

SOCI 3374: Sociology of Occupations

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Online course--no class meetings
Credit Hours: 3

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Course Content Description:

An analysis of the contemporary occupations, with emphasis on large-scale organizations, the structure of occupations and the nature of work.

Purpose and Structure of the course

This is an upper-level, elective course usually offered during the Fall and Spring semesters by the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. The purpose of the course is to develop some of the core competencies in students that are emphasized by the department, such as communication skills, critical thinking, an understanding of the structure and functioning of groups and organizations, critical self-reflection, interpersonal and intercultural skills, and adherence to the highest ethical standards. The course is structured around the components of discussion forums and a research paper.

Required Texts:

Ehrenreich, Barbara. Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America. (10th Anniversary edition, 11th ed. revised). Picador, 2011. ISBN 978-0-312-62668-6

Ritzer, George. Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society (8th edition). Los Angeles, CA: Sage, 2015. ISBN 978-1-4833-5894-9

Course-Level Objectives:

*Students will interpret the course chapters and themes by participating in weekly Discussion Question forums, focusing on understanding the transformation of work, trends in income inequalities, and globalization forces that are changing the workplace and the organization of work.

*Students will write a research paper that identifies an appropriate research question, reviews and interprets the literature, and draws conclusions.

Measurement: Research Paper Grading Rubric

*Students will interpret journal articles and videos by participating in weekly Short Essay forums, focusing on critical thinking. Students will apply sociological perspectives to a sociological understanding of occupations. They will translate the primary sociological theories, methods and themes into their real life by presenting evidence, implications and consequences as to how these relate to themselves.

Measurement: Critical Thinking Grading Rubric

*Students will interpret journal articles and videos by participating in weekly Short Essay forums, focusing on ethical reasoning. Students will apply, evaluate and gain self-awareness to different ethical perspectives/concepts related to the sociology of occupations.
Measurement: Ethical Reasoning Grading Rubric

*Students will interpret journal articles and videos by participating in weekly Short Essay forums, focusing on intercultural knowledge. Students will interpret attitudes and empathic, verbal and nonverbal communication skills that facilitate and help perpetuate current work trends.
Measurement: Intercultural Knowledge Grading Rubric

Module-Level Objectives:

Week 1--Ethics in the Work Place (Ethical Reasoning)

Appraise your core beliefs related to providing false or misleading information on a resume and the origins of those beliefs. Indicate some of the implications for employers who receive many resumes with false or misleading details.

Week 2--Job Satisfaction (Critical Thinking)

Predict the type of job that would bring you satisfaction (monetary, career, and/or personal). Explain where and how one would look for evidence that employees are satisfied in a workplace.

Week 3--Women in the Work Place (Intercultural Knowledge)

Judge the possible reactions toward having a female boss from some men from traditional, non-Western cultures who come to work in the U.S. Defend a man from another culture who has misinterpreted a gesture or greeting from a female supervisor.

Week 4--Work and Family (Critical Thinking)

Explain your perception of the type of job that would provide you with a balance between work life and family life. Indicate where would you look for evidence that employees have a good work-family balance.

Week 5--Work and Healthcare (Ethical Reasoning)

Appraise your core beliefs related to having healthcare plans pay for abortions and the origins of those beliefs. Indicate some of the implications of a company's healthcare plan prohibiting coverage for abortions for workers and their families.

Week 6--Work and Leisure (Critical Thinking)

Explain your position regarding how much vacation a typical worker in the U.S. should receive. Appraise evidence as to the possible reasons why workers in some countries tend to go away on vacation at a higher rate.

Week 7--Globalization (Intercultural Knowledge)

Predict how people in another culture may think of using a globally marketed product differently or in another setting than consumers in the U.S. Indicate how someone from another culture may misinterpret a U.S. marketing campaign for a consumer product.

Week 8--Mandatory Retirement (Ethical Reasoning)

Appraise your core beliefs related to mandatory retirement and the origins of those beliefs. Describe the implications of having a mandatory retirement age for some occupations.

