

SOC 342 Social Stratification

Wintermester 2019

Number of Credits

3

Instructor

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Catalog Description

Analysis of major theories of stratification and inequality. Historical development of class systems with emphasis on the social class structure of American society. (General Capstone course.)

Prereq(s): CH 201; ENG 102; SOC 101; and junior or senior standing

Required Textbooks/Materials

The following texts are required material in this course:

None—reading materials will be provided by the professor.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- demonstrate an understanding via exams and writings of how issues of equity and justice are at the very foundation of the study of inequality and stratification;
- explain how social barriers constructed around categorizations (e.g. class, race, gender, etc.) create and perpetuate social inequality; and
- apply relevant perspectives from a number of different paradigms and/or theoretical camps to critically analyze the existence of social stratification in society.

First Four Days of Materials/Assignments

The following schedule is subject to change:

January 2: Welcome; meet and greet; syllabus; and class rules

January 3: Introduction to stratification

January 4: Economic inequality

January 7: Global Inequality

Course Details

This course is designed to introduce students to social stratification/inequality, exploring how sociologists view and study these issues. Topics cover different definitions of class, income and wealth, distributive justice, mobility, gender inequality, ethnic inequality, global inequality, the consequences of inequality, power, and much more.

Grade Breakdown

The point distribution for the course is:

Assignment	Points
Reaction Paper (eight worth 2.5 points each)	20
Term Paper	20
Test 1 (Midterm)	30
Test 2 (Final)	30
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>

The percentage distribution for the course is:

Letter	Percentage
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+	67–69
D	63–66
D-	60–62
F	below 60