

**Exam: SOS2550**

2023

4 hours exam

**Long Essay Questions (50pts)**

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 are the boss of a large criminal network made up of dozens of small groups. Use all that we have learned about group creativity to explain how you would organize your groups to maximize their creative abilities so that they can be more effective in their crime. Explain how each aspect of your group contributes to its creative ability, and how you would organize the groups to avoid the possibility of groupthink.

2. Imagine that you are investigating the Rastafarian subculture in Jamaica. What factors would you need to consider if you wanted to understand the emergence and persistence of this subculture? What would be the best research methods to use in your investigation? Why?

**Short Essay Questions (50pts)**

Answer 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?

2. How does deviance affect small groups and deviant group members?

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

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**Exam Rubric, SOS2550: 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. 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 are the boss of a large criminal network made up of dozens of small groups. Use all that we have learned in class about group creativity to explain how you would organize your groups to maximize their creative abilities so that they can be more effective at crime. Explain how each aspect of your group contributes to its creative ability, and how you would organize the groups to avoid the possibility of groupthink.

**Answer:** We discussed many facets of group creativity. Students should integrate ideas from these readings in answering this question.

2. Imagine that you are investigating the Rastafarian subculture in Jamaica. What factors would you need to consider if you wanted to understand the emergence and persistence of this subculture? What would be the best research methods to use in your investigation? Why?

**Answer:** We discussed many factors related to the establishment and maintenance of subcultures. Students should synthesize ideas from these readings in answering these questions.

**Short answer questions:** Answer 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. How does deviance affect small groups and deviant group members?

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

3. 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 SOS2550:**

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.