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M-F 8:00am-6:00pm

What is Community? *In many ways, communities- the social lives that people make together- lie at the heart of the discipline of sociology. This course will explore a variety of ways that sociologists think about and study communities, and encourage students to think sociologically about the communities in which they live.*

-Lyn Macgregor

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Flora and Flora- *Rural Communities: Legacy and Change* 4th Edition
ISBN 13: 978-0813345055 (heretofore known as “Flora & Flora”)
- Hutter- *Experiencing Cities* 2nd Edition
ISBN 13: 978-0205863648 (heretofore known as “Hutter”)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

General – This is an ON-LINE course. You must have access to a computer and internet and sufficient computer skills to access course information, complete and submit assignments, and fully participate in the course. Assignments, discussions, essays, videos, texts, and readings are provided in the English language, and will be assessed accordingly. If you have special language or learning needs, please talk to your adviser about potential assistance.

Attendance – As this is an online course, attendance is measured by your timely completion of weekly assignments. You will **not** be required to meet synchronously (i.e. everyone online all at the same time), but there **WILL** be due dates for assignments.

Assignments – Assignments will be posted on Moodle. You may work ahead on the reading quizzes and original forum threads, but all assignments are due in a timely manner, per due dates. **As previously stated, there will be weekly due dates that you must observe to receive credit for assignments. I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK.** A grade of zero will be assigned for any work that is turned in late. If you anticipate an absence, do your work ahead of time. No excuses. All the work you submit in Moodle is date- and time-stamped, as is your most recent login.

*It is advisable to compose quiz answers and forum posts in Word and save on your own computer, in the event that Moodle has a melt-down. If Moodle is down at the time an assignment is due, please **email***

the assignment to me by the due date and time, as proof that you completed the work on time.
Additional assignment tips are available in Moodle.

- ***Reading quizzes:*** For each week's reading, you will complete a reading quiz (untimed, essay questions) in Moodle. Each week's module will have a link to the quiz for that week.
- ***Discussion Forums:*** There will be three discussion forums for which your participation is required.
- ***Midterm Essay:*** Your first major assignment will be the "movie review". Instructions are in Moodle.
- ***Final Essay:*** Your final essay will be the "zombie paper". Instructions are in Moodle.

Total Points:

- Reading Quizzes: 20 points each, except final reading quiz 30 points
- Forums: 40 points each, plus 10 point "Introduction" forum
- Midterm Paper 100 points
- Final Essay: 100 points
- Total points possible: 500

GRADING POLICY:

Final grades will be based on a percentage of total possible points.

A	= 90% of total points
B	= 80-89%
C	= 70-79%
D	= 60-69%
F	= below 60%

General Information

UNIVERSITY REQUIRED STATEMENT:

"All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University."

All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Student Conduct Code is available for review online at <http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPASA/index.cfm/page/132>

[FOR COMPLETE ACADEMIC POLICIES PLEASE VIEW THE UM CATALOG.](#)

Course Schedule:

The course schedule may be amended to facilitate learning as the professor sees fit. These changes will not inconvenience students by moving up due dates or adding extra work. It is imperative that you ***check your email often and check into Moodle to make sure you are aware of assignments and due dates.***

- **Week One 1/23-1/29**

Reading: Chapters 1 & 2 in Flora and Flora
Assignments due 11:59 pm 1/29: Reading Quiz 1
Forum 1 – Introduce Yourself

- **Week Two 1/30-2/5**

Reading: Chapters 3 & 4 Flora and Flora
Assignment due 11:59 pm 2/5: Reading Quiz 2

- **Week Three 2/6-2/12**

Reading: Chapters 5 & 6 Flora and Flora
Assignment due 11:59pm 2/12: Reading Quiz 3

- **Week Four 2/13-2/19**

Reading: Chapters 7 & 8 Flora and Flora
Video: Rural Infrastructure (link in Moodle)
Assignment due 11:59pm 2/19: Reading Quiz 4

- **Week Five 2/20-2/26 (2/20 holiday)**

Reading: Chapters 9 & 10 Flora and Flora
Assignment due 11:59pm 2/26: Reading Quiz 5

- **Week Six 2/27-3/5**

Reading: Chapters 11 & 12 Flora and Flora
Assignments due 11:59pm 3/5: Reading Quiz 6

- **Week Seven 3/6-3/12**

Video: "Hollowing Out the Middle" with Patrick Carr (YouTube). Link on Moodle
Assignment: Forum 2, The Brain Drain
Original Post due 3/10 at 11:59pm
2 Responses due 3/12 at 11:59pm

- **Week Eight 3/13-3/19**

Midterm paper: Movie Review. Instructions on Moodle. **Due 3/17 11:59pm**

- **Week Nine 3/20-3/26 Spring Break. No Course Work. Enjoy!**

- **Week Ten 3/27-4/2**

Reading: Chapters 1 & 2 Hutter
Assignment due 11:59pm 4/2: Reading Quiz 7

- **Week Eleven 4/3-4/9**

Reading: Chapters 3 & 4 Hutter

Assignment due 11:59pm 4/9: Reading Quiz 8

- **Week Twelve 4/10-4/16**

Reading: Chapters 5 & 6 Hutter

Assignment due 11:59pm 4/16: Reading Quiz 9

- **Week Thirteen 4/17-4/23**

Reading: Chapters 9, 10, 11 Hutter (note, three chapters!)

Discussion Forum: Refugees

Original Post due 4/21 11:59pm

2 Responses due 4/23 11:59pm

- **Week Fourteen 4/24- 4/30**

Reading: Chapters 14, 16, 17 Hutter

Assignment due 4/30 11:59pm: Reading Quiz 10

- **Week Fifteen 5/1-5/7**

Final Paper ("zombie paper"). Instructions in Moodle. Due 5/7 11:59pm.