Week 9--Outsourcing (Ethical Reasoning)

Explain your core beliefs related to outsourcing and the origins of those beliefs. Describe some of the implications of U.S. companies outsourcing their operations.

Week 10--Workplace meetings (Intercultural knowledge)

Predict how may another cultural group interpret the American tendency toward punctuality in meetings. Indicate how someone from the U.S. may interpret the tendency in traditional Latin American society for meetings to begin late, and once they begin, for participants to often spend some time discussing each other's families, the weather or other items before getting to the topic at hand.

Week 11--Employee Theft (Ethical Reasoning)

Appraise your core beliefs related to employees stealing merchandise or office supplies from their employers and the origins of those beliefs. Indicate the implications of widespread employee theft in a company.

Week 12--Employee Benefits (Critical Thinking)

Explain your position on whether same-sex couples should receive employee benefits on an equal basis with married couples. Indicate the type of evidence you would need to collect to help you evaluate the pros and cons of offering employee benefits to same-sex couples.

Week 13--Age Discrimination in the Workplace (Critical Thinking)

Indicate your position on whether you think age discrimination is a problem in the American workplace. Identify the type of evidence you would need to collect to help you evaluate the claim that there has been an increase in age discrimination.

Week 14--Worker Productivity (Intercultural knowledge)

Predict how an American may view the Spanish custom of taking a siesta and long lunch on work days. Indicate how a Spaniard accustomed to his daily siesta may view the American custom of just a one-hour break for lunch.

Week 15--Occupational Aspirations (Intercultural knowledge)

Predict how someone from a traditional culture where women are encouraged to enter certain female-dominated professions such as teaching and nursing may interpret the trend in the U.S. of some women entering non-traditional occupations such as firefighting and construction? Indicate what a patient in a U.S. hospital from a traditional culture may think of the presence of male nurses and female physicians in the hospital.

Week 16--Job Preparation (Critical Thinking)

Explain your position on whether a college education should be focused on career training or more broadly in the Liberal Arts. Identify evidence that would help you evaluate the claim that Liberal Arts graduates have more successful careers than students who are focused on career training.

Meeting Learning Objectives:

In order to meet the Course and Weekly Learning Objectives students should, on a weekly basis, read the relevant chapters and the journal articles, access links to videos available on the course website, answer the Discussion Questions (DQ) and Short Essay Questions (SEQ) on the Discussion Board, and respond to the posts of other students.

Prerequisites:

While the prerequisite for this course is SOCI 2201, there are some additional considerations that each student must make. The online method of course delivery is different from the classroom environment and requires the following minimum student preparation:

Self Discipline

With Internet courses the instructor remains a valuable resource; however, the day-to-day instruction is not there and requires the student to become proactive in their learning. The student must be self-disciplined in order to be successful. Time management and organizational skills are a must in order to excel.

Critical Reading

A characteristic of online course delivery is the amount of reading required. Students have become accustomed to instructors explaining the text. This has resulted in students' not reading as much or not paying as much attention to what they read. In an online course, students must keep up with reading assignments and comprehend what they read.

Computer Skills

To do well in this course it is necessary that students have certain computer and Internet skills, such as being familiar with email (including attaching documents), searching databases, netiquette, and reading large amounts of text on screen.

ADA Considerations:

If you are a student who is disabled as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act and require support services, please seek assistance through Student Disability Services [sss.kennesaw.edu/sds]. You may contact the SDS office at 470-578-2666 (Kennesaw campus) or 678-915-7244 (Marietta campus) or send them an email [sds@kennesaw.edu].

Course Components:

The purpose of the course is to give students a better understanding of the role of work in our society and the forces in society that help to shape the workplace. **All posts and responses to other students are due by 11:59pm each Sunday.** The course consists of the following components--

Participation

It is expected that students will participate in the class each week by contributing to the threaded discussion questions, completing assignments in a timely fashion, and asking questions of your classmates and the facilitator. Participation will be monitored. Participation credit will be given for responding to the posts of at least two other students each week--please note that participation points are only given for the current week and may not be made up.

