

SOCIAL CHANGE

Fall 2009

Soc 316

316des09a

D. Swift

M W 6:00 - 7:15 pm

PURPOSE

This class introduces the study of change from a sociological perspective. We will examine theoretical aspects of change and will study examples from traditional and modern societies.

CLASSES

Monday classes will be devoted to lectures and exams. Wednesday classes will be for B and A work. For a C come only on Mondays. For a B or A you must also attend Wednesday as well as Monday classes. Wednesdays will include quizzes and oral and written reports on weekly reading assignments.

GRADING

To reduce anxiety about grades and to assist you in planning for this semester, you may decide now what grade you want to earn. Attendance counts! Grades will be determined as follows:

For D: Pass 1 exam

For C (or "Credit"): Pass 2 exams

For B: Pass 3 exams + quizzes, discussions

For A: Pass 3 exams + quizzes, discussions + written reports

The Wednesday option is for serious, thinking students only. For the Wednesday option you must attend every class; If you miss more than two you will be disqualified from an A or B.

NO SUBSTITUTIONS For example, doing a paper instead of an exam will not be permitted.

EXAMINATIONS September 28, November 2, December 14 6-7:15 pm
Mostly fill-in, multiple choice, short answer

Examinations will be graded on a simple pass/fail basis. They will NOT be given a letter or number grade.

No makeup exams will be given, but you can still pass the course even if you miss one exam.

OFFICE HOURS: M W 1:45 - 2:15 or by appointment Saunders 211
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TEXTS For C: Daniel Chirot, How Societies Change, paperback
plus for B or A:

William Catton, BOTTLENECK

Lindsey Grant, Too Many People, Professional Image
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