

SYLLABUS

SOCI 240a-951 Introduction to Social Interaction

Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia, Summer 2015

Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 – 15:00 ANSO 207

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Course Description: This course is designed to enable students to operate with the major sociological concepts and theories within sociological social psychology (SSP). Students will learn to question their everyday perceptions and apply SSP perspective to their everyday interactions. A lot of social phenomena become so familiar that people fail to notice them. This course will provide students with analytical toolbox to make them see what is hidden in plain sight – in the realm of our everyday lives. Students will also learn to distinguish and present theoretical ideas and begin to question their own standing. They will learn to analyze with a critical eye issues raised in class using conceptual and theoretical knowledge gained through application of the class material.

Prerequisites and/or Course Restrictions: None

Format of the Course: *(This is a brief description of the course format and requirements. Full instructions will be provided in class).* The course will be taught in lecture format with short 10 minutes discussions before each break. Students will be assessed using two assignments (interaction journal and reading critique), midterm and final exams. Note that students will not be allowed to use laptops, tablets, or cell phones in the classroom.

Course Due Dates and Grading:

In-Class Participation: 5%

Assignments: 30%

Midterm exam (**July 23**) MCQs (20%), SA and SE (10%): 30% in total

Final exam (**TBA**) MCQs (25%), SA and SE (10%): 35%

Grading Guidelines: (see <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,42,96,0>)

90-100% = A+ 64-67% = C+

85-89% = A 60-63% = C

80-84% = A- 55-59% = C-

76-79% = B+ 50-54% = D

72-75% = B 00-49% = F

68-71% = B-

Scaling of Grades: UBC reserves the right to scale grades in order to maintain equity among sections and conformity to university, faculty, department or school norms. Students should therefore note that an unofficial grade given by an instructor might be changed by the faculty, department or school. Grades are not official until they appear on a student's academic record ([UBC](#)).

Required readings:

Crawford, L. A., & Novak, K.B. (2014). *Individual and Society: Sociological Social Psychology*. New York: Routledge.

Deutsch, Francine M. 2007. "Undoing Gender." *Gender and Society* 21(1):106–27.

West, C., and D. H. Zimmerman. 1987. "Doing Gender." *Gender & Society* 1(2):125–51.

Examinations: The exams will be a combination of multiple choice, short answers, and short essay questions.

Assignments

1) **Critique of a Reading (10%)**. Each student is required to provide a two-page critique for the reading of their choice (either from the list on a book chapter or the gender readings). These must be submitted **a day before (due midnight)** the lecture where this reading (or chapter) is discussed. Summaries are to be sent electronically to your TA and carbon copied to the instructor. The guidelines will be provided in class.

2) **Interaction Journal (20%)**. Throughout the course (5 weeks in total, excluding the final week), students will keep a journal of their observed everyday interactions. These observations are to be analyzed using the ideas and theories discussed in class. Students are expected to make at least 3 thoughtful, thorough, and analytical entries per week (each min 1.5 pages long, typed, double spaced). Journals are to be submitted each Tuesday. The guidelines will be provided in class.

Class Schedule and Assigned Readings

Schedule	Topic	Required Readings
July 7, 2015	Introduction: Overview of course content and requirements; Sociological Perspectives	Crawford: Chapter 1
July 9, 2015	Methodology	Crawford: Chapter 2
July 14, 2015	Theory: Symbolic Interactionism and Related Perspectives	Crawford: Chapter 3 DUE: Interaction Journal Part 1
July 16, 2015	Social Structure and Personality	Crawford: Chapter 4
July 21, 2015	Group Processes and Structures	Crawford: Chapter 5 DUE: Interaction Journal Part 2
<midterm will include only the readings above>		
July 23, 2015	Midterm Socialization and Life Course	Crawford: Chapter 6
July 28, 2015	Self and Identity	Crawford: Chapter 7 DUE: Interaction Journal Part 3
July 30, 2015	Emotion	Crawford: Chapter 8
August 4, 2015	Social Influence in Groups	Crawford: Chapter 13 DUE: Interaction Journal Part 4
August 6, 2015	Deviance, Mental Health/Illness	Crawford: Chapter 9, Chapter 10
August 11, 2015	Gender	(Deutsch 2007; West and Zimmerman 1987) DUE: Interaction Journal Part 5
August 13, 2015	Catch up, Review for the final exam	
	FINAL EXAM (Scheduled by the registrar (Aug 17 – Aug 21))	<final exam is not cumulative>