Sam's Speakeasy Discussion Forum

Please use this section to post questions you have about how to complete an assignment, something about the course you do not understand, or use it as a place to ask questions in general of each other. If you would like to ask the Instructor a question please put "Question for Sam" in the subject line. Check this section each week to see if you can be of help to anyone else in the class. Responses and questions posted here will NOT count toward weekly participation points.

Discussion Question Forum

The Discussion Questions are based on the readings in the text. Please respond to each question in one or two sentences, although there is no length limit for your responses.

Short Essay Questions Forum

Short Essay Questions are meant to aid in your sociological understanding of occupations as you apply sociological perspectives, evaluate and gain self-awareness to different ethical perspectives/concepts, and interpret attitudes and types of communication. Full-text articles and YouTube videos will provide context for the questions. Points will be deducted for responses that fall below the minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

Research Paper

For your research paper please select one of the topics that we will be covering in the coming weeks or a related topic.

Requirements: The body of the research paper--not including the title page and bibliography--must be 4-5

pages, typewritten (Times New Roman font, size 12), and double-spaced. If you have posted the outline and bibliography to the Discussion Board they do not need to be included with your paper. However, if you have added or deleted sources from your bibliography since it was posted please include the revised bibliography with your paper. You are required to use at least four articles that are in one of the databases available through Academic Search Complete or another of the databases available through GALILEO. These databases are available at the following link: [<http://www.kennesaw.edu/library>] Click on GALILEO. For help in accessing databases or general searching techniques please go to <http://galileo.usg.edu> . For additional help please contact the KSU Reference Desk at (770) 423-6325.

APA or MLA style may be used for in-text citations and the bibliography. No abstract or title page is required for the research paper.

You are not permitted to use books for the research paper unless the complete book is in electronic form, in which case put [e-book] next to the citation in your bibliography. A bibliography is a listing of the bibliographic citations of the sources that you will use for the research paper. For each source list the author of the article, title of the article, title of the journal, date, etc—an example appears below.

APA format:

Author's last name, Author's initials (Year of publication). Article title. Journal title, Volume number(Issue number), pages of article. Retrieved from Name of the database.

Sample citation using APA format:

Curley, A. M. (2005). Theories of urban poverty and implications for public housing policy. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 32(2), 97- . Retrieved from Academic Search Complete database.

Points will be deducted for including books or Internet sources other than databases that are available through GALILEO.

The outline should contain headings for the major points in the paper and subheadings for the minor ones. Headings may be ordered by indentation, numerals and/or letters.

For your research paper you may use footnotes, endnotes or include (author, date) in the text. A bibliography should always be included.

Submission: Please submit the paper using the Dropbox link. All other parts of the research paper (the topic, bibliography, outline, and introductory paragraph) should be submitted to the **Research Paper Discussion Board**.

NOTE: The Writing Center, located in Room 242 in the English Building, is a free service available to all members of the university community. Tutors assist writers in all aspects of writing: inventing topics, organizing, drafting, revising, grammar, punctuation, documentation, and composing on the Word Processor. Students needing information about the Regents Test and/or practice in writing the essay itself should contact the Writing Center. Check the door of the Writing Center for current hours this semester, or click on the following link: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/writingcenter/>

Undergraduate Advising Center

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 Pilcher 132, on the first floor near the Foreign Language Resource Center. Their hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointments using the website, <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hssadvising/appointments.php>, or by calling the Center during office hours at 770-794-7728. For more information, visit the UAC website: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/hssadvising/home.php>.

