

Sociology 1
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INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Required Books:

Corey Abramson, *The Endgame: How Inequality Shapes Our Final Years*

Erving Goffman, *Asylums: Essays on the Social Situation of Mental Patients and Other Inmates*

Annette Lareau, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life, Second Edition with an Update a Decade Later*

Amy Schalet, *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens and the Culture of Sex*

Jennifer Silva, *Coming Up Short: Working-Class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty*

Robert Vargas, *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio*

Books are available at the Cal Student Store, 2495 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. They are also on reserve at Moffitt Library. Starred (*) readings are available on the bCourses web site, and as a reader from University Copy Service, 2425 Channing Way (just below Telegraph). The lectures will be audio-recorded and will be automatically posted to CalCentral, the student portal, on the Class Page for Sociology 1, 001 and in bCourses. The recordings are available only to users with an active CalNet account. Recordings are intended as a supplement, not a substitute for attending lectures!

Requirements include a Midterm Examination (Wednesday, October 3); two short papers (5-7pp., double-spaced) due Friday, September 21 and Wednesday, December 5; a **Final Examination (Wednesday, December 12, 7:00-10:00 p.m.)**, and **participation in twice-weekly sections**. NOTE!! If you are planning international travel or some important event, remember that the final exam is Wednesday, December 12, 7-10 pm. There are NO early exams or make-up exams for those with travel crises or exam schedule conflicts.

Course Outline and Readings

Week 1 (August 22-24) SOCIAL ORIGINS OF THE SELF

* Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, pp. 152-170; 208-215; 217-222; 241-254.

* Durkheim, *Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, Ch. 7, Sections 2-3, pp. 154-168.

Week 2 (August 27-31) INSTITUTIONS AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION

* Robert Bellah, et al., *The Good Society*, pp. 4, 10-12, and 38-42.

* Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (New York: Random House, 2012), pp. 7-9, 40-44; 70-87.

Monday September 3, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY NO LECTURE, No Sections

Week 3 (September 4-7) THE POWER OF SOCIAL FORCES

Erving Goffman, *Asylums*, pp. 3-70, 188-193; 207-262; and 304-320.

Week 4 (September 10-14) CLASS, CULTURE, AND STRUCTURE

Monday September 10 NO LECTURE (Sections meet as usual)

Annette Lareau, *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life, Second Edition with an Update a Decade Later*, Chs. 1-4, 8-10, 12, and 13 (pp. 1-81, 165-220, 233-257, and 261-311).

Week 5 (September 17-21) INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY AND SOCIAL FORCES

Wednesday, September 19 NO LECTURE (Sections meet as usual)

Jennifer Silva, *Coming Up Short: Working-Class Adulthood in an Age of Uncertainty* (Oxford University Press, 2013), Chs. 1, 3-5, and Conclusion (pp. 3-25 and 53-157).

Friday, September 21 FIRST PAPER DUE (e-mail or printed, at the time your GSI requests)

Week 6 (September 24-28) SEX AND SOCIETY: CULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS

Amy Schalet, *Not Under My Roof: Parents, Teens and the Culture of Sex* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011), Chs. 1-4 and 8-Conclusion (pp. 1-106 and 181-212).

Week 7 (October 1-5) MIDTERM Wednesday, October 3 (Sections do not meet this week)

Review Session, Monday October 1

Week 8 (October 8-12) THEORIES OF CLASS I

* Kingsley Davis and Wilbert Moore, "Some Principles of Stratification," *American Sociological Review* 10:2 (April 1945), pp. 242-249.

* Max Weber, "The Distribution of Power Within the Political Community: Class, Status, Party," pp. 926-940 in *Economy and Society*, Vol. 2.

Week 9 (October 15-19) THEORIES OF CLASS II

* Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party" (pp. 473-491), "The Coming Uphaeval" from *The Poverty of Philosophy* (pp. 218-219), and selections from *The German Ideology* (pp. 155-163 and 172-174), in Robert Tucker (ed.), *The Marx-Engels Reader* (2nd edition).

Week 10 (October 22-26) SOCIAL INEQUALITY: CULTURE AND INDIVIDUAL LIFE CHANCES

Corey Abramson, *The Endgame: How Inequality Shapes Our Final Years* (Harvard University Press, 2017), Introduction, Chapters 1-3, and conclusion (pp. 1-104 and 133-148).

Week 11 (October 29-November 2) POLITICS AND IDENTITIES

* Clem Brooks and Jeff Manza, "A Broken Public? Americans' Responses to the Great Recession," *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 78, No. 5 (2013), pp. 727-748.

* Robb Willer, et al. "Overdoing Gender: A Test of the Masculine Overcompensation Thesis," *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 118, No. 4 (2013), pp. 980-1022.

NOVEMBER 6, ELECTION DAY

Week 12 (November 5-9) POWER AND POLITICS: ACTORS, DECISIONS AND OUTCOMES

* J. Allen Whitt, *Urban Elites and Mass Transportation: The Dialectics of Power*, Ch. 1 (pp. 8-39).

Robert Vargas, *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio* (Oxford University Press, 2016), Chapters 1-3 (pp. 3-92).

Week 13 (November 13-16) WHY POLITICS MATTER: INSTITUTIONS AND OUTCOMES
Monday, November 12 ACADEMIC HOLIDAY (No Monday lecture, no Monday sections; there will be a Friday Lecture)

Robert Vargas, *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio*, Chapters 4-7, (pp. 93-184).

Week 14 (November 19-20) THANKSGIVING WEEK (lecture and sections, Monday only)

Week 15 (November 26-30) FACING OUR FUTURE

Reading to be distributed: A collection of news articles, required for the final

December 3-7 READING AND RECITATION WEEK

Wednesday, December 5, **SECOND PAPER DUE** (e-mail or printed, at the time your GSI requests)

Review session for final: Friday, December 7, 1pm, in regular room.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Wednesday, December 12, 7:00-10:00 pm