

**CLASS AND INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

<p><b>Section / Meeting days and times:</b>          MWF 12:15-1:10PM</p>	<p><b>Instructor title and name:</b>          Dr. Jimiliz Valiente-Neighbours / “Dr. V” for short!</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 619-849-3001</p>
<p><b>Meeting location:</b>          Rohr Sociology/Social Work Hall          Room 109</p>	<p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:jvalient@pointloma.edu">jvalient@pointloma.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Final Schedule:</b>          5/4 Wednesday 10:30AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>Office location and hours:</b>          Rohr Hall 106          Wednesdays and Fridays 2:30-5:30pm          Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30pm-2pm          By appointment</p> <p><b>Teaching Assistant:</b> Taylor Floyd</p>

**PLNU MISSION**

*To Teach, To Shape, To Send*

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundation, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

**PLNU STUDENT OUTCOME**

*To Learn, To Grow, To Serve*

**FOUNDATIONAL EXPLORATIONS MISSION STATEMENT**

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world’s diverse societies and cultures.

**DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

*Sociology, Social Work, and Family Sciences*

As followers of Christ, our mission is to nurture servant scholars who critically and empirically evaluate social systems, cultural patterns, and basic human needs to constructively engage as agents of hope with individuals, families, and communities.

**STATEMENT OF INCLUSIVITY AND COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACISM**

Point Loma Nazarene University is a Christian community committed to cultivating an inclusive and welcoming environment. In fulfillment of our Christian mission, we strive to value and honor all people because we believe that our diverse identities, experiences, and abilities enrich our learning community. If you experience or witness harassment or discrimination, please notify Title IX Coordinator Danielle Brown Friberg. Her contact information is: [daniellebrownfriberg@pointloma.edu](mailto:daniellebrownfriberg@pointloma.edu).

## WELCOME AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

First of all, welcome to Introduction to Sociology! This introductory course is a general education (GE) course aimed at teaching students basic sociological theories and tools to better understand and engage the social world. During our semester together, we will explore ways of “thinking sociologically.” What might this look like? One of our foundational theorists C. Wright Mills talks about this perspective as the *sociological imagination*: the ability to see our personal lives within a larger context, including how we as individuals are connected to the experiences of others and formations of institutions. *Building and practicing empathy is key.*

Sociologists study and analyze at both the micro and the macro level. This means that we will, for example, look at how individuals interpret symbols or define their identities, but also at how institutions, such as families, churches, schools, and governments, shape individuals’ perceptions of themselves and others like them or, purportedly, unlike them. We will consider how things like gender, age, race, socioeconomic standing, disability, etc. influence the opportunities people have and the decisions they make.

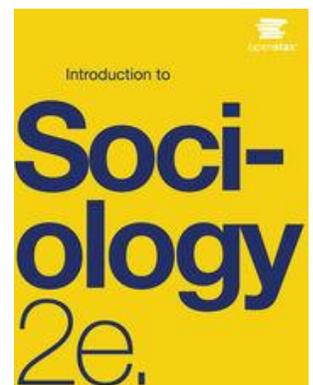
Sociologists study a broad array of topics: from McDonald’s and Disney to selfies and the SAT’s; from dating and marriage to mothering and fatherhood. In addition to the foundational sociological theories and areas such as Culture, Deviance, and Research Methods, we will also explore Environmental Sociology, Health and Medicine, and Disability. This means that any background you bring to our class will enrich your individual as well as our collective experience and learning. Our diversity and interdisciplinarity will be strengths in this class!

**REQUIRED TEXT.** *Introduction to Sociology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (2015) through OpenStax. This is a FREE online text. You have a choice of downloading the free PDF from the link below, purchasing the iBook, or purchasing the hardback copy from the PLNU Bookstore or online retailers.

<http://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/introduction-to-sociology>

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There will also be select articles and/or chapters, available as PDFs in Canvas, to help further illustrate and illuminate course concepts. You do not need to print the articles to bring to class, but do bring your reading notes. It is important that students complete these readings before class meetings! Our class is structured in a way that while I will provide a brief lecture to review or give an overview of our readings, we will mostly have discussions or group work. In some cases, we will view films and/or have guest lectures. In all cases, the key is to be prepared and be active in our learning process.



