

**WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**Virtual Campus**

Wayland Mission Statement**:** Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Course Title, Number, and Section**:** SOCI 3303 - VC01 - Urban Sociology

Term:Summer 2018

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Office Hours, Building, and Location**:** Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 4:30, Friday 8:30 – 1:00 – Alaska Standard Time

Class Meeting Time and Location**:** Online

Catalog Description**:** The city as a social phenomenon in the modern world; analysis of urban-rural trends, characteristics, functions, ecology, and social organizations.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.**

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Material(s) :

Urban Sociology: Images and Structure , 5th edition - William G. Flanagan - Allyn and Bacon ISBN#978-0-7425-6176-2

Optional Materials**:** none

Course Outcome Competencies**:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

* Describe major issues that confront urban communities
* Analyze the assets, strengths and deficits found in urban areas
* Identify and discuss different cultural/ethnic/racial groups residing in urban areas
* Communicate effectively in writing sociological/ justice of administration aspects of urban living

Attendance Requirements:

WBUonline (Virtual Campus)

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 3 or more weeks of an 11 week term, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**:** Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

Disability Statement**:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university.  The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765.  Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**:**

**Your grade will be based on your performance on the following:**

**Discussion Board: Regular attendance and participation in online discussions/activities are important and strongly encouraged to facilitate the learning process. Assigned reading is to be completed prior to online interactive sessions for which the reading was assigned. At least one discussion question will be assigned per week that we do not have class. It will require students to share their ideas and concepts with other students. Students are encouraged to share constructive information with the instructor and fellow classmates. The students are required to comment to the teachers’ discussion question by Wednesday at 9:00 pm (CST) and then respond to two other comments by Sunday at 11:59 pm (CST) to receive full credit weekly.**

**Student Journals: Choose 1 of the 13 journals from the list of journals under the content folder on blackboard. You will have a total of 6 of these due during the term. Journals are due the by the Sunday of the week they are assigned.**

**Presentation: For the presentation select a topic related to urban sociology. Complete a power point presentation on your topic. You must have at least 3 reliable sources. The Wayland Online Library is a great resource to utilize to get your sources.**

**Exams: The exams will be multiple choice, true and false, short answer and essay questions. The midterm will cover chapters 1-5 and the final exam will cover chapters 6-11. These are open book and not proctored.**

M**ethod of determining course grade:**

**Grade Weight: (based on 650 points possible)**

**Discussion Board: 50 points**

**Presentation: 100 points**

**Journal Assignments: 6 x 50 = 300 points**

**Mid Term: 100 points**

**Final Exam: 100 points**

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long (10 to 15 weeks) term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Student Grade Appeals:

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1 – May 28

Reading Assignment: Chapter 1

Discussion Board 1

Introduction

Week 2 –June 4

Reading Assignment: Chapter 2

Discussion Board 2

Journal Response -1

Week 3 – June 11

Reading Assignment: Chapter 3

Discussion board 3

Journal Response - 2

Week 4 – June 18

Reading Assignment: Chapter 4 and 5

Discussion board question 4

Week 5 – June 25

Mid term exam

Week 6 – July 2

Reading Assignment: Chapter 6

Discussion board 5

Journal Response - 3

Week 7 – July 9

Reading Assignment: Chapter 7

Discussion Board 6

Journal Response - 4

Week 8 – July 16

Reading Assignment: Chapter 8 – 9

Discussion board 7

Journal Response - 5

Week 9 - July 23

Reading Assignment: Chapter 10 - 11

Discussion board question 8

Week 10 – July 30

Journal Response - 6

Discussion board question 9

Power point due

Week 11 – August 6

Final Exam

Additional Information**:**

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