

SOCIOLOGY 441

Social Structure and the Individual

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Course Description & Objective

This course will address advanced issues in the area of social structure and the individual by exploring microsocial processes within macrosocial structures to assess the outcomes of individual actions (House & Mortimer, 1990).

We will explore individual motivation for actions, and how the social structure influences individual decision, and apply a critical lens to the debate over “Structure vs. Agency.” Readings will focus on issues within social psychology, political and social structures, and organizations.

REQUIREMENTS

Putnam, Robert. 2001. Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community. ISBN-10: 0743203046. Publisher: Touchstone by Simon & Schuster

Other readings will be provided via the Resources section on Lulima

STUDENT EVALUATION

Your grade will consist of the following:

- 10 discussion postings at 15 points
- 10 Written Assignments at 30 points
- Exam #1 at 25 points
- Final Exam at 30 points

Total 100 points

Exams are online and are timed, essay-formatted, and open-book

Students should regularly check their Hawaii email account for messages.

Course Calendar will be updated two weeks before the start of the term with the full term calendar.

SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS:

PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THIS COURSE (EACH SUBMISSION WILL BE SCRUTINIZED)

NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED

NO EXTRA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE UPON REQUEST

NO GRADE NEGOTIATING

Doing well in this class: In order to do well in this class, it is important that you a) stay up with the discussion board, and (b) complete all written assignments; (c) do all required readings

It is critical that you do the readings. Doing the readings will help you to better answer the written assignments, discussion postings, and exam questions covered in our course.