Etiquette expectations for online discussions and email

I would encourage you all to contribute to the discussions in the Forums. Remember: Participation is essential and important. Please be respectful of your classmates in these discussions. Derogatory comments, inflammatory remarks, violent references, etc. will not be tolerated. Before posting your first message become familiar with some issues regarding e-mail etiquette found at [www.dynamoo.com/technical/etiquette.htm]

Course Requirements:

1. Discussion Questions—10 points each week. Each question is worth 2 points

2. Short Essay Questions—30 points each week (Graded using either the Critical Thinking, Ethical Reasoning, or Intercultural Knowledge Grading Rubrics)

3. Participation—10 points each week (Respond to the posts of at least two other students)

4. Research Paper

The Research paper is worth a total of 195 points: Choosing a topic: 10 points; Bibliography: 10 points; Outline: 10 points; First paragraph: 10 points; Final paper: 155 points (Graded using the Research Paper Grading Rubric)

5. Week 2 Quiz on Research paper topic—15 points

Receiving extra credit and credit for late or revised assignments:

I will grade your assignments as receiving zeroes, for administrative purposes, if they are not posted by the deadline. Post late assignments to the Discussion Board. They will be graded the week after they are posted. You will receive the grades that you would normally have received and will not be penalized for lateness. For extra credit you may revise any DQ or SEQ responses for which you did not receive full credit. The deadline for all late assignments and extra credit is the last day of class as noted on the syllabus.

Completing assignments ahead of time:

You will not be penalized for completing assignments before they are due. This includes commenting on the responses of other students. However, participation credit will not be given once the deadline for the week has passed.

Grading (points):

Discussion Questions (160)

Short Essay Questions (480)

Participation (150)

Research paper (155)

--Choice of topic (10)

--Bibliography (10)

--Outline (10)

--First paragraph (10)

Quiz (15)

Total points (1000)

Grades:

A (900-1000 points)

B (800-899 points)

C (700-799 points)

D (600-699 points)

F (Less than 600 points)

Instructor Responsiveness and Availability:

The instructor will respond to all e-mails and discussion board questions within 24-48 hours. Grades will be posted within one week of the assignment due date.

Topic outline:

Week 1. January 11 – 17, 2016. Ethics in the Work Place

Chapter 1: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Ethical Reasoning)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Resume Padding: Unforgivable or Understandable?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xkrj8T_JIUQ

Yahoo CEO's exit: debacle for company, and a warning for resume padders. By Mark Trumbull. Christian Science Monitor. May 14, 2012.

Week 2. January 18 – 24, 2016. Job Satisfaction

Submit the topic you have chosen for your research paper to the Research Paper Discussion Board

Take the Quiz on your research paper topic

Chapter 2: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Increase your Job Satisfaction today!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBvUPBvg15w>

Can High Salary Buy Job Satisfaction? USA Today Magazine. April 2006.

Week 3. January 25 – 31, 2016. Women in the Work Place

Chapter 3: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Intercultural Knowledge)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Women in the Workplace

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBiUQ2EboVA>

Video lecture: Women in the workplace – click on Content link in D2L

Correctional Promotions: The Path to Success for a Female Supervisor. By Cathy Elliott. Corrections Today. December 2012/January 2013.

Week 4. February 1 – 7, 2016. Work and Family

Submit the bibliography for your research paper to the Research Paper Discussion Board

The reason for submitting the bibliography at this early date is to encourage you to get started on your research. Please submit your final bibliography with the research paper--you may add or subtract sources from the bibliography that you posted with no penalty. If you do so please submit a revised bibliography with the research paper.

Chapter 3, continued: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Nigel Marsh: How to make work-life balance work

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdpIKXLLYYM>

Video lecture: Work and family – click on Content link in D2L

Work Ethic Overrides Family Values. By Dang Xiaofei. China Today. April 2013.

Week 5. February 8 – 14, 2016. Work and Healthcare

Chapter 4: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Ethical Reasoning)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Abortion bill denies coverage in health care exchange

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AN4POEtYPL8>

Unholy Alliance. By Jonathan Cohn. New Republic. March 15, 2012.

