

Exam Rubric, SOC 2550: The Sociology of Small Groups and Subcultures

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Exam assignments:

In this exam, you must answer **one** long-answer question (of two alternatives), and **three** short-answer questions (of four alternatives). The long-answer question will count for 50% of the total grade, while the short-answer questions will count for about 17% each.

You can write your exam either in Norwegian or in English.

Explanation of sensor

Students are not expected to describe every point and element, but a high-quality answer will include most of them. Specific attention should be given to clarity, creativity, and the ability to synthesize information across readings, lectures, and documentaries. Students must cite class lectures, readings, and documentaries when answering these questions.

Long answer assignment: Answer one of the following questions using class readings, lectures, and documentaries. **Be sure to cite your sources and define your terms.** You have a maximum of 1500 words to complete this question.

1. Imagine that you oversee developing research teams at Google. How would you design a google team to maximize its creative abilities? Consider aspects such as group size, social diversity, and network structure. Explain how each aspect of your group contributes to its creative ability, and how you would organize the group to avoid the possibility of groupthink.

Answer: We discussed many facets of group size, diversity, and network structure that were related to creativity. Students should integrate ideas from these readings in answering this question.

2. Imagine that you have created your own new religious group. Develop a set of rules for your followers that would maximize solidarity among group members while increasing their commitment to you and ensuring conformity to your ideas. Explain how your rules will ensure solidarity, commitment, and conformity.

Answer: We discussed many facets of group dynamics related to solidarity, commitment, and conformity. Students should synthesize ideas from these readings in answering these questions.

Short answer questions: Answer **three** of the following questions using class readings, lectures, and documentaries. **Be sure to cite your sources and define your terms.** You have a maximum of 500 words to complete each question.

1. What is the relationship between socialization and identity?

Answer: Students should synthesize ideas from course readings in answering these questions.

2. What is groupthink, and how is it related to minority dissent?

Answer: Students should synthesize ideas from course readings in answering these questions.

3. What social processes enable the creation and existence of a subculture?

Answer: Students should synthesize ideas from course readings in answering these questions.

4. How are solidarity and conflict related to one another within and between groups?

Answer: Students should synthesize ideas from course readings in answering these questions.

Course-specific grade descriptions for SOS2500:

Character	General description	Course-specific description
A - Excellent	Outstanding performance that clearly excels	The candidate shows a high level of knowledge, with a very good understanding of the course's topics and problem areas and very good insight into the course syllabus. Perspectives, theories and concepts from the course are presented, discussed and exemplified in a precise, professionally secure and reflective manner.
B - Very good	A very good achievement	The candidate shows a good understanding of the course's topics and problem areas and good insight into the course syllabus. Perspectives, theories and concepts from the course are clearly presented and discussed and exemplified in an acceptable way.
C - Good	A consistently good presentation that is satisfactory in most areas	The candidate shows satisfactory insight into the course syllabus in most areas. Perspectives, theories and concepts from the course are presented, discussed and exemplified in a clear way.
D - Fairly good	An acceptable achievement with some significant shortcomings	The candidate shows insight into parts of the course's topics and can explain some of the syllabus, but has insufficient insight in several areas. The answer is characterized by imprecise formulations, academic

		uncertainty and shortcomings in the understanding of the course's perspectives and concepts.
E - Adequate	The performance satisfies the minimum requirements, but no more	The candidate shows limited knowledge of the course's topics and has an inadequate overview of the syllabus. The answer is characterized by large gaps in knowledge and poor formulation ability. Perspectives and concepts are inadequately explained and to some extent incorrectly reproduced.
F - Failed	Performance that does not satisfy the professional minimum requirements	The candidate shows very limited insight into the course's topics and syllabus.