

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY  
SOCY 100, Section 0101, FALL SEMESTER, 2008

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by appointment (405-6405)

Texts: Nolan and Lenski, HUMAN SOCIETIES: AN INTRODUCTION TO MACROSOCIOLOGY  
Ruesch, TOP OF THE WORLD

*Course goals:* This course fulfills a basic requirement in the CORE Liberal Arts and Social Studies program, a key part of the general education portion of your undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland at College Park. CORE courses are designed to expose students to a number of different academic disciplines. They help students examine the contributions of various fields of intellectual endeavor in our attempt to develop more reliable knowledge about the world. This course illustrates a sociological approach to human societies by addressing the questions of how and why human societies have evolved and changed over time. The materials covered are historical and comparative and also include projections for future trajectories of change in human societies.

*Course requirements:* The teaching materials used in this course include: lectures, texts, and films. Some class meetings will be devoted to lecture and discussion of assigned texts. Other class meetings will involve viewing films that document the way of life of people in different societies. You are responsible for all materials used in this course. There will be no surprise quizzes, outside assignments, term papers, or work for extra credit.

*Examinations:* The first 3 exams will include objective and essay questions. They will give major (and equal) emphasis to Lecture and Nolan/Lenski and will also include coverage of both films and materials from the novel. "Major emphasis" means that 80 to 90 percent of these exams will focus on ideas and information from Lecture and Nolan/Lenski. These exams are not cumulative. The FINAL exam will be all essay and will cover all course materials. Students are expected to learn basic course information and to write coherent essays on all exams. Exam 1 will cover lecture, Chapters 1 through 6 of Nolan/Lenski, two films, and the first 48 pages of TOP OF THE WORLD. Exam 2 will cover lecture, Chapters 7 through 12 of Nolan/Lenski, and two films. The FINAL will have two parts: Exam 3 will cover lecture, Chapters 13 through 15 of Nolan/Lenski and two films; the second part of the FINAL will be a comprehensive exam over all course materials including the novel.

*Films:* All films will be viewed on the Hornbake Library Media Center'S DIAL ACCESS SYSTEM. You may view these films during the regularly scheduled class period on the date listed on the next page; there will be no class lecture on the day a movie is scheduled. Alternatively, if it is more convenient, you may elect to view a film any day during the week it is scheduled at any time the Library is open.

*Grades:* Semester grades will be based largely on examination performances. Exams 1 through 3 will be worth 100 points each and the FINAL will be worth 100 points for a total of 400 points for the semester. Final grades will be based on the following scale: A = 360-400; B = 320-359; C = 280-319; D = 240-279; F = 000-239. Class attendance is not required but may be worth a point or two in cases where a student misses a higher grade by a point or two.

## Course Calendar

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
SEP 2 T	History and Sociology	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 1
4 TH	Human Societies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 2
9 T	Socio-Cultural Evolution	Ruesch, pages 1 - 48
11 TH	Culture and Human Nature	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 3
16 T	Technology and Societal Types	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 4
18 TH	Gathering/Hunting Societies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 5
23 T	Film: <i>Nanook of the North</i>	
25 TH	Horticultural Societies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 6
30 T	Film: <i>Nomads of the Rainforest</i>	
OCT 2 TH	REVIEW	
7 T	EXAM 1 (see "examinations" above for coverage)	
9 TH	Agrarian Societies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 7
14 T	Film: <i>Dadi's Family</i>	
16 TH	Evolutionary Bypaths	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 8
21 T	The Industrial Revolution	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 9
23 TH	Industrial Economies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 10
28 T	Film: <i>Equality in the 200th Year</i>	
30 TH	Politics in Industrial Societies	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 11
NOV 4 T	Social Stratification	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 12
6 TH	Review	
11 T	EXAM 2 (see "examinations" above for coverage)	
13 TH	Family and Mass Society	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 13
18 T	Film: <i>The Controlling Interest</i>	
20 TH	Current Industrialization	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 14
25 T	Ideology and Social Experiments	
27 TH	THANKSGIVING VACATION	
DEC 2 T	Film: <i>Blowpipes and Bulldozers</i>	
4 TH	Inequality in the Global Economy	Nolan/Lenski, Chap. 15
9 T	Future Socio-Cultural Change	
11 TH	Review	
16 T	Exam 3 plus FINAL EXAM	8:00 - 10:00