Sociology 101.5 Introduction to Macrosociology  
Fall 2006 Sloan 112 9:30-10:45 TU-TH

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Required Texts:  
Publishers. (paperback).

Course Content:  
This course will examine the major types of societies that humans have developed and lived in over  
the last 20,000 years, and it will attempt to explain the emergence and development of a number of  
their most important features. Special attention will be paid to the causes and consequences of the  
increasing size and complexity of societies, and to the relationship between technological develop-  
ment, patterns of social organization, and various forms of social inequality (e.g., economic,  
political, sexual).

Course Requirements and Course Grade:  
The grade for the course will be based on the average of four examinations, a number of  
unscheduled "pop" quizzes on the assigned readings (see note below), and several short written  
assignments. The fourth exam will primarily focus on Industrial Societies, but it will also include  
some questions about how Industrial Societies compare to earlier types, about long-term trends in  
societal development from the hunting and gathering through the industrial era, and the future  
prospects of the world system of societies.

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Written Assignments  
A number of short written assignments are posted on the class webpage. The due dates of these  
assignments are indicated above and by an asterisk (*) in the topic section of the syllabus below.

Grading Scale:  
90% and above=A, 86-89%=B+, 80-85%=B, 76-79%=C+, 70-75%=C, 66-69%=D+, 60-65%=D,  
59% and below=F

Important Note on Classroom Etiquette:  
To maintain the proper environment for learning and the exchange of ideas, I would ask you to  
observe a few simple rules of behavior. First, do not bring food into the classroom at any time,
bottled water or beverages in closable containers are allowed, but be careful with them! Second, although I strongly encourage you to ask me questions about anything covered in class or in the readings, do not carry on side conversations or running commentaries during class. If you have a question, want to raise a point, missed something I said, or can’t read something I wrote, please raise your hand and ask me during class or wait to ask me (or a classmate) after class. Also, to avoid undue class disruption, please, as a courtesy to me and your classmates, do not leave class before it is over, unless you have an emergency, or have told me in advance that you must leave early. Finally, please turn your cell phones off. If you must keep your cell phone on because you are expecting an emergency call, be sure to set it on silent ring or vibrate. If/when you receive your emergency call, please leave the classroom to have your conversation.

Web Page Access:
The syllabus, assignments, and grades will also be posted on Blackboard.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

**August**
- Thursday 24: Introduction to the Course
- Tuesday 29: Societies: The Aztecs*
- Thursday 31: Societies: The !Kung*

**September**
- Tuesday 5: Societies: The Yanomamö*
- Thursday 7: Macrosociology
- Tuesday 12: Human Biology, Culture, and Society
- Thursday 14: The Evolution of Human Societies
- Tuesday 19: Basic Types of Societies
- **Thursday 21** *First Exam*
  - HS: 1 P&G: 1
- Tuesday 26: Hunting-Gathering Societies
- Thursday 28: Horticultural Societies

**October**
- Tuesday 3: Horticultural Societies Cont’d
- Thursday 5: Agrarian Societies
- Tuesday 10: Agrarian Societies Cont’d
- **Thursday 12** *Second Exam*
  - HS: 5 P&G: 5
- Tuesday 17: Industrial Revolution
- Thursday 19: Fall Break – Class Does Not Meet
- Tuesday 24: Industrial Technologies and Economies
- Thursday 26: Ideologies and Polities
- Tuesday 31: Ideologies and Polities cont’d

**November**
- Thursday 2: Social Stratification
- **Tuesday 7** *Election Day No Class*
- Thursday 9: Social Stratification cont’d*
- **Tuesday 14** *Third Exam*
  - HS: 9-12 P&G 9-12
- Thursday 16: Population, Families, Leisure
- Tuesday 21: Population, Families, Leisure cont’d
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Key: HS: Human Societies  P&G: Primer & Guide

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