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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Sociology 2375 is an analytical examination of the fundamental concepts, methods, and theories in sociology as they pertain to deviance. The focus is on the structure and processes of deviant groups and organizations, as well as criminal behavior and the analysis thereof. Three class hours per week. Credit: 3 semester hours.

PREREQUISITES
There are no prerequisites for Sociology 2375. Good reading skills are required for success.

CORE CURRICULUM COURSE
This is a Core Course in the 42-Hour Core of Blinn College. As such, students will develop proficiency in the appropriate Intellectual Competencies, Exemplary Educational Objectives, and Perspectives. See http://www.blinn.edu/corecurriculum/

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of Sociology 2375, students should be able to:

- Explain why particular behaviors are defined as deviant.
- Describe societal variations in definitions of deviance.
- Determine why people choose not to conform society’s norms.
- Explain the development of deviant subcultures.
- Distinguish explanations for violent and nonviolent deviance.
- Distinguish the effects of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, and hallucinogens.
- Explain the major theories of suicide.
- Describe effects of deviant stigmatization on the disabled.

TEXTBOOKS, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS

- Textbook: Deviant Behavior, 10th edition, by Alex Thio
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT

- Week 1 (Aug. 30th – Sept. 3rd): Introduction & Chapter 1
- Week 2 (Sept. 6th – 10th): Chapter 2
- Week 3 (Sept. 13th – 17th): Chapter 3
- Week 4 (Sept. 20th – 24th): Chapter 4, Exam 1 (Ch 1 – 4)
- Week 5 (Sept. 27th – Oct. 1st): Chapter 5
- Week 6 (Oct. 4th – 8th): Chapter 6
- Week 7 (Oct. 11th – 15th): Chapter 7
- Week 8 (Oct. 18th – 22nd): Chapter 8, Exam 2 (Ch 5 – 8)
- Week 9 (Oct. 25th – 29th): Chapter 9
- Week 10 (Nov. 1st – 5th): Chapter 10
- Week 11 (Nov. 8th – 12th): Chapter 11
- Week 12 (Nov. 15th – 19th): Chapter 12
- Week 13 (Nov. 22nd – 23rd), Vacation – Thanksgiving (Nov. 24th – 26th), Exam 3 (Ch 9 – 12)
- Week 14 (Nov. 29th – Dec. 3rd): Chapter 13
- Week 15 (Dec. 6th – 9th): Chapter 14 & 15, Exam 4 (Ch 13 – 15)

CIVILITY STATEMENT
Members of the Blinn College community, which includes faculty, staff, and students, are expected to act honestly and responsibly in all aspects of campus life. Blinn College holds all members accountable for their actions and words. Therefore, all members should commit themselves to behave in a manner that recognizes personal respect and demonstrates concern for the personal dignity, rights, and freedom of every member of the College community, including respect for College property and the physical and intellectual property of others.

CIVILITY NOTIFICATION STATEMENT
If a student is asked to leave the classroom because of uncivil behavior, the student may not return to that class until the student arranges a conference with the instructor; it is the student’s responsibility to arrange for this conference.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Participation: Participation is accessed by in–class assignments and discussion. It is important for every student to attend all lectures possible to ensure that they can partake in discussion and receive and complete assignments.

Projects: The three projects are performance evaluations surrounding key themes central to the field of sociology. These include one on Social Class, one on Race and Ethnicity, and one on Gender Identity.

Exams: There are four major examinations given throughout the year; the last of these exams being your final. Each exam covers material from the previous chapters discussed since the prior exam, and the final exam contains a cumulative element.

