

SOCIOLOGY 4713: Social Change
MWF 12:00-12:50, SH 207
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Course Description:

This course examines the agents and processes of social change. Specific attention will be given to differential stability and adaptability of diverse cultures to social change, as well as the methods and mechanisms which may be used to promote social change.

Course Objective:

This course will provide you with a general understanding of why social change occurs with a particular emphasis on theoretical explanations for social change. In addition, different types of social change will be discussed.

Required Text:

Exploring Social Change. Charles L. Harper and Kevin T. Leight.

Course Requirements:

3 exams (multiple choice and essay) = 75 points each (225 points possible)
12 in-class assignments = 5 points each (50 points possible - the two lowest scores will be dropped)
Paper with presentation = 125 points
Total points possible = 400
There will be 2 extra credit opportunities worth 5 points each. They will not be pre-announced.

Course Grading:

360-400 = A
320-359 = B
280-319 = C
240-279 = D
Below 240 = F

Class Attendance:

Class attendance is expected. You are also expected to arrive to class on time and not leave early (unless an emergency occurs). Attendance will be taken at the time of in-class assignments. Students will only be penalized for course work they miss (i.e., in-class assignments, exams, papers, etc). Students will be penalized 10 points per day for late papers.

Make-Up Exams and Assignments:

Make-up exams are permitted. No reason is necessary. However, make-up exams will be essay

and there is no exception. There will be no make-ups permitted for missed in-class assignments.

Academic Misconduct:

Students who commit academic misconduct will be given a grade of zero on the assignment or exam. If a second offense is committed, the student will be given a grade of “F” in the course and the Dean of Students will be notified. Plagiarism will be treated in the same manner. If a student engages in disruptive behavior in class, he/she will be asked to stop the behavior. If the behavior continues, the student will be asked to leave class and will not receive in-class assignment points for that day. If the behavior persists in subsequent class sessions, the student will be asked to leave class and will not be permitted to return until he/she receives a letter from the Dean of Students stating that the student has met with the Dean. Behaviors that are prohibited in class include, but are not limited to:

- talking on a cell phone
- reading the newspaper, magazines, etc
- text messaging (while this is silent, it is very disruptive to me as I conduct class)
- excessive talking during class
- being rude to fellow students

ADA Compliance:

If a student feels he/she has a disability requiring special accommodations, he/she should inform the instructor so the university’s Office of Student Affairs can be contacted. The instructor will work with students to ensure that they have equal opportunity to complete the course.

Course Schedule (may change at instructor’s discretion):

Week 1

Introduction and Chapter 1

Week 2

Finish Chapter 1 and Chapter 2

Week 3

Chapter 3

Week 4

Chapter 4

Week 5

finish Chapter 4

EXAM 1: Wednesday, February 9

Week 6

Chapter 5 and Chapter 6

Week 7

Chapter 7

Week 8

Chapter 9

Week 9

finish Chapter 9

EXAM 2: Wednesday, March 9

Week 10

Spring Break: March 14-20

Week 11

Chapter 10

Week 12

Chapter 11

Week 13

Chapter 12

Week 14

Chapter 14

Week 15

finish Chapter 14 and begin presentations

Week 16

finish presentations and review for final

PAPERS DUE: Wednesday April 27th by 5:00

FINAL EXAM

Wednesday, May 4: 11:00-12:50