**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES.** Teaching Sociology is a passion of mine, and I am excited to share this semester with you. Upon completion of this course, my prayer is that students will be able to<sup>1</sup>:

- Identify and critique various social structures, particularly those resulting in inequality and injustice.
- Evaluate and apply social science data to inform decisions in everyday life.
- Describe and exemplify the relationship between our Christian faith and human actions.
- Apply service-minded sociological concepts to specific need areas in our communities.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complex issues faced by diverse groups in global contexts and across cultures.

**PLNU CREDIT HOUR POLICY.** In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit class delivered over 15 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request. (Based on 37.5 hours of student engagement per credit hour.) I hope that your learning continues beyond this class, so on top of the course learning outcomes listed above, please let me know of other spiritual, service-oriented, or career-oriented goals you may have that you hope to work toward, and we can have a conversation about how you hope this class can be helpful for you.

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<sup>1</sup> Respectively, EP 2.1.4 (1), EP 21.6 (2), EP 2.1.1 (1, 2), EP 2.1.7 (2), and EP 2.1.4 (1).

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**1. Attendance.** This is worth **5%**. Your regular and punctual attendance at all classes is essential for our community-building, shared spiritual journey, and optimum academic achievement! Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Being late, leaving early, or missing 10 minutes of class or more counts as an absence. Being asked to put away your electronics after class has started counts as an absence. You are welcome to **TWO WELLNESS DAYS**, which I recommend reserving for when you are feeling ill or need a mental health break. These two days will not be penalized. Your third absence will be penalized—your attendance percentage will be reduced to 2.5%. Your fourth absence will result in 0% for attendance. Please read the “PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy” below for more details.

**2. Contributions to Discussion, and Assignments.** These altogether are worth **25%** of your total grade. Your attendance is required in the class because of the nature of our class meetings, which will consist of both lectures and group discussions/activities. Lack of attendance and participation will be deducted from this total percentage.

**2. Quizzes.** There will be three quizzes, one of which is the cumulative final exam. These altogether are worth **55%** of your total grade. Each quiz will be a combination of multiple choice, true-false, and short answer questions in Canvas based on the readings, videos, and lectures. It will also require you to demonstrate understanding of course materials through application questions. You will be permitted to use hard copies of your course notes, but not your textbook. The exam will be done through Honorlock, and you will be required to show your notes.

**3. Final Essay.** These together are worth **15%** of your total grade. The final essays will be an opportunity for you to demonstrate and apply what you have learned in the class, as well as integrate our class materials with your career plans, including what the guest speakers have shared with us. The prompts and rubric will be provided no later than Week 14. The due date will be during Finals Week, no later than 12/16 Thursday at 7pm.

ASSIGNMENT VALUES		GRADING SCALE	
Assignments, Contribution to Discussions, etc.	25%	A = 93-100	C = 73-76
Attendance	5%	A- = 90-92	C- = 70-72
Quiz 1	15%	B+ = 87-89	D+ = 67-69
Quiz 2	15%	B = 83-86	D = 63-66
Quiz 3	25%	B- = 80-82	D- = 60-62
Final Essays	15%	C+ = 77-79	F = 59 and less
*There is no “rounding up” – emails requesting this will not be answered.			

**LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY.** Be mindful of deadlines! All assignments are to be submitted when they are due. There will be no opportunities to make up missed in-class assignments or classwork, unless students have medical emergencies or are considered “excused” by the administration. Those with medical emergencies will need to discuss with me their revised deadlines. I also understand that sometimes students have to reprioritize due to things beyond their control. If this happens to you, inform me immediately.

### LATE ASSIGNMENT DEDUCTIONS.

W/in 24 hours -10% of total grade earned	4-5 days late -50% of total grade earned
2-3 days late -20% of total grade earned	> 5 days late Not Accepted, 0 points

**PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY.** If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation.

- **10 minutes.** Being late, leaving early, or missing 10 minutes of class or more counts as an absence. You are responsible for being in class the entire time. Do not schedule appointments, work, or advising meetings during our class. If faculty/advisers ask to meet with you during our class, please let them know about my policy and to plan accordingly. An email from the adviser/faculty will not excuse this absence.
- **Electronics/Phones.** Being asked to put away your electronics after class has started counts as an absence.
- **Two Wellness Days.** I recommend saving these two days for when you are not feeling well or need more rest. You are also still responsible for turning in the homework and assignment by the deadline. Quiz/Exam dates are not open to Wellness Days. Also, PLNU policy: Absences with doctors' notes are not considered excused absences. Professors are not to ask students for HIPPA information (medical documentation).
- **Excused Absences.** Excused absences are only those approved by the Provost for specific students participating in certain university-sanctioned activities. I get emails directly from the university with students' names on them.
- **In-Person Learning.** With the exception of university-mandated virtual learning or if a student has been approved by the university due to health concerns (I will get an email), students who ask to be on Zoom for a class session will still be considered absent.

