

## **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY- BLENDED FORMAT!**

### **IMPORTANT: NEW COURSE DELIVERY**

During this course, you will be required to spend time online and in the classroom. Learning will take place in both environments. This is a three hour class but we are only spending one class period each week in the classroom.

#### **CLASSROOM:**

During our classroom time, I will briefly review material or questions generated from the presentation. Then, we will be involved in exercises and activities that will require you to use your sociological knowledge. You will also be taking tests in the classroom.

#### **ONLINE:**

Before coming to class, you need to read the assigned chapter in your book and view the presentation online. You may want to skim the book before you watch the presentation, take notes during the presentation, and then return to your text to integrate the presented material into the chapter. Like in a traditional classroom, I will not discuss all the concepts in the book- and you are still responsible for the material in the book. Make sure you also write down any questions you have after reading the chapter and watching the presentation. Post those online in our Q&A area and I will respond to them in our weekly online discussions and I will bring some of those to class as well.

You should view this class like you think about traditional classroom courses. Before “attending class” you should read through the chapter to be familiar with the material. I expect you to “go to class” online on before our scheduled class meet so you are prepared for our activities when you attend class. For example, if our class meets on Tuesdays, you should “go to class” online on Sunday or Monday to prepare for our class meeting. Then, you should plan to “go to class” online again on Thursday, to recap what we did in the classroom and to make sure you understand the material. I expect most people spend an additional six hours per week studying, reading, working, for a traditional three hour classroom course; similarly this class will require your three hours of “class time” plus the extra time involved in preparing for class.

Log on to this site through the USA Online Learning website: <http://usaonline.southalabama.edu>

This course shell will exist in ecompanion. I will post a copy of our syllabus there and will also include assignments on the website. The class presentations will be linked here as well. Please familiarize yourself with the website and log on to the course page. Your test grades will also be recorded in ecompanion.

If you have questions, please email me at [ntcarr@jaguar1.usouthal.edu](mailto:ntcarr@jaguar1.usouthal.edu)