



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

SO900 Introduction to Sociology

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<b>Term:</b>	2 July - 2 August, 2018	<b>Credits:</b>	4
<b>Classroom:</b>	TBD	<b>Teaching Assistant(s):</b>	TBD
<b>Class Hours:</b>	Monday through Thursday, 1.10-3.10 pm		
<b>Discussion Session:</b>	2 hours each week, leaded by teaching assistant(s)		
<b>Total Contact Hours:</b>	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
<b>Required Texts (w/ ISBN):</b>	Henry L. Tischler (2010). <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> , 10th edition, Wadsworth Cengage Learning (ISBN: 9780495804406)		
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	N/A		



### Course Overview

This course will encourage you to develop a sociological imagination, i.e., a capacity to understand how seemingly personal matters are shaped by larger social forces. The sociological imagination involves making linkages between private issues and social problems. It will do so by examining major topics of sociological inquiry, such as social interaction, groups and organizations, deviant behavior and social control, social class and inequality, racial and ethnic relations, gender stratifications, religion, and sport.

Class meeting include lectures, movies, and discussions in small groups. Students are expected to take an active part in the classroom.

### Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on the following elements:

#### 1) Small Group Sessions

Small group sessions will be held several two times every week to offer you the opportunity to discuss and evaluate your reading materials. A few questions will be handed out at the beginning of each session to bring a focus to these discussions and provide a means through which to develop your responses. Your responses will be graded (20%).

#### 2) Quizzes

Three multiple-choice quizzes will be given throughout the semester (10% x3 quizzes = %30)

#### 3) Final Exam: 50%

### Grading Scale

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1
≤59	F (Failure)	0



### Course Schedules

Date	Lecture	Reading
<b>WEEK 1</b>		
<b>2-Jul</b>	The sociological perspective-1	Tischler, ch. 1. p. 2-17
<b>3-Jul</b>	The sociological perspective-2	Tischler, ch. 1, p. 18-27
<b>4-Jul</b>	The Sociological Perspective-3	
<b>5-Jul</b>	Doing sociology: Research Methods -1	Tischler, ch. 2
<b>WEEK 2</b>		
<b>9-Jul</b>	Social interaction - 1	Tischler, ch. 5
<b>10-Jul</b>	Social interaction – 2	
<b>11-Jul</b>	Social groups and organizations	Tischler, ch. 6
<b>12-Jul</b>	Quiz 1	
	Deviant behavior and social control	Tischler, ch. 7
<b>WEEK 3</b>		
<b>16-Jul</b>	Deviant Behavior - the theory of Michel Foucault	
<b>17-Jul</b>	Social Class and inequality	Tischler, ch. 8
<b>18-Jul</b>	Inequality – Karl Marx	George Ritzer, Sociological Theory (Eighth Edition) McGraw-Hill, 2008, p. 56-72
	Movie: Social Class in America–PBS People Like Us	
<b>19-Jul</b>	Inequality – Western Marxism	Cuff, Sharrock, and Francis, Perspectives in Sociology (Fifth Edition), Routledge, 2006 (175-195)
	Movie: Social Class in America–PBS People Like Us. Part II	
<b>WEEK 4</b>		
<b>23-Jul</b>	Quiz 2	
	Racial and Ethnic Relations-1	Tischler, ch. 10
<b>24-Jul</b>	Racial and Ethnic Relations-2	
	The Two Nations of Black America. Henry Gates Jr. 60 minutes	
<b>25-Jul</b>	Gender Stratification	Tischler, ch. 11
<b>26-Jul</b>	Religion	Tischler, ch. 13
	Quiz 3	



Date	Lecture	Reading
WEEK 5		
30-Jul	Sport-1	Sorek, Tamir. 2003. 'Arab Football in Israel as an 'Integrative Enclave'', Ethnic and Racial Studies 26(3): 422--450.
31-Jul	Sport-2: Movie: Not Just a Game: Power, Politics & American Sports	
	Movie: Not Just a Game: Power, Politics & American Sports	
1-Aug	Summary	
2-Aug	Final Exam	

**\*Instructor** has the right to change (add or delete) any requirements of the course based on academic judgment and extenuating circumstances.