

Summer 2020 Class

10-week class, May 26-July 30

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

(Sociology 2010)

TTh 8-9:53 a.m. in KH-B3009, Prof. Draper

This course introduces students to the study of society analyzing social roots of human experiences and group activities. We examine the bases and consequences of diversity and inequality in societies, especially regarding social class, race and ethnicity, and gender. We look at cross-cultural connections between the U.S. and other countries, such as involving multinational corporations, social movements, and the distribution of wealth and power in the world. Some issues we consider are: Why are some people rich and others poor? What causes crime and what criminals get caught? How are families and sexual behavior changing? Who is harmed by major health hazards? How does people's education influence the rest of their lives? Also, how do sociologists find out what they know about society?

Professor Draper received the Salvatori Award for Innovative Teaching in Experiential Education, the NSS Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award from CSULA's Associated Students, and six times the Exceptional Service to Students Award. She also received the Robert K. Merton Prize, Gertrude Jaeger Prize, Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Recognition Award, and other awards for her books and articles. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in organizations and work; bioethics and medical sociology; environmental policy and law; given over 100 talks at conferences in the U.S., Europe, and elsewhere; and supervised 100s of student internships and research projects.

Taking this summer course is a good idea because it allows you to:

1. earn a better GPA overall because you can lighten your fall or spring course load;
2. take a class over 10 weeks (instead of 15 weeks in 30 meetings); and
3. graduate sooner by taking courses you need, including this course that's required of Sociology majors and minors and an elective in other major and minor programs.
4. get classes that fill quickly during fall and spring;
5. receive more individual attention from professors during summer because of smaller classes; and
6. use Pell grants to pay for summer classes.

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