

**SOCIOLOGY 4723: Social Stratification**  
**TH 2:00-4:40, SH 207**  
**Spring, 2005**

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**Course Objective:**

The purpose of this course is to help you gain an understanding of issues regarding inequality in the U.S. Specific attention will be given to class inequality, gender inequality, and racial and ethnic inequality using sociological theory and current research.

**Required Text:**

The Structure of Social Stratification in the United States. Leonard Beeghley.

**Course Requirements:**

3 exams (multiple choice and essay) = 75 points each (225 points possible)  
12 in-class assignments = 10 points each (100 points possible - the two lowest scores will be dropped)  
Article Review with presentation = 50 points  
Paper with Presentation = 125 points  
Total points possible = 500  
There will be 2 extra credit opportunities worth 5 points each. They will not be pre-announced.

**Course Grading:**

450-500 = A  
400-449 = B  
350-399 = C  
300-349 = D  
Below 300 = 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 5 points per day for late article reviews and 10 points per day for late papers. Students will also be penalized 5 points for late article review presentations and 10 points for late paper presentations.

**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 begin Chapter 1 (Sociology and Stratification)

**Week 2**

Finish Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 (Race/Ethnicity and Stratification)

**Week 3**

Finish Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 (Gender and Stratification)

**Week 4**

Finish Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 (Social Class and Strat: Occupational Prestige and Class Identification)

**Week 5**

Chapter 5 (Social Class and Strat: Mobility and Status Attainment)

**Week 6**

EXAM 1: Thursday, February 17

Work on article reviews/Library

**Week 7**

Chapter 6 (Political Participation and Power)

Article Review Presentations

**Week 8**

Chapter 7 (The Rich)

Article Review Presentations

**Week 9**

Chapter 8 (The Middle Class)

Article Review Presentations

**Week 10**

Spring Break: March 14-20

**Week 11**

Chapter 9 (The Working Class)

Makeup article presentations

**Week 12**

EXAM 2: Thursday, March 31

Work on article reviews; papers/Library

**Week 13**

Chapter 10 (The Poor)

Article Review Presentations

**Week 14**

Chapter 11 (The U.S. in Global Context)

Article Review Presentations

**ARTICLE REVIEWS DUE: Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> by 5:00**

**Week 15**

Chapter 12 (Reflections on the Study of Stratification) and begin paper presentations

Makeup article presentations

**Week 16**

finish paper presentations and review for final

**PAPERS DUE: Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> by 5:00**

**FINAL EXAM**

Thursday, May 5: 3:00-4:50