**STATE AUTHORIZATION.** State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

**PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY.** Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

**PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY.** Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. Per PLNU policy, faculty can assign a failing grade for that assignment/examination or for the course. Please do not risk it! Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

**ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS.** PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center via [EAC@pointloma.edu](mailto:EAC@pointloma.edu) or 619-849-2486. Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course. Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

**SPIRITUAL CARE.** Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the Office of the Spiritual Development.

**FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY.** Successful completion of this class requires observing the deadline, which is set for May 5, Thursday 4:30-7pm (papers turned in by 7pm). There is no alternate scheduling permitted.

**TECHNOLOGY USE DURING CLASS.** There are no laptops allowed for note-taking during class. Please come to class with a notebook and a pen/pencil. You may use an iPad, but note that **ONLY HARD COPIES** of notes are allowed during quizzes/exams in Canvas with Honorlock. My policy before virtual learning due to COVID has always been notebooks-only. When I allowed it in Fall 2021, the general outcome has been disengagement, distractedness, and lower exam scores. Other faculty feel similarly and below are reasons why.

**Why do my fellow faculty and I feel so strongly about putting away electronics in class?**

- Avoid zombie note-taking. Zombie note-taking does not equal learning. Instead of copying everything, synthesize what you are learning. Highlight what stands out to you.<sup>2</sup>
- Avoid distracted note-taking. When you are on your laptop or phones, it is hard not to check other things. Notifications interrupt your learning process and sense-making.<sup>3</sup>
- Avoid distracting your peers.<sup>4</sup> When your peers see your online activity, it interrupts learning.
- Avoid time wasted in class. Listening intently in class equates to less studying-cramming time before exams or paper deadlines.<sup>5</sup>

**EXTRA CREDIT.** There will be NO extra credit opportunity during the semester, unless otherwise announced. Please do not rely on them or ask for them.

**COVENANT AND COMMUNITY GUIDELINES.**

Consider this syllabus not as a contract but as a covenant among all of us. Let us build an environment that helps us all feel loved, welcomed, and challenged-supported, a balance of understanding where we are coming from as well as extending our growth zones—hard but necessary. Toward this end, let's keep in mind the following: RESPECT. What does this look like? How do we embody it?

- **Use inclusive language.** Our words have power, so let us be considerate of what we say and write and how they may impact others. Speak up/out as needed with courage, grace, and humility.
- **Give your full attention to the faculty and to your peers.** Some theologians describe prayer as attention. As we seek to become our best selves to serve God's world, let us consider how we act and interact. Put away your phones, other electronic devices, and anything that takes attention away from the task at hand, while class is in session.
- **Come to class on time, participate actively, and do not pack your materials before dismissal.** Please plan ahead in terms of looking for parking spaces or printing materials before coming to class. We will take the entire class time, so schedule other activities around our class time.
- **Be honest with your work.** Do original work and give appropriate credit to the ideas of others. This includes proper citation formats on papers/projects.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0956797614524581>;

<https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2014/08/25/why-im-asking-you-not-to-use-laptops/>

<sup>3</sup>[http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/science/2013/05/multitasking\\_while\\_studying\\_divided\\_attention\\_and\\_technological\\_gadgets.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2013/05/multitasking_while_studying_divided_attention_and_technological_gadgets.html)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0360131512002254>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/07/27/class-cellphone-and-laptop-use-lowers-exam-scores-new-study-shows>

- Say **“I’m sorry for my mistake. Please teach me.”** God created us to be interdependent beings—we cannot live alone and we grow to be “more perfect in God” when we learn from each other. Let us acknowledge when we hurt each other—even without the intent to—and be humble.

If you have any questions or concerns or just want to chat, please feel free to contact me by e-mail or make an appointment with me to talk during office hours. I look forward to building this learning community with you.