Week 6. February 15 – 21, 2016. Work and Leisure

Submit the outline for your research paper to the Research Paper Discussion Board

Chapter 4, continued: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Vacation's All I Ever Wanted (But I Still Didn't Get One)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYTCwnDsCBg>

In Europe, there's always time for vacation. By Sara Miller Llana. Christian Science Monitor. July 31, 2013.

Week 7. February 22 – 28, 2016. Globalization

Chapter 5: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Intercultural Knowledge)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Top 10 International Marketing Blunders

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWd6L37EmUc>

College-Educated Youths' Attitudes toward Global Brands: Implications for Global Marketing Strategies. By Chu, Shu-Chuan; Huang, Szu-Chi. Journal of International Consumer Marketing. 2010, Vol. 22 Issue 2, 2010.

Week 8. February 29 – March 6, 2016. Mandatory Retirement

Submit the introductory paragraph for your research paper to the Research Paper Discussion Board

Chapter 6: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Ethical Reasoning)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--To Abolish Mandatory Retirement or not to Abolish Mandatory Retirement - Is that the Question?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvIAW11jGkM>

Mandatory Retirement Age. By Aaron M. Clemens. Florida Bar Journal. June 2009.

Week 9. March 7 – 13, 2016. Outsourcing

Chapters 7 - 9: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Ethical Reasoning)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video-- Why Outsourcing is Bad for Business

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7fsEIp2r_8

Is international outsourcing ethical? By Kenneth Harrison and Lawrence Kren. Machine Design. August 19, 2004.

Week 10. March 14 – 20, 2016. Workplace meetings

Chapters 7 - 9, continued: Ritzer, The McDonaldization of Society

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Intercultural Knowledge)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Mexican Business Meeting

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnshEO2QAX4>

Video lecture: Workplace meetings – click on Content link in D2L

If Time Is Money Is It a Common Currency? Time in Anglo, Asian, and Latin Cultures. By Glen H. Brodowsky, Beverlee B. Anderson, Camille P. Schuster, Ofer Meilich, M. Ven Venkatesan. Journal of Global Marketing. Vol. 21 Issue 4, 2008.

Week 11. March 21 – 27, 2016. Employee Theft

Research Paper due. Submit using the Dropbox. (170 points)

Introduction: Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Ethical Reasoning)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Signs of Employee Theft
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJx_isGpiP0

Are Your Staffers Stealing? How to Prevent Employee Theft and Protect Your Bottom Line. By Scott Westcott. Inc. October 2006.

Week 12. March 28 – April 3, 2016. Employee Benefits

Chapter One: Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Same-Sex Spouse Military Benefits
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnOLtQShz_Q

Same-Sex Couples Get More Benefits. By Susan Garland and Joy Taylor. Kiplinger's Personal Finance. September 2013.

Spring Break: April 4 – 10, 2016

Week 13. April 11 – 17, 2016. Age Discrimination in the Workplace

Chapter Two: Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Facing Age Discrimination At Work
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzRFTl1vvrM>

Fired Is the New Retired. By Ellis Cose. Newsweek. November 9, 2009.

Week 14. April 18 – 24, 2016. Worker Productivity

Chapter Three: Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Intercultural Knowledge)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--CNN: Spaniards sleep to save the siesta
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m56b6pPa1zo>

Sleepless in Spain: The siesta recedes. By Sara Miller Llana. Christian Science Monitor, January 19, 2006.

Week 15/16. April 25 – May 1, 2016. Occupational Aspirations; Job Preparation

Evaluation: Ehrenreich, Nickel and Dimed

Discussion Questions (based on the text)

Short Essay Question (Intercultural Knowledge)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Nontraditional Careers -- Break Free of the Barriers That Limit Your Career Choices
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHXnM_RS_qM

Video lecture: Occupational aspirations – click on Content link in D2L

Making the Shift from Pink Collars to Blue Ones: Women's Non-Traditional Occupations. By Kristin Hulme. Labour / Le Travail. Spring 2006.

