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Social Science Education students who concentrate in Sociology or Anthropology



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SOCIOLOGY 237 WORLD CULTURES

Spring, 1990

#### COURSE SYLLABUS

I. General Information

Office & Hours:	120 Keith Hall, phone 357-2732
	TR. 11:15-12:15 AM: Wed., 10:00-1:00

### II. Reading Materials

### Required:

- 1. Thomas Richard Shannon, <u>An Introduction to the World-System Perspective</u>. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press, 1989.
- 2. Daniel Chirot, <u>Social Change in the Modern Era</u>. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1986.

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### V. <u>Written Paper Assignment</u>

Option A: You may write an analytical paper of 10-15 double-spaced

this option, be aware that most of these books are <u>not</u> in the IUP library, and that your professor is not willing to lend his personal copies. Therefore, in most cases you will have to make use of other libraries, or of the IUP Interlibrary Loan Department. A detailed list of instructions for preparing this type of paper will be provided at a later date.

Option B: You may write a traditional term paper of approximately 10-15 pages. Normally, this would focus on one particular society of the student's choosing, but there are also other possibilities. I require students to focus on a contemporary society rather than a preindustrial or precapitalist one. The paper should say something interesting about the

course. It would be foolish simply to try to write a general paper on a particular society. You need some sort of focus. Thus a paper entitled "The Soviet Union" is to be avoided, but one entitled "The Sociological Significance of Gorbachev's Reforms," or "The Soviet Class Structure" would make perfectly good sense. I'm sure you see the point. Students can also choose to write a more theoretical paper, if they like. There are many possibilities. A list of general guidelines is also available for students

10: Tuesday

The Semiperiphery: Latin America (especially

Mexico and Brazil) (Chirot, pp. 183-85,

251-55) Thursday

The Semiperiphery: The East Asian NIC's

(Chirot, pp. 247-51, 255-56)

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Thursday

The Periphery (Chirot, ch. 7 and pp. 256-61)

12: Tuesday Thursday The Periphery (cont'd)

The Soviet Union & Eastern Europe: Socialism

or Semiperipheral Capitalism?

(Chirot, pp. 147-54 and ch. 10; reread

Shannon, pp. 107-11, 157-60)

13: Tuesday Thursday The Soviet Union & Eastern Europe (cont'd) The Socialist Response to Underdevelopment: China and Cuba (Chirot, pp. 186-89,

275-78)

14: Tuesday

The Socialist Response to Underdevelopment:

The Rest

Thursday

Retrospect and Prospect: The Question of

Progress and the Future of the World (Sanderson, Macrosociology, ch. 21)

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# SOCIOLOGY 237 WORLD SOCIETIES AND WORLD SYSTEMS

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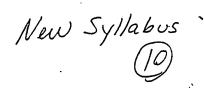
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especially in the 20th century.

Apart from an introductory and a concluding lecture, the course is divided intro three main segments. The first segment (about 2 weeks) will discuss so-called preindustrial or precapitalist societies: hunting and

gathering bands, horticultural and pastoral tribes and chiefdoms, and agrarian states and civilizations. These are societies that have traditionally been studied by anthropologists and historians.

The second part of the course (about 3 weeks) will focus on the basic

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Option B: You may write a traditional term paper of approximately 10-

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### VII. Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Week

Topic/Assignment

1: Tuesday Thursday

Course Introduction

Some Background Concepts & Theories

Thursday

Precapitalist Systems: Chiefdoms

3: Tuesday

Precapitalist Systems: Agrarian

Civilizations

Thursday

Precapitalist Systems: Agrarian

Civilizations (cont'd)

4: Tuesday

Marx on Capitalism

Thursday

World-System Theory (Shannon, chs. 1-2)

5: Tuesday

World-System Theory (cont'd)



### JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGES

,	Since the mid-1970s sociologists have given increasing attention to an approach known as "world-system analysis." This approach focuses on the evolution of the capitalist world economic system since about 1450 and assumes that the fate of individual societies or nation-states within this system cannot be understood
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# LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL FORM

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Do not use this form for technical, professional, or pre-professional courses or for remedial courses, none of which is eligible for Liberal Studies. Do not use this form for sections of the synthesis course or for writing-intensive sections; different forms will be available for those.

### PART I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. For which category(ies) are you proposing the course? Check all that apply.

## CHECK LIST -- LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

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### Liberal Studies Form -- 3

PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

A. This is not a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course.

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### Liberal Studies Form -- 4

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2. Naturally this course will define and analyze problems, evaluate possible solutions, make choices, and so on. This will be a particularly interest assect of the outcoded discussion of the Third World

3. Students will be asked to take essay exams and write some sort of general paper for the course.



#### Liberal Studies Form -- 2

# PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals; most will meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider that it has since an exceeded a section of the same of t

might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills. Keep in mind that no single course is expected to shoulder all by itself the responsibility for meeting these goals; our work is supported and enhanced by that of our colleggues teaching other courses

### A. Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:

1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical



Liberal Studies Form -- 2a

### EXPLANATION OF LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS MET

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