University of Texas at Arlington  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Sociology  

COURSE SYLLABUS  
SOCI – 3336 / AAST 3336  
Social Inequality  
Spring 2016  

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Faculty Profile: http://www.uta.edu/mentis/public/#profile/profile/edit/id/12848/category/1  

COURSE DESCRIPTION  
Examines the processes, characteristics, and consequences of social inequality in society. Topics include the social class structure, status groups, and elite power structure as they influence people's life chances. 3 hours.  

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK  
Social Inequality. ISBN: 9781323394205. Available at the UTA Book Store  

ASSESSMENT AND PROCEDURES  
EXAMS: There will be 3 examinations assessing all covered material from course readings, lectures, movies and related activities. Each examination will be worth 100 points. Students must complete all three exams to pass this course.  

FINAL REVIEW WEEK  
A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations is designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow you sufficient time to prepare for your final examinations. During this week, classes are held as scheduled.  

MAKE UP POLICY: All students are expected to take the 3 exams as scheduled. No early or late exams will be given UNLESS you have a legitimate written excuse such as a written documentation of death or a serious illness, court appearance, or absence on a college sponsored function.  

REACTION PAPERS: Each student is expected to present 10, one-page, 12-point font size, double spaced, typewritten, reaction papers on 10 various topics covered in class. The University of Texas at Arlington provides computer labs for your convenience. Instruction for completing reaction papers will be posted on Blackboard. Each reaction paper will be worth 10 points. The 10 reaction papers will be worth a total of 100 points. Completed reaction papers should
be submitted on line via Black Board. There will be weekly discussions based on covered material; therefore, reaction papers are due as scheduled. The score for any reaction paper that is late will possess a 3-point deduction. Failure to submit all reaction papers may lead to a failing grade. Details for reaction papers to be provided later.

**Writing Center:** The Writing Center, 411 Central Library, offers individual 40 minute sessions to review assignments, *Quick Hits* (5-10 minute quick answers to questions), and workshops on grammar and specific writing projects. Visit [https://uta.mywconline.com/](https://uta.mywconline.com/) to register and make appointments. For hours, information about the writing workshops we offer, scheduling a classroom visit, and descriptions of the services we offer undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty members, please visit our website at [www.uta.edu/owl/](http://www.uta.edu/owl/).

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance to all class meetings is required for success in this class, it will be recorded, and it will affect your final grade. This is because a significant amount of assessed information will be disseminated through in class lectures, movies, and group work activities. It is your responsibility to contact me after class to sign you up for attendance if you are 20 or less minutes late for class.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION**

Class participation is essential for success in this course and it will affect your final grade. Some of the in class activities including attendance and class participation may be awarded as extra credits based on the examination overall performance of the class.

**READINGS**

The readings for this course are not easy. It is extremely important that you have enough time to devote to your readings. Therefore, if you are not able to read the text and review your notes regularly you will not be successful in this class.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents’ Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University.
GRADING SCALE

Your course grade will be based on the number of points you earn. Your responsibility is to earn as many points as possible.

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DROP POLICY

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/).

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education,
advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

At the end of each term, you will be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail or BlackBoard approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. You are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

EMERGENCY EXIT PROCEDURES

Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, everyone should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit. When exiting the building during an emergency, you should never take an elevator, use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist you in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

Title IX: The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to upholding U.S. Federal Law “Title IX” such that no member of the UT Arlington community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. For more information, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX.

EEOC STATEMENT

The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.

E-MAIL

I will be available to you by e-mail or in person by appointment. Please feel free to E-mail me if you have questions or concerns.
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