### SOC 3060 SP22 COURSE SCHEDULE

WK/DATE	DAY: TOPIC/READING/ASSIGNMENT
1: Jan 11 “Mon”	1: Introductions, Community Guidelines, Syllabus
1: Jan 12 Wed	2: What is Sociology, Why Sociology, and Cognitive Empathy CH 1.1 and 1.4
1: Jan 14 Fri	3: Sociological Imagination
Jan 17 Mon	MLK, JR. DAY – NO CLASS
2: Jan 19 Wed	4: Types of Societies CH 4.1 and CH 21.3
2: Jan 21 Fri	5: Sociological Theories and Paradigms CH 1.2-1.3 and CH 4.2
3: Jan 24 Mon	6: Sociological Theories and Paradigms CH 4.3 and CH 5.1
3: Jan 26 Wed	7: Socialization CH 5.2-5.4
3: Jan 28 Fri	8: Socialization CH 5.2-5.4
4: Jan 31 Mon	9: Culture CH 3.1-3.2
4: Feb 2 Wed	10: Culture CH 3.3
4: Feb 4 Fri	11: Sociological Research and Ethical Concerns CH 2.1-2.3
5: Feb 7 Mon	12: Research: Surveys, Interviews, Participant Observation, and Ethnography
5: Feb 9 Wed	13: Research: Case Study, Experiments, Secondary Data Analysis
5: Feb 11 Fri	GROUP WORK IN CLASS
Feb 12 Sat	<b>*Submit group work slides in Canvas by 2/19 Sat 11:59PM</b>
6: Feb 14 Mon	PRESENTATIONS
6: Feb 16 Wed	PRESENTATIONS
6: Feb 18 Fri	PRESENTATIONS
Feb 19 Sat	<b>QUIZ IN CANVAS due by 2/26 Sat 11:59PM</b>
7: Feb 21 Mon	14: Deviance and Control CH 7.1
7: Feb 23 Wed	15: Socialization Agent: Media CH 8.1-8.2
7: Feb 25 Fri	16: Socialization Agent: Media CH 8.3-8.4
8: Feb 28 Mon	17: Socialization Agent: Religion CH 15.1
8: Mar 2 Wed	18: Socialization Agent: Religion CH 15.2-15.3
8: Mar 4 Fri	19: Socialization Agent: Marriage and Family CH 14.1-14.2

Mar 6-11	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASSES
9: Mar 14 Mon	20: Socialization Agent: Marriage and Family PDF: ““For the Good of Our Family’: Men’s Attitudes Toward Their Wives’ Employment” (1585-1593 only)
9: Mar 16 Wed	21: Socialization Agent: Education CH 16.1-16.2
9: Mar 18 Fri	22: Socialization Agent: Education CH 16.3
Mar 19 Sat	<b>**Watch “The House We Live In” and complete assignment in Canvas by 3/19 Sat 11:59PM</b>
10: Mar 21 Mon	23: Race and Ethnicity CH 11.1
10: Mar 23 Wed	24: Race and Ethnicity CH 11.2
10: Mar 25 Fri	25: Social Stratification in the U.S. CH 9.2-9.4
11: Mar 28 Mon	26: Global Inequality CH 10.1-10.3
11: Mar 30 Wed	27: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality CH 12.1-12.2
11: Apr 1 Fri	28: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality CH 12.3
Apr 2 Sat	<b>QUIZ IN CANVAS due by 4/2 Sat 11:59PM</b>
12: Apr 4 Mon	29: Ability and Disability CH 19.3
12: Apr 6 Wed	30: Ability and Disability CH 19.3
12: Apr 8 Fri	31: Aging and the Elderly CH 13.2
13: Apr 11 Mon	32: Aging and the Elderly CH 13.3
13: Apr 13 Wed	32: Sociology of Death and Dying
Apr 15-18	EASTER BREAK – NO CLASSES
14: Apr 20 Wed	33: Sociology of Health and Medicine CH 19.1-19.2
14: Apr 22 Fri	34: Environmental Sociology CH 20.1-20.2
Apr 23 Sat	<b>**Watch <i>True Cost</i> and complete assignment in Canvas by 4/23 Sat 11:59PM</b>
15: Apr 25 Mon	35: Social Movements and Social Change CH 21.1
15: Apr 27 Wed	36: Social Movements and Social Change CH 21.2
15: Apr 29 Fri	37: Conclusion
FINALS WK	<b>CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM IN CANVAS W/ HONORLOCK (not in-person) May 4, 2022, Wednesday, 10:30AM-1PM</b>  <b>FINAL ESSAYS DUE IN CANVAS Anytime during Finals Week until May 6 Friday 11:59PM</b>

\*Course schedule subject to change as needed.