

Social Sciences 1: Society, Culture, and Personality

Social Sciences 1 concerns the relationship of individual human beings to the society of which they are members. It looks at this and related questions from a range of perspectives. We will consider readings in anthropology, sociology, psychology, and economics. Many of these readings will direct us towards lines of thought that will emerge more fully in later moments in the social sciences core.

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Texts

Required

Durkheim, *Suicide*
Engels, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*
Gilligan, *In a Different Voice*
Marx, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*
Piaget, “Moral Feelings and Judgments”
Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

Also required are the following:

Articles by Freud on psychoanalysis, preferably including *Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis*
One classic anthropological work, either Benedict’s *Patterns of Culture* or Mead’s *Growing Up in New Guinea*
One narrative cultural study selected from among the following: Baldwin, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*; DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*; Turnbull, *The Forest People* or *The Mountain People*

The following works should also be included, space permitting:

Chodorow, “Family Structure and Feminine Personality”

Engels, "Working Class Manchester" (in *The Marx-Engels Reader*)
Kohlberg, "Moral Stages and Moralization"

Any of the following readings may also be used:

Darwin, *The Descent of Man*
James, *Principles of Psychology*
Johannson and Edey, *Lucy*
Skinner on behaviorism

Course Readings

A list of the books and articles studied in this course follows in the order in which they are read. Additional assignments will be announced in class.

Turnbull, *The Mountain People*
Benedict, *Patterns of Culture*
DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*
Freud, *Five Lectures on Psycho-Analysis, New Introductory Lectures on Psycho-Analysis*
Chodorow, "Family Structure and the Feminine Personality"
Piaget, "Moral Feelings and Judgments"
Kohlberg, "Moral Stages and Moralization"
Gilligan, *In a Different Voice*
Marx, selections from *The Marx-Engels Reader*
Engels, from *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*
Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*
Durkheim, *Suicide*

Course Requirements

One of the central objectives of Social Sciences 1 is work on writing. Social Sciences 1 is designated a writing course, and the writing and rewriting that we do will be a major part of our emphasis. A student who fails to hand in even one writing assignment will not be able to pass the class. Students will write three short papers and will have to rewrite at least two of them. Because rewriting is a required part of the class, deadlines for handing in papers are especially important. An overall assessment of the student's use of the writing process will determine roughly two-thirds of the final grade.

Participation in the conversations we have about our readings is also important. Participation requires prompt and consistent attendance. Excellent attendance is, thus, a minimal requirement. A student who misses or is late to too many classes will not be able to pass the course. An assessment of student's class participation will determine approximately one-third of the final grade.

Syllabus

Week One Thurs., Sept. 5		Turnbull, <i>The Mountain People</i> , ch. 1–4
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Mon., Sept. 9 Tues., Sept. 10		Turnbull, <i>The Mountain People</i> , ch. 5–9 Turnbull, <i>The Mountain People</i> , ch. 10–end
Week Two Thurs., Sept. 12 Mon., Sept. 16 Tues., Sept. 17		Benedict, <i>Patterns of Culture</i> , ch. 1–3 Benedict, <i>Patterns of Culture</i> , ch. 4 Benedict, <i>Patterns of Culture</i> , ch. 5
Week Three Thurs., Sept. 19 Mon., Sept. 23 Tues., Sept. 24		Benedict, <i>Patterns of Culture</i> , ch. 6, Benedict, <i>Patterns of Culture</i> , ch. 7–8 DuBois, <i>Souls of Black Folk</i> , ch. 1–2
Week Four Thurs., Sept. 26 Friday, Sept. 27 Mon., Sept. 30 Tues., Oct. 1		DuBois, <i>Souls of Black Folk</i> , ch. 3–7 FIRST DRAFT OF BENEDICT PAPER DUE DuBois, <i>Souls of Black Folk</i> , ch. 8–12 DuBois, <i>Souls of Black Folk</i> , ch. 13–end
Week Five Thurs., Oct. 3 Mon., Oct. 7 Tues., Oct. 8 Wed., Oct. 9		Freud, <i>Five Lectures. . .</i> , First and Second Lectures Freud, <i>Five Lectures. . .</i> , Third, Fourth, and Fifth Lectures Freud, <i>New Introductory Lectures. . .</i> , Lecture 31 REWRITE OF BENEDICT PAPER DUE
Week Six Thurs., Oct. 10 Thurs., Oct. 17 Mon., Oct. 21		Freud, <i>New Introductory Lectures. . .</i> , Lecture 32 Freud, <i>New Introductory Lectures. . .</i> , Lecture 33 Freud, “Elizabeth von R.”
Week Seven Tues., Oct. 22 Thurs., Oct. 24 Mon., Oct. 28		Chodorow, "Family Structure and Feminine Personality" Piaget, "Moral Feelings and Judgments" Kohlberg, "Moral Stages and Moralization"

<p>Week Eight Tues., Oct. 29 Thurs., Oct. 31 Mon., Nov. 4</p>		<p>Gilligan, <i>In a Different Voice</i>, Intro. and ch. 1–2 Gilligan, <i>In a Different Voice</i>, ch. 3 Gilligan, <i>In a Different Voice</i>, ch. 4–5</p>
<p>Week Nine Tues., Nov. 5 Wed., Nov. 6 Thurs., Nov. 7 Mon., Nov. 11</p>		<p>Gilligan, <i>In a Different Voice</i>, ch. 6 FIRST DRAFT OF PSYCHOLOGY PAPER DUE Engels, <i>The Origin of the Family</i>. . . , pp. 94–124 Engels, <i>The Origin of the Family</i>. . . , pp. 125–146</p>
<p>Week Ten Tues., Nov. 12 Thurs., Nov. 14 Fri., Nov. 15 Mon., Nov. 18</p>		<p>Marx, "Estranged Labour," pp. 70–81; and "Working Class Manchester," pp. 579–585 Marx, "Estranged Labour" REWRITE OF PSYCHOLOGY PAPER DUE Marx, "Wage Labour and Capital," pp. 203–217</p>
<p>Week Eleven Tues., Nov. 19 Thurs., Nov. 21 Mon., Nov. 25</p>		<p>Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i>. . . , pp. 1–31 Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i>. . . , pp. 33–78 Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i>. . . , pp. 79–128</p>
<p>Week Twelve Tues., Nov. 26 Mon., Dec. 2 Tues., Dec. 3 Wed., Dec. 4</p>		<p>Weber, <i>The Protestant Ethic</i>. . . , pp. 128–183 Durkheim, <i>Suicide</i>, Preface, Intro., and Book 2, ch. 1 Durkheim, <i>Suicide</i>, Book 2, ch. 2 FINAL PAPER DUE</p>
<p>Week Thirteen Thurs., Dec. 5 Mon., Dec. 9 Tues., Dec. 10</p>		<p>Durkheim, <i>Suicide</i>, Book 2, ch. 3, pts. I, II, and VI Durkheim, <i>Suicide</i>, Book 2, ch. 4 Durkheim, <i>Suicide</i>, Book 2, ch. 5; and Book 3, ch. 3</p>