives of sociology.
2. Identify the various methodological approaches to the collection and analysis of data in sociology.
3. Describe key concepts in sociology.
4. Describe the empirical findings of various subfields of sociology.
5. Explain the complex links between individual experiences and broader institutional forces.

OFFICE HOURS: On campus, TTH 10:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. For the online office hours, we can set them up on zoom, at a time convenient for students-

LET'S HAVE A WONDERFUL SEMESTER!