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SOC*1100 Sociology

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Course Outline

Sociology is probably the most dynamic, wide-ranging, and controversial discipline taught at universities. There is little that cannot be analyzed by a well-tuned sociological imagination. Whether it's porn or prayer, sport or suicide, the crèche or the crematorium, whispering or war, if humans think or do it, then, as sociologists, we're interested in it. Because we question things that most people take for granted and we are not afraid to speak truth to power, sociologists are no strangers to controversy. We wouldn't have it any other way.

The goal of this course is to introduce sociology by helping you to develop your sociological imagination. With the sociological imagination we learn to see how many of our deeply felt personal troubles are intertwined with broader public issues of local, national and global significance. It is a formidable force that enhances our capacities for connecting our own biographies with historical forces. At a broad level, the beauty of the sociological imagination is that it helps us to understand how we might make the world a better place. At a personal level, it enriches our capacity to live an ethical and meaningful life.

Warning: While we will deal with difficult and sometimes upsetting topics, taking sociology seriously may well shift your view of the world.

Evaluation may include quizzes, writing projects, mid-term and final exams.

Course texts:

There is no textbook for this course. Again, there is **no textbook** for this course. Instead, all course materials will be made available through the [library](#) course reserves system (ARES), and in links to freely available open access materials. In exchange for saving you a lot of money, you will read deeply, critically and carefully and complete all assigned tasks in advance of each class.

***Please note that this outline is for information purposes only and may change at Prof. Horgan's discretion. The final and full syllabus will be distributed on the day of our first class ***