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### American Public University System

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# SOCI310

### **Course Summary**

Course : SOCI310 Title : Military Sociology Length of Course : 8 Faculty : Prerequisites : N/A Credit Hours : 3

# Description

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# **Objectives**

After successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

CO1: Examine the role of the military as a social institution in the U.S. and in other countries

CO2: Identify the history of social issues as represented in the military (Forum assessment)

CO3: Discuss military issues and experiences using a sociological framework (Assignment assessment)

CO4: Apply sociological concepts to social structures within the military (Forum assessment)

CO5: Analyze similarities and differences in military member and civilian experiences using a sociological perspective (Assignment assessment)

### Outline

### Week 1: Introduction

Course objectives	
1, 2	
Course materials	
Syllabus	
Week 1 Learning Material	
Assignments	
Week 1 Discussion	
Week 2: Military Sociology: A Theoretical Perspective	
Course objectives	
1, 2, 3	
Course material	

Week 2 Learning Material

Assignments

Week 2 Discussion

### Week 3: Intercultural Competence: Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Course objectives
1, 2, 3, 4
Course materials
Week 3 Learning Material
Assignments
Assignment 1: News Article Analysis
Week 4: Teams in Complex Environments
Course objectives
3, 4, 5
Course materials

Week 4 Learning Material

Assignments

### Week 5: Role of Technology

2, 3, 4, 5

Course materials

Week 5 Learning Material

Assignments

Week 5 Discussion

### Week 6: Nonverbal Communication and Emotions

Course objectives
3, 4, 5
Course materials
Week 6 Learning Material
Assignments
Week 6 Discussion
Week 7: Civil/ Military Interplay
Course objectives

1, 5

Course materials

Week 7 Learning Material

Assignments

Assignment 2: Military versus Civilian Experiences

### Week 8: Toward a "New Nature" of Military Operations?

Course objectives

1, 4, 5

Course materials

Week 8 Learning Materials

Assignments

Week 8 Discussion

# **Evaluation**

### Grading:

Name	Grade %
Discussions	50.00%
Week 1 Discussion	8.33%
Week 2 Discussion	8.33%
Week 4 Discussion	8.33%
Week 5 Discussion	8.33%
Week 6 Discussion	8.33%
Week 8 Discussion	8.33%
Assignments	50.00%
Assignment 1	25.00%
Assignment 2	25.00%

### **Materials**

**Book Title:** Various resources from Trefry Library and/or the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom.

#### Author:

**Publication Info:** 

ISBN: D2L Note

# **Course Guidelines**

### **Citation and Reference Style**

Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted. Please note that no formal citation style is graded on Forums in the School of Arts & Humanities

### Tutoring

Tutor.com offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

### **University Late Policy**

All dates and times posted are for U.S. Eastern Standard time. It is your responsibility to know how that translates to your time zone and to submit assignments and tests per these posted deadlines.

You are expected to submit assignments by the due dates listed in the classroom. Late assignments may not

be accepted after the course end date. Submitting an assignment late may result in a penalty of up to 10% of the grade per day late, not to exceed a maximum of 50% (5 days late). The amount of the penalty is at the faculty member's discretion.\*

\*Programs with specialty accreditation and students with DSA accommodations may have different late policies applied.

#### Turn It In

Assignments are automatically submitted to Turnitin.com within the course. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

### Communications

#### **Student Communication**

To reach the instructor, please communicate through the MyClassroom email function accessible from the Classlist of the Course Tools menu, where the instructor and students email addresses are listed, or via the Office 365 tool on the Course homepage.

- In emails to instructors, it's important to note the specific course in which you are enrolled. The name of the course is at the top center of all pages.
- Students and instructors communicate in Discussion posts and other learning activities.
- All interactions should follow APUS guidelines, as noted in the <u>Student Handbook</u>, and maintain a professional, courteous tone.
- Students should review writing for spelling and grammar.
- <u>Tips on Using the Office 365 Email Tool</u>

#### Instructor Communication

The instructor will post announcements on communications preferences involving email and Instant Messaging and any changes in the class schedule or activities.

- Instructors will periodically post information on the expectations of students and will provide feedback on assignments, Discussion posts, quizzes, and exams.
- Instructors will respond to student communications within 48 hours, except in unusual circumstances (e.g., illness).
- The APUS standard for grading of all assessments (assignments, Discussions, quizzes, exams) is five days or fewer from the due date.
- Final course grades are submitted by faculty no later than seven days after the end date of the course or the end of the extension period.

### **University Policies**

Consult the Student Handbook for processes and policies at APUS. Notable policies:

- Drop/Withdrawal Policy
- Extension Requests
- <u>Academic Probation</u>
- <u>Appeals</u>
- <u>Academic Dishonesty / Plagiarism</u>

- Disability Accommodations
- <u>Student Deadlines</u>
- <u>Video Conference Policy</u>

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### **Minimum Technology Requirements**

- Please consult the catalog for the minimum hardware and software required for <u>undergraduate</u> and <u>graduate</u> courses.
- Although students are encouraged to use the <u>Pulse mobile app</u> with any course, please note that not all course work can be completed via a mobile device.

### Disclaimers

- Please note that course content and, thus, the syllabus may change between when a student registers for a course and when the course starts.
- Course content may vary from the syllabus' schedule to meet the needs of a particular group.