

FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

SOC 704 (Information Sources in Social Sciences)  
Fall 2010: Sundays & Tuesdays 13-14:20  
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**Course Description:** this course will expose you to different topics in sociology. All readings will be in English language. Attention will be paid to the exploration of some of the main sources of information in social sciences as well. This is not a lecture course; you will be asked to contribute to the course in different ways.

**Readings:** Class reading packet will be provided by the instructor.

**Course Requirements:**

- Class participation: this includes active participation in class discussions, leading at least one class discussion, and completing weekly “writing assignments.”  
*Leading Class Discussion:* Everyone will be responsible for leading at least one class meeting. This involves (a) a brief (~10-15 min.) summary of the readings for that week (b) raising discussion questions, and (c) helping the instructor guide the class discussion.
- a *take-home final examination*.
- an *essay* analyzing some of the readings.

**Grade Distribution:**

- 50 % class participation.
- 25 % Final Exam.
- 25 % Essay.

**Course Outline and Readings:**

**Week I.**

Opening

Theory and Methods

- The Promise
- Sociology without a Theory is a House without a Foundation
- Qualitative vs. Quantitative: Is this a Useful Distinction?

**Week II.**

Sociological Theory

- On Face – Work
- The Stranger
- The Modern World System
- The City in a Globalizing World

**Week III.**

## Socialization

- Social Class and Parental Values
- Up and Down Opportunity's Ladder

**Week IV.**

## Social Stratification

- Patterns of Social Stratification
- Social Mobility
- Explanations of Social Stratification

**Week V.**

## Economics

- How Is Ku Klux Klan like a Groups of Real Estate Agents
- Why do Drug Dealer Still Live with Their Moms?

**Week VI.**

## Lean Production in the Globalization Age

- North-South Divide: Uneven Development
- Corporate Power and International Production
- The Rise and Limits of Lean Production

**Week VII.**

## The McDonaldization of Society

- The Dimensions of McDonaldization
- The Advantages of McDonaldization
- A Critique of McDonaldization

**Week VIII.**

## Organization

- Definitions and Conceptions
- The Rise of Factory System
- Technology and Organization Transformation

**Week IX.**

## Recent Work (on-line resource)

- Still Separate and Unequal? A City-Level Analysis of the Black White Gap in Homicide Arrests since 1960
- When Work Interferes with Life: Work-Nonwork Interference and the Influence of Work-Related Demands and Resources

**Week IX.**

## Professor's Work (on-line resource)

- Employee Deviance: A Response to the Perceived Quality of the Work Experience.
- A Typology of Employee Explanations of Miss-behavior: An Analysis of Unfair Dismissal Cases.

**Week X.**

- Student's Work

**Week XI.**

- Class- Paper Time

**Week XII.**

- Closing, Remarks, and Evaluation