SOCIOLOGY 201: Introduction to Sociology
Professor Charlie Kurzman
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CLASS MEETINGS: 201 General Classroom Building, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
OFFICE HOURS: 1063 General Classroom Building, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 - 10:50 a.m., and by appointment.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
1) Attendance at all classes. (10% of final grade)
2) Required readings. (0% -- simply must be done)
3) Ungraded midterm examination (0% -- for practice)
4) One unscheduled quiz (10%)
5) Short library research project (10%)
6) Community service, 15 hours total (10%)
7) Term paper applying sociological theory to community service experiences (5% for preliminary summary/outline, 25% for final draft)
8) Final exam (30%, half short answers and half essays)

REQUIRED READINGS (all are on reserve at the library and on sale at the bookstore):
4) Sociology 201 Class Reader. Includes selections by Max Weber, Pierre Bourdieu, and Michel Foucault.

WEEK 1: What is Sociology: Paradigms
Assignment for April 6:
1) Attend Hands On Atlanta community-service orientation session during regular class period.
Assignment for April 8:

WEEK 2: Society as an Organism: Functionalism
Assignment for April 11:
Section III: Integrating Service-Learning in the Syllabi


Assignment for April 13:
1) Select and join a community-service organization; write 1-page description of organization and your role, including the organization's phone number, address, and name and title of person who will be supervising you.

Assignment for April 15:
1) Ben Hamper, Rivethead, pp. 68-170.

WEEK 3: Society as a Dead-End Job: Marxism (Part 1)
Assignment for April 18:

Assignment for April 20:
None.

Assignment for April 22:
1) Ben Hamper, Rivethead, pp. 171-234.

WEEK 4: Society as a Coal Mine: Marxism (Part 2)
Assignment for April 25:

Assignment for April 27:
None.

Assignment for April 29:
1) Small library research project due.

WEEK 5: Society as Social Climbing: Status
Assignment for May 2:

Assignment for May 4:
None.

Assignment for May 6:

WEEK 6: Society as Full-Contact Social Climbing: Discrimination
Assignment for May 9:
Assignment for May 11:
   None.
Assignment for May 13:
1) Rigoberta Menchu, I, Rigoberta Menchu, pp. 59-121.

WEEK 7: Society as Drama: Symbolic Interactionism
Assignment for May 16:
Assignment for May 18:
3) Turn in summary and outline of final paper.
Assignment for May 20:

WEEK 8: Society as a Panopticon: State and Society
Assignment for May 23:
1) Michel Foucault, "Discipline and Punish," pp. 195-228, in Reader.
Assignment for May 25:
   None.
Assignment for May 27:

WEEK 9: Review
Assignment for May 30:
   1) Memorial Day holiday.
Assignment for June 1:
1) Hand in final paper at beginning of class.
2) Begin to review course material for final examination.
Assignment for June 3:
   1) Hand in service evaluation sheet.

FINAL EXAM: June 10, 2 p.m.
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REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please answer the following questions and bring this sheet to class on Friday, June 3. Use the back of this sheet as well if you wish.

1) Have you done community service prior to this class?

2) How many hours of community service would you estimate that you performed in 1993?

3) What do you think of the community service requirement in this class?

4) Do you feel that community service should be a part of this class in the future? If so, how might it be better handled in the future?

5) Did you use Hands on Atlanta? If so, how did you find their operation? Do you have any suggestions for the improvement of their operation?

6) If you used community service organizations other than Hands on Atlanta, how did you find their operation? Do you have any suggestions for the improvement of their operation?

7) Do you feel that your community service made a difference in other people's lives?

8) Do you feel that your community service made a difference in your life?