

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-AFRICA
SEMESTER
SOC 2201: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS
CREDIT: 3 UNITS
DAY/TIME:
INSTRUCTOR:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Dynamics of group life, social process, and social organisational; social institutions and systems (family, education, economics, politics, religion, health); fundamental theoretical concepts underlying sociology, their use in organising and elucidating data on social phenomena, and relationship to contemporary issues and problems.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course the student will be able to:

- ◆ understand the dynamics of group life
- ◆ analyse the social organisation of the various institutions and systems
- ◆ understand the different theories and perspectives in sociology
- ◆ evaluate the relevance and application of sociological theories with contemporary issues and problems

COURSE CONTENT

Week 1 & 2: Introduction

- ◆ What is Sociology: Significance of sociology
- ◆ Branches of sociology
- ◆ Is sociology a science?
- ◆ Sociology and relationship to other fields

Week 3 &4: What sociologists do

- ◆ Classical sociological theories

Week 5 & 6: Social process and dynamics of group life

- ◆ Social organization

25th March 2004, Mid-Quarter Examination

Week 7 & 8: Social Institutions: Economic, Marriage and family, Religion.

Week 9: Politics, Health

Week 10 – 13: Sociological Research Methods

- ◆ Relevance of sociology in contemporary issues/problems.

Week 14: End of Quarter Examination

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This will comprise of class discussions, lectures, group presentations, inter alia.

COURSE TEXTS

1. Casper Odegi-Awuondo, 1993: Introduction to Sociology, Basic books (Kenya) Ltd.
2. Olatunde Odetola, Sociology an introduction African Text

COURSE EVALUATION

Attendance & Participation.....	10%
Term Paper	20%
Mid-Term.....	30%
Final Examination	40%
TOTAL	100%

GRADING.

A	90 - 100
A-	87 - 89
B+	84 - 86
B	80 - 83
B-	77 - 79
C+	74 - 76
C	70 - 73
C-	67 - 69
D+	64 - 66
D	62 - 63
D-	60 - 61
F	0-59