

Sociology 3320
Sociology of Urban Life
Spring 2007

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Course Overview:

This course is designed to familiarize students with macro-level processes and micro-level dynamics associated with urban life. The course is divided into four major areas of study: (1) the history and development of urban areas (2) classic and modern urban theory (3) the social organization of urban life and (4) social policy and urban planning. We will also read Elijah Anderson's *Streetwise*, an ethnographic study of life in a changing urban community.

Required Books:

(1) Macionis, John J. and Vincent N. Parillo (2007) *Cities and Urban Life* (4th Edition). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Education.

(2) Anderson, Elijah (1992) *Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Course Requirements:

(1) Students will complete weekly reading quizzes and/or weekly assignments. Students must be present in class to receive credit for the weekly quiz/assignment. **No make-up quizzes or assignments will be given.** (10%)

(2) There will be two exams this semester, a midterm and final exam. The final exam will not be cumulative. (20% each)

(3) Students will complete a group research project and presentation. In addition, each student will turn in an individual research paper. (35%)

(4) Students will complete a short paper based on Elijah Anderson's ethnographic study of urban life, *Streetwise*. (10%)

(5) In small groups, students will lead class discussion at least once during the semester. (5%)

**No late assignments will be accepted under any circumstances.*

Grading will be based on the following criteria:

Weekly Quizzes & Assignments/Participation	10%
Anderson Paper	10%
Discussion Group	5%
Midterm	20%
Final Exam	20%
Group Project	35%

Grading Scale: Grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D	60-69%
F	<60%

Note: A grade of C- or less will not count toward major coursework. Students in the Franklin College must earn a grade of C or better in major required courses.

Attendance and Participation:

Class attendance is expected and will be recorded. ***Students with more than 3 unexcused absences may be withdrawn from the course.***

Students are expected to actively participate in classroom discussions; participation is considered in your final grade.

Classroom Etiquette:

Students are expected to behave in a courteous and respectful manner. Inappropriate classroom behavior includes, but is not limited to, engaging in private conversations during lecture, sleeping, reading the newspaper, and leaving class early.

**Please turn cellphones off prior to entering the classroom.*

**Please arrive on time for class. Arriving late is disruptive and distracting to both the instructor and other students.*

Academic Honesty Policy:

All students are expected to comply with the University of Georgia's Academic Honesty Policy, **A Culture of Honesty**. Academic honesty is defined as "performing all academic work without plagiarism, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, receiving unauthorized or illegitimate assistance from any other person, or using any source of information that is not common knowledge." The entire policy can be reviewed at: http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/culture_honesty.htm.

Statement of Human Rights:

All students should know that the Department of Sociology has a Human Rights Committee for the resolution of student grievances. Any student registered for a sociology course at the University of Georgia who feels that he or she has not been treated in a fair or professional manner by an instructor is advised to follow these procedures:

- (1) The student should discuss his or her problems with the instructor of the course, unless extenuating circumstances prohibit this.
- (2) If that discussion does not resolve the grievance, the student should then discuss the problem with the Head of the Department of Sociology.
- (3) If that discussion does not resolve the grievance to the satisfaction of the student, the student may request the activation of the Human Rights Committee by submitting a letter to the Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

The Human Rights Committee will have the responsibility of investigating all charges in accordance with procedures on file in the Sociology office, copies of which are available to students. The Committee will also have the responsibility of making recommendations in writing to the Head, copies of which will be made available to the student complainant and the instructor involved. The Department Head will review the recommendations and make a decision in writing, with

copies to the student complainant and the instructor or staff member involved. Any appeal of that decision must be to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.