Short Essay Question (Critical Thinking)

Answer the question after viewing the two items below. The full-text of the article is available via the Content link on the course website.

Responses should be a minimum of 1,600 characters/letters--NOT words (this is about two full paragraphs).

YouTube video--Preparing for a career
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AcRWSexkUg>

Why a liberal arts education is the best job preparation. By Kenneth P. Ruscio. Christian Science Monitor, September 19, 2012.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

In no case will academic dishonesty be tolerated. Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the undergraduate and graduate Catalogues. Section II of this code addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an 'informal' resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct's minimum one semester requirement.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a

professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, or disability, be excluded from employment or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by KSU.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Kennesaw State University supports the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order #11246, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. No person shall, on the basis of age, race, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the college. Any individual with a grievance related to the enforcement of any of the above provisions should contact the Assistant Director of Human Resources, Ombudsperson.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have not yet initialized or need help with your NetID account, then please go to <http://netid.kennesaw.edu> for assistance or send an email to service@kennesaw.edu.

For other D2L help, visit the Online Support Center at <http://help.view.usg.edu> or contact the KSU Service Desk.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

For Academic Support please go to the following website:
<http://learnonline.kennesaw.edu/resources/index.php>

STUDENT SUPPORT

For Student Support please go to the following website:
<http://learnonline.kennesaw.edu/resources/index.php>

Research Paper Grading Rubric:

Criteria	A (145-155) Outstanding	B (130-144) Proficient	C (110-129) Basic	D/F (0-109) Below Expectations
Introduction	*Strong introduction of topic's key question(s), terms. *Clearly delineates subtopics to be reviewed. *Specific thesis	*Conveys topic and key question(s). *Clearly delineates subtopics to be reviewed. *General thesis statement.	*Conveys topic, but not key question(s). *Describes subtopics to be reviewed. *General thesis statement.	*Does not adequately convey topic. *Does not describe subtopics to be reviewed. *Lacks adequate thesis statement.

	statement.			
Focus & Sequencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All material clearly related to subtopic, main topic. *Strong organization and integration of material within subtopics. *Strong transitions linking subtopics and main topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All material clearly related to subtopic, main topic. *Logically organized material within subtopics. *Clear, varied transitions linking subtopics and main topics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Most material clearly related to subtopic, main topic. *Material may not be organized with subtopics. *Attempts to provide variety of transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Little evidence material is logically organized into topic, subtopics or related to topic. *Many transitions are unclear or nonexistent.
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strong evidence-based research support for thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sources well selected to support thesis with some research in support of thesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sources generally acceptable but not evidence-based research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Few sources supporting thesis. *Sources insignificant or unsubstantiated.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strong review of key conclusions. *Strong integration with thesis statement. *Insightful discussion of impact of the researched material on the topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strong review of key conclusions. *Strong integration with thesis statement. *Discusses impact of research material on topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Review of key conclusions. *Some integration with thesis statement. *Discusses impact of researched material on topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Does not summarize evidence with respect to thesis statement. *Does not discuss the impact of researched material on topic.
Grammar and Citations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The paper is free of errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and format of citations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and format of citations are rare and do not detract from the paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Very few errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and format of citations interfere with reading the paper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and format of citations substantially detract from the paper.

Critical Thinking Grading Rubric:

