PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

SOCIOLOGY 101: THE SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE:
PATTERNS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

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Monday-Wednesday 11:00 am

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. One take-home mid-term examination (short essays, maximum of six double-spaced pages) on Wednesday, October 28 due 24 hours later.
2. One final examination.
3. One paper (8-10 double-spaced pages). DUE DATE: Friday, January 8. (Instructions for the paper will be distributed in class).
4. Precept participation.

A package with the required readings is available at Pequod Copy. Readings are also on reserve at the Firestone Library.

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COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1 and WEEK 2. (SEPTEMBER 21 and 28) WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

- McNall & McNall, Sociology, pp. 28-32.
WEEK 3. (OCTOBER 5) RESEARCH METHODS


WEEK 4. (OCTOBER 12) BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS.
PART I: SOCIAL STRUCTURE


WEEK 5. (OCTOBER 19) BASIC SOCIOLOGICAL CONCEPTS.
PART II: CULTURE

- McNall & McNall, Sociology, Chapter 3, “Culture,” pp. 54-76.
- M.L. DeVault, (1991), Feeding the Family, Foreword, Introduction (pp. 18-25); Chapter 1, pp. 35-57.
WEEK 6. (OCTOBER 26) THE CASE OF LOVE: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND SENTIMENT


NOVEMBER 2 – 8: FALL RECESS

WEEK 7. (NOVEMBER 9) THE CASE OF DEATH: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND THE BODY


WEEK 8. (NOVEMBER 16) THE CASE OF MONEY: CULTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND THE MARKET

WEEK 9. (NOVEMBER 23) SOCIALIZATION

• McNall & McNall, Sociology, Chapter 4, “Socialization,” pp. 77-100.
• D. Nasaw, (1985), Children of the City, Preface; chapters 6, 7, and 8, pp. 88-129.

WEEK 10. (NOVEMBER 30) ADULTSOCIALIZATION


WEEK 11. (DECEMBER 7) EDUCATION

• P.W. Kingston & L.S. Lewis, “Undergraduates at Elite Institutions: The Best, the Brightest and the Richest,” in Kingston and Lewis (eds.), The High Status Track, pp. 105-120.
• G. Graff, “What Should We Be Teaching---When There’s No ‘We’?,” The Yale Journal of Criticism, 1988, pp. 189-209.
WEEK 12. (DECEMBER 14) AGENTS OF SOCIALIZATION: FAMILIES