

SOCIOLOGY 3304: SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

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SYLLABUS

Organizations play a leading role in our modern world. Their presence affects virtually every sector of contemporary social life. This course is about organizations – what they are and what they do, how they have changed, and how people have thought about them and studied them.

Organizations are perhaps the dominant characteristic of modern societies. Organizations were present in older civilizations, but only on modern industrialized societies do we find large numbers of organizations performing virtually every task a society needs in order to function.

We will study the major theoretical schools used by sociologists for the study of organizations – rational systems, natural systems, and open systems. We will examine technology, labor, power and control, transaction costs, networks and populations of organizations, as well as formal and informal structures. And we will seek to understand the rise, transformation, strategies and performance of corporations.

You will select a Fortune 500 company to research and apply the sociological theories to its operations and development.

REQUIRED TEXT

Organizations and Organizing (Scott & Davis) 2007

SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEEK 1	AUGUST 19 -- Introduction	AUGUST 21 -- Chapter 1
WEEK 2	AUGUST 26 -- Chapter 1	AUGUST 28 -- Chapter 2
WEEK 3	SEPTEMBER 2 -- LABOR DAY NO CLASS	SEPTEMBER 4 -- Chapter 2
WEEK 4	SEPTEMBER 9 -- Chapter 3 RESEARCH PROPOSAL DUE	SEPTEMBER 11 -- Chapter 3
WEEK 5	SEPTEMBER 16 -- Chapter 4	SEPTEMBER 18 -- Chapter 4
WEEK 6	SEPTEMBER 23 -- Chapter 5	SEPTEMBER 25 -- Chapter 5
WEEK 7	SEPTEMBER 30 -- Chapter 6	OCTOBER 2 -- Chapter 6 ESSAY EXAM ONE DUE
WEEK 8	OCTOBER 7 -- Chapter 7	OCTOBER 9 -- Chapter 7 CORPORATE CASE STUDY PART 1 DUE
WEEK 9	OCTOBER 14 -- Chapter 8	OCTOBER 16 -- Chapter 8
WEEK 10	OCTOBER 21 -- Chapter 9	OCTOBER 23 -- Chapter 9
WEEK 11	OCTOBER 28 -- Chapter 10	OCTOBER 30 -- Chapter 10 ESSAY EXAM TWO DUE
WEEK 12	NOVEMBER 4 -- Chapter 11	NOVEMBER 6 -- Chapter 11 CORPORATE CASE STUDY PART 2 DUE
WEEK 13	NOVEMBER 11 -- Chapter 12	NOVEMBER 13 -- Chapter 12
WEEK 14	NOVEMBER 18 -- Chapter 13	NOVEMBER 20 -- Chapter 13

WEEK 15	NOVEMBER 25 - Chapter 14	NOVEMBER 27 - FALL BREAK NO CLASS
WEEK 16	DECEMBER 2 - Chapter 14 CORPORATE CASE STUDY FINAL PAPER DUE	
FINAL EXAM WEEK		DECEMBER 11 -- 6:00 - 8:00 PM ESSAY EXAM THREE DUE

EVALUATION

Your grade will be based on:

ESSAY EXAMS

You will write three sets of take-home essays, each worth 100 points. Your essays will be submitted in class as well as uploaded to Turnitin.com. You will receive the questions in advance along with specific instructions.

CORPORATE CASE STUDY PAPER

You will research and write a corporate case study paper, based on articles in the popular and business press, and academic articles if available. You must gain approval for your topic, and then follow the guidelines for locating sources and applying the theories from the class. The paper will be worth 150 points in all, broken into installments.

These exams will be graded on a standard point system:
90+ = A, 80+ = B, 70+ = C, 60+ = D, and 59 and below = F.

CLASS TOTAL: 450 points

POLICIES

1) ATTENDANCE

If you ever have to miss class, make sure to get the notes for the lecture you missed from a fellow student. If you have a university-sanctioned reason to miss an exam, such as an athletic event, you must notify me in advance in order to make-up the exam, preferably prior to the regularly scheduled time. **If you are sick, you must let me know the day of the exam, assignment, or exercise in order to qualify for making up the work.**

2) PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

There is no use of cell phones for texting while in class. Phones should be turned off. You must discuss with me any reason you need to keep your phone on vibrate to receive a call, otherwise it will be considered a violation. Laptops may be used ONLY for note-taking. This will be monitored.

3) INTEGRITY

It is your responsibility to maintain academic integrity as specified in the KSU Student Code of Conduct. Do not cheat or plagiarize, and do not aid and abet others in cheating or plagiarizing. My policy for a first offense is that if you are caught cheating or helping a fellow student cheat your grade for that assignment may be a ZERO. Any subsequent infractions may result in your expulsion from the course with an F, and a referral to the University Administration for further sanctions.

4) ACCOMMODATIONS

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Disabled Student Support Services in the Student Development Center: 770-423-6443, or e-mail Nastassia Sanabria at nsanabria@kennesaw.edu. The office is located in the Student Center, Building 5, Room 267. I will work with the student and the Center to make a reasonable accommodation for testing once verification has been provided to me by the office.

5) ADVISING

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to offer academic advising to students in the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC). The UAC is located in Willingham Hall, Room 223. Their hours are Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointment by using the website, or by calling the Center during office hours at [770-794-7728](tel:770-794-7728). For more information, visit the UAC website: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hssadvising/home.php>."