Criteria	A (27-30) Outstanding	B (24-26) Proficient	C (21-23) Basic	D/F (0-20) Below Expectations
Student's Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Specific position is imaginative, taking into account the complexities of an issue. *Limits of position are acknowledged. *Others' points of view are synthesized within position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Specific position takes into account the complexities of an issue. *Others' points of view are acknowledged within position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Specific position acknowledges different sides of an issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Specific position is stated, but is simplistic and obvious.
Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Information is taken from sources with enough interpretation and evaluation to develop a comprehensive analysis or synthesis. *Viewpoints of experts are questioned thoroughly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Information is taken from sources with enough interpretation and evaluation to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis. *Viewpoints of experts are subject to questioning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Information is taken from sources with some interpretation and evaluation, but not enough to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis. *Viewpoints of experts are taken as mostly fact, with little questioning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Information is taken from sources without interpretation or evaluation. *Viewpoints of experts are taken as fact, without question.
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Conclusions and related outcomes (consequences and implications) are logical and reflect student's informed evaluation and ability to place evidence and perspectives discussed in priority order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Conclusion is logically tied to a range of information, including opposing viewpoints; related outcomes (consequences and implications) are identified clearly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Conclusion is logically tied to information (because information is chosen to fit the desired conclusion); some related outcomes (consequences and implications) are identified clearly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Conclusion is inconsistently tied to some of the information discussed; related outcomes (consequences and implications) are oversimplified.

Ethical Reasoning Grading Rubric:

Criteria	A (27-30) Outstanding	B (24-26) Proficient	C (21-23) Basic	D/F (0-20) Below Expectations
Ethical Self-Awareness	*Student discusses in detail/analyzes both core beliefs and the origins of the core beliefs and discussion has greater depth and clarity.	*Student discusses in detail/analyzes both core beliefs and the origins of the core beliefs.	*Student states both core beliefs and the origins of the core beliefs.	*Student states either their core beliefs or articulates the origins of the core beliefs but not both.
Application of Ethical Perspectives or Concepts	*Student can independently apply ethical perspectives or concepts to an ethical question, accurately, and is able to consider full implications of the application.	*Student can independently (to a new example) apply ethical perspectives or concepts to an ethical question, accurately, but does not consider the specific implications of the application.	*Student can apply ethical perspectives or concepts to an ethical question, independently (to a new example) but the application is inaccurate.	*Student can apply ethical perspectives or concepts to an ethical question with support (using examples) but is unable to apply ethical perspectives or concepts independently (to a new example).
Evaluation of Different Ethical Perspectives or Concepts	*Student states a position and can state the objections to, assumption and implications of and can reasonably defend against the objections to, assumptions and implications of different ethical perspectives or concepts, and the student's defense is	*Student states a position and can state the objections to, assumptions and implications of, and respond to the objections to, assumptions and implications of different ethical perspectives or concepts,	*Student states a position and can state the objections to, assumptions and implications of different ethical perspectives or concepts but does not respond to them (and ultimately objections, assumptions, and implications are compartmentalized by student and do not affect student's position.)	*Student states a position but cannot state the objections to and assumptions and limitations of the different perspectives or concepts.

	adequate and effective.	but the student's response is inadequate.		
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Intercultural Knowledge Grading Rubric:

Criteria	A (27-30) Outstanding	B (24-26) Proficient	C (21-23) Basic	D/F (0-20) Below Expectations
Skills (Empathy)	*Interprets intercultural experience from the perspectives of own and more than one worldview and demonstrates ability to act in a supportive manner that recognizes the feelings of another cultural group.	*Recognizes intellectual and emotional dimensions of more than one worldview and sometimes uses more than one worldview in interactions.	*Identifies components of other cultural perspectives but responds in all situations with own worldview.	*Views the experience of others but does so through own cultural worldview.
Skills (Verbal and Nonverbal Communication)	*Articulates a complex understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication (e.g., demonstrates understanding of the degree to which people use physical contact while communicating in different cultures or use direct/indirect and explicit/implicit meanings) and is able to skillfully	*Recognizes and participates in cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and begins to negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	*Identifies some cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and is aware that misunderstandings can occur based on those differences but is still unable to negotiate a shared understanding.	*Has a minimal level of understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication; is unable to negotiate a shared understanding.

	negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.			
Attitudes (Curiosity)	*Asks complex questions about other cultures, seeks out and articulates answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.	*Asks deeper questions about other cultures and seeks out answers to these questions.	*Asks simple or surface questions about other cultures.	*States minimal interest in learning more about other cultures.