Extra Credit: Extra credit is offered throughout the semester. The topics are variable and cover a wide range of content, themes, and sociological endeavors. This work is not mandatory and will not negatively affect your grade.
CALENDAR FOR MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

- Exam 1 (Ch 1–4): Tuesday, Sept. 21st
- Project 1: Tuesday, Oct. 12th
- Exam 2 (Ch 5–8): Tuesday, Oct. 19th
- Project 2: Tuesday, Nov. 16th
- Exam 3 (Ch 9–12): Tuesday, Nov. 23rd
- Exam 4 (Ch 13–15): Wednesday, December 15th (10 AM – 12 PM)

CRITERIA FOR GRADING

- 4 Exams (50% of your grade – cumulative)
- 2 Projects (25% of your grade – cumulative)
- Class Participation (25% of your grade – cumulative)
- Extra Credit & Supplemental Assignments (explained in class)

BLINN COLLEGE POLICIES

Class Attendance

The College District believes that class attendance is essential for student success; therefore, students are required to promptly and regularly attend all their classes. Each class meeting builds the foundation for subsequent class meetings. Without full participation and regular class attendance, students shall find themselves at a severe disadvantage for achieving success in college. Class participation shall constitute at least ten percent of the final course grade. It is the responsibility of each faculty member, in consultation with the division chair, to determine how participation is achieved in his or her class. Faculty will require students to regularly attend class and will keep a record of attendance from the first day of class and/or the first day the student’s name appears on the roster through final examinations. If a student has one week’s worth of unexcused absences during the semester, he/she will be sent an email by the College requiring the student to contact his/her instructor and schedule a conference immediately to discuss her/his attendance issues. Should the student accumulate two weeks worth of unexcused absences, he/she will be administratively withdrawn from class.

There are three forms of excused absences recognized by the institution:
(1) Observation of religious holy days.
(2) Representing the College District at an official institutional function.
(3) A high school student representing the independent school district at an official institutional function.
(4) Military service,

Other absences may be excused at the discretion of the faculty member, with proper documentation.

Students who arrive to class after attendance has been taken are responsible for requesting their instructor mark them present.

If a student chooses to drop the course, it is the student’s responsibility to do so at the Office of Admissions and Records. If done by the “W” date, the student will get a W. After that day, the student will get a grade of WF, unless the instructor specifies a WP in writing to the Office of Admissions and Records. Failure to drop may result in a grade of “F” for the course.

Absences in this class are counted as follows
You will be informed via your Blinn student email account upon missing one cumulative week of class (1 for classes meeting only once per week, 2 for classes meeting twice per week, and 3 for classes meeting three times per week). If you miss two full weeks of class, you may be dropped from the class.

You have a Blinn student email account that will be used for all official Blinn correspondence, including attendance notices. Information is at [http://www.blinn.edu/acadtech/studentemail/](http://www.blinn.edu/acadtech/studentemail/). Be sure to regularly check this account.

**Make Up Examinations**
A student who misses a major or final examination may ask his/her instructor for permission to make up the examination. If a student is absent while officially representing Blinn College or excused on the basis of “a religious holy day,” he/she will be permitted to make up the examination. The major examination must be made up within two weeks after he/she returns to class or at the discretion of the instructor. Final examinations must be made up within a reasonable time to allow the instructor to submit the final grade(s) on the day and time defined by the Admissions and Records Office. If a student cannot complete the final examination in that time frame, an Incomplete (I) may be considered: consult further the Incomplete Policy. Short tests may or may not be made up, depending upon the instructor’s discretion.

It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor regarding missed exams in a timely manner.

**Students with Disabilities**
Reasonable accommodations will be made for documented disabilities. Students must present documentation as soon as possible for the instructor to arrange accommodation. Information regarding procedures for documenting disabilities can be obtained from the Counseling Office.

**Sociology Club**
Blinn has an active sociology club. We participate in service projects throughout the community, such as the annual Fall Fest in Bryan. We provide various social events that allow students to meet and network with each other, and we invite relevant guest speakers to campus. Any Blinn student may join the Sociology club. Meetings are held every Friday at noon, in A268. You may also contact Sharon Wiederstein, Shonda Whetstone, or Brent Ur, the club sponsors, with questions.

**OTHER POLICIES**
No food and drinks in the classroom. Appropriate dress is required. Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off before entering the classroom. Blinn College does not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or collusion. Procedures for dealing with these acts are outlined in the Scholastic Dishonesty Policy in the Student Handbook.