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ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: SOC2003

Course Title: Introduction to Sociology

Course Description: This course is a comprehensive overview of sociology. It examines ways in which our beliefs, values, behaviors, and emotions are shaped by social forces and social institutions.

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Instructor Bio: Full Time SAU Tech Director of Communications and Public Relations

Prerequisite: None

Textbook Title: Introduction to Sociology by Laurence Basirico, Barbara Cashion and J. Ross Eshleman by BTV Publishing 5th Edition.

Learning Outcomes
1. The student will be able to understand social foundations by defining basic sociological concepts.
2. The student will be able to understand social dynamics and the processes that account for social stability and change.
3. The student will be able to understand social divisions to aid in identifying social inequalities.
4. The student will be able to think critically in applying sociological concepts and perspectives to an analysis of major social institutions.

On-Campus Requirement
The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college website at www.sautech.edu for detailed information.

Modes of Interaction
This class is a web-based class that includes completion of assignments, and email. In addition, students will demonstrate comprehension of the subject matter by successfully completing unit exams and a final exam.

Methods of Assessment
Blackboard Online Exams

Enrollment Procedures
SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:
- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A $10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

Admissions Office Website
http://www.sautech.edu.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx

Course Registration Website
http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx

Technical Requirements and Resources

Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Library Website
http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/library.aspx

Bookstore Website
http://sautech.textbooktech.com

Adult Learner Resources
Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites.   Advising services can be obtained at http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx.

Student Support and Learning Resources
Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites.   Advising services can be obtained at http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx.

Other Considerations
Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class.   Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:
- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

The ability to think critically and apply the basic terminology of sociology to real-life events in an essential skill for this class. Time management and self-discipline is an absolute necessity for this class.

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s).   The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech.   To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things.   Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).
- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
    - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
    - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
    - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
    - Cost: Free
    - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
    - Cost: Free
    - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
    - Cost: Free
    - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
    - Cost: Free
    - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.)**
    - Cost: Free
    - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://javashoplm.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre-