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RECITATION SYLLABUS  
Sociology 2004

Perspectives on Violence: Structural and Institutional Violence

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I recommend that you contact me by e-mail. I check e-mail multiple times a day, voicemail once a day Monday - Friday. Please note I do not check e-mail or voicemail on weekends (the weekend starts at 5 p.m. on Friday).

*Note: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a letter from Disability Services (DS) and discuss specific needs with both Mr. Klocke and me, preferably within the first two weeks of class. DS determines accommodations based on documented disabilities (303-492-8671, Willard 322, [www.colorado.edu/sacs/disabilityservices](http://www.colorado.edu/sacs/disabilityservices)).*

**Recitation Goals:**

Recitations serve multiple purposes. We will:

- Discuss material covered in lectures
- Answer questions about readings and lectures
- Work in small groups
- View films and other supplementary material

In order to meet these goals, I ask that you:

1. Arrive on time. I will make announcements at the beginning of recitation.
2. Complete all readings before recitation. We can't have an interesting conversation if you aren't prepared.
3. Be respectful of everyone in recitation. Many of the topics we will discuss will be highly emotional and it's important that everyone feel safe discussing their opinion. Disrespectful comments based on race, gender, class, sexual orientation, religion, ideas or beliefs will not be tolerated.
4. Participate. You will be graded on participation (see below). More importantly, your input is valuable to the class.

**Assignments and Grading:**

Recitation counts for 1/3 of your final grade in this course. Your grade for recitation will be based on the following:

*Attendance = 50% of your grade.* You are required to attend all labs. You will be allowed one absence that does not count against you. I will circulate an attendance

sheet at the beginning of class. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign it - if you do not, you will be marked absent.

If you are absent on a day when an assignment is due, you **MUST** get the assignment to me before your next recitation or you will receive a grade of Zero. Drop off your assignment in my mailbox in Ketchum 220 or email it to me.

*Participation = 25% of your grade:* Participation is an integral part of lab. It is widely accepted that people learn best when they actively analyze and discuss material. Regular participation provides you an opportunity to cultivate your understanding of the material, and allows me to assess your progress and provide additional instruction when needed. Participation in class discussions not only helps you own the material, but will make the class more enjoyable for all. The participation grade formula is simple: The more you participate, the more participation points you earn.

Please note that participation means *informed commentary*. You do not get points for just talking in class. You must demonstrate that you read the material.

*Assignments = 25% of your grade:* You will be asked to write 6, one-page responses to the readings. You will be expected to produce a coherent, well thought-out response to your readings. You can receive one of four grades: Check-plus, Check, Check-minus, and Zero. There will be no comments on your papers other than these grades. Late assignments will not be accepted and will earn a grade of Zero. If you complete all 6 assignments, you will be allowed to drop the lowest grade. If you do not complete all 6 assignments, any missing assignments **WILL** be factored into your grade.

Assignments are due after the recitation on each topic, with the exception of the last one. This gives you the opportunity to ask questions in recitation to clarify material for your paper. You can also include in your paper points discussed in recitation.

#### ASSIGNMENT FORMAT:

- One page, typed. Standard margins (1" on top and bottom, 1.25" left & right), and standard font (Times New Roman size 12 or something similar). If you give me a paper with 2" margins and size 14 Courier font, I'm going to notice. Also, papers over one page will not be read.
- Include your name and recitation section in the upper right hand corner.

#### ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE:

Paper #1 is due 9/10, 9/11 or 9/12 on the readings for weeks 1 & 2 (Theoretical Background)

Paper #2 is due 9/24, 9/25 or 9/26 on the readings for weeks 3 & 4 (Masculinity, Domination & Violence)

Paper #3 is due 10/8, 10/9, 10/10 on the readings for EITHER Week 5 (Hate Crimes) or week 6 (Violence Against Women)

Paper #4 is due 10/29, 10/30 or 10/31 on the readings for EITHER Week 8 (Workplace, Environment & Dangerous Products) or Week 9

(Medicine/Hospitals/Insurance)

Paper #5 is due 11/19, 11/20 or 11/21 on the readings for EITHER Week 11 (Corrections Industrial Complex/Death Penalty) or Week 12 (Police Abuse, Militarization of Policing)

Paper #6 is due 11/26, 11/27 or 11/28 on the readings for Weeks 13 & 14 (Militarism, Terrorism & War)

**EXAM REVIEWS:**

I will conduct reviews for both the midterm and final exam. The midterm review will be conducted Week 8 (10/15, 10/16 or 10/17) and the final review will be conducted the last week of recitation (12/10, 12/11 or 12/13).

Material specific to recitation will be on the exams.