

SOCIOLOGY 4444

SOCIAL CHANGE AND MODERNIZATION

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SYLLABUS

Social Change and Modernization is a sociological overview of the patterns, processes, and mechanisms of social change, focusing on the “modern period,” that is the recent historical period that is marked by developments that include urbanization, industrialization, capitalism, and the nation-state. Important vectors of change include technology, social movements, war and revolution, corporations, and states (governments). A final section is devoted to intensifying environmental degradation and climate change, both as a consequence of social change and as a cause of further social change.

This is mainly a lecture course, but you will also write a research paper on a social change topic of your choice. You will be provided with detailed instructions for the research paper.

REQUIRED TEXTS (available in the KSU Bookstore)

- 1) *Ways of Social Change* (Massey) Sage/2012
- 2) *Social Movements & Global Social Change* (Schaeffer)
Rowman & Littlefield/2014

ADDITIONAL READINGS FROM E-RESERVES IN THE LIBRARY

- 1) *2052* (Randers) 2012
- 2) *The Upside of Down* (Homer-Dixon) 2006
- 3) *Ecological Futures* (Chew) 2008

SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
WEEK 1	August 18 Introduction and Massey Chapter 1	August 20 Massey Chapter 1
WEEK 2	August 25 Massey Chapter 2	August 27 Massey Chapter 2
WEEK 3	September 1 LABOR DAY - NO CLASS	September 3 Massey Chapter 3
WEEK 4	September 8 Massey Chapter 3 RESEARCH TOPIC DUE	September 10 Massey Chapter 4
WEEK 5	September 15 Massey Chapter 4	September 17 Massey Chapter 5
WEEK 6	September 22 Massey Chapter 5	September 24 Massey Chapter 6 ESSAY EXAM ONE DUE
WEEK 7	September 29 Massey Chapter 7	October 1 Massey Chapter 7
WEEK 8	October 6 Massey Chapter 8 ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE	October 8 Massey Chapter 8
WEEK 9	October 13 Schaeffer Chapters 1-3	October 15 Schaeffer Chapters 1-3
WEEK 10	October 20 Schaeffer Chapters 4-6	October 22 Schaeffer Chapters 4-6 ESSAY EXAM TWO DUE
WEEK 11	October 27 Schaeffer Chapters 7-9	October 29 Schaeffer Chapters 7-9

WEEK 12	November 3 Schaeffer Chapters 10-13	November 5 Schaeffer Chapters 10-13
WEEK 13	November 10 Reserve Readings	November 12 Reserve Readings ESSAY EXAM THREE DUE
WEEK 14	November 17 Reserve Readings	November 19 Reserve Readings FIRST DRAFT DUE
WEEK 15	November 24 FALL BREAK - NO CLASS	November 26 FALL BREAK - NO CLASS
WEEK 16	December 1 Reserve Readings <i>ONLINE ASSIGNMENT</i>	December 3 Reserve Readings <i>ONLINE ASSIGNMENT</i>
WEEK 17	December 8 Reserve Readings *FINAL PAPERS DUE	
FINAL EXAM WEEK	December 15 -- 6:00 - 8:00 PM ESSAY EXAM FOUR (BLUE BOOK)	

EVALUATION

Your grade will be based on:

- 1) Ten quizzes, each worth 10 points. (100 points)
- 2) Three 5-page take-home essay exams, each worth 50 points, and one bluebook essay exam worth 50 points. (200 points)
You will receive a handout with the questions and format.
- 3) A 10-page research paper worth 200 points. (200 points)
See the detailed instructions which are attached.

CLASS TOTAL: 500 points

The grading scale is:

A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, F=0-59%

RESEARCH PAPER ASSIGNMENT

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TOPIC (10 POINTS)

due at the beginning of class on Monday, September 8th

I will give you guidelines in class for appropriate topics. Your topic should be in the form of a question, such as “How are societies responding to the problem of climate change?” This will help focus your search for articles as you look for research that answers the question.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY (40 POINTS)

due at the beginning of class Monday, October 6th

Each individual must find a minimum of five social science or historical research articles or books on your topic. There are a variety of databases available through the KSU Library. **Sociofile** is particularly good for sociology research.

The four journals generally accepted as the top sociology journals are: 1) *American Sociological Review*, 2) *American Journal of Sociology*, 3) *Social Forces* and 4) *Social Problems*. Books can be excellent sources if they are written by social scientists and not by journalists or ideologues. You should check the author’s identification and confirm that s/he is a sociologist, political scientist, psychologist, historian or some sort of academically qualified authority before deciding to select it as one of your sources. I will check on each one to make sure. Two other possibilities are to use only one chapter from a book, or a chapter from a book that is an edited volume of papers.

An annotated bibliography lists sources and gives a brief summary of each source. This bibliography will not be part of your final paper. It is a step designed to clarify your thinking about your sources, and I will need to approve your sources based on your summaries.

You should have a title page with your name, the class, and a title which refers to your topic. The format of the annotated bibliography is as follows, for each entry:

- 1) the name of the article or book, in ASA format as used by the ASR, and
- 2) your summary of the article.

Explain the article or book in your own words in a paragraph. I will provide you with a style guide from the ASR.

FIRST DRAFT (50 POINTS)

due at the beginning of class Wednesday, November 19th

You should consider this to be your complete and final paper. You will simply benefit from my comments and suggestions for improvements before turning it in again as the final draft. This is an analytical paper, so it should not be simply descriptive. The paper will combine the sources of all the group members. It should include an introduction and conclusion giving an overview, and the contents should summarize all the research. The References section at the end should include all the sources of all the group members in proper citation format, in alphabetical order by authors’ last names.

The entire paper should be at least ten pages long. I doubt that you will go over twenty, but I won’t set a limit to your enthusiasm.

FINAL DRAFT (75 POINTS)

due at the beginning of class Monday, December 8th

The final draft will incorporate my comments and suggestions on the First Draft.

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>."