

Grade Distribution:

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| Participation and Attendance | 15% |
| Weekly Quizzes | 15% |
| Sociological Autobiography | 25% |
| Ethnographic Observation | 15% |
| Midterm Exam | 10% |
| Final Exam | 20% |

Major Assignments (details):

Participation and Attendance (15%): Active participation in class discussions and activities is essential for understanding the course material. Students are expected to attend every class, complete readings before each session, and contribute thoughtfully. Absences without prior notice or documentation will lower your participation grade.

Weekly Quizzes (15%): Short quizzes will assess your understanding of the textbook material and lectures. They will include a mix of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Quizzes will be taken at the start of class every Monday.

Sociological Autobiography (25%): In a 6–8 page paper, you will apply the sociological imagination to your own life, situating your experiences within broader social structures. This assignment is scaffolded: a short reflection (Week 3), a thesis and outline (Week 5), and the final paper (Week 7).

Ethnographic Observation (15%): Choose a public space on campus and spend one hour observing social interaction. You will submit raw fieldnotes and a 3–4 page analysis linking your observations to at least two sociological concepts. Assigned Week 8; Due Week 10.

Midterm Exam (10%): Covers key concepts and theories from Weeks 1–7. Includes multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions.

Final Exam (20%): Cumulative exam covering the entire course, emphasizing the application of concepts to real-world examples.

Letter Grade Distribution:

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| ≥ 93.00 | A | 73.00 - 76.99 | C |
| 90.00 - 92.99 | A- | 70.00 - 72.99 | C- |
| 87.00 - 89.99 | B+ | 67.00 - 69.99 | D+ |
| 83.00 - 86.99 | B | 63.00 - 66.99 | D |
| 80.00 - 82.99 | B- | 60.00 - 62.99 | D- |
| 77.00 - 79.99 | C+ | ≤ 59.99 | F |

Course Policies:

- **Submissions:** All assignments must be uploaded to Canvas in PDF format. Use standard formatting: double-spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font.
- **File Naming:** Please name files using the convention: `lastname_assignmentname.pdf`.

- **Late Policy:** Late work will be accepted with a 10% grade dock for each day it is late, up to 3 days.

Course Outline:

| Week | Content |
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| Week 01 | The Sociological Perspective Giddens Ch. 1; Mills, “The Promise” |
| Week 02 | Culture and Society Giddens Ch. 3 |
| Week 03 | Socialization and the Life Course Giddens Ch. 4; Lareau, “Unequal Childhoods” <i>Due: Autobiography Reflection</i> |
| Week 04 | Social Interaction Giddens Ch. 5; Goffman, “On Face-Work” |
| Week 05 | Groups, Networks, Organizations Giddens Ch. 6 <i>Due: Autobiography Thesis/Outline</i> |
| Week 06 | Deviance and Social Control Giddens Ch. 7 |
| Week 07 | Religion in Modern Society Giddens Ch. 17 <i>Due: Autobiography Final Paper</i> |
| Week 08 | Midterm Exam |
| Week 09 | Social Stratification Giddens Ch. 8 |
| Week 10 | Ethnicity and Race Giddens Ch. 11 <i>Due: Ethnographic Observation</i> |
| Week 11 | Gender Inequality Giddens Ch. 10 |
| Week 12 | Work and Economic Life Giddens Ch. 14 |
| Week 13 | Education Giddens Ch. 16 |
| Week 14 | Government, Political Power Giddens Ch. 13 |
| Week 15 | Finals Week <i>Final Exam</i> |