

## Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2022  
*Previous Value* Autumn 2018

## Course Change Information

### What change is being proposed? (If more than one, what changes are being proposed?)

- (1) Change the number from 5463 to a 4000 level (4462 is fine--that appears to be available).
- (2) Make the course a 4-credit hour Research and Creative Inquiry course.
- (3) Qualify for the Citizenship theme.
- (4) Qualify for the Health and Well-Being theme.

### What is the rationale for the proposed change(s)?

- (1) We want to restrict the course to advanced undergraduates with a 4000 level course number.
- (2) This course and topic are well-suited for adding a laboratory section and developing a research component.
- (3 and 4) The course aligns well with both the Citizenship and Health and Well-Being goals.

### What are the programmatic implications of the proposed change(s)?

#### (e.g. program requirements to be added or removed, changes to be made in available resources, effect on other programs that use the course)?

This course will now target advanced undergraduates and no longer be available for graduate students. Graduate students will need to meet their programmatic needs through advanced seminar courses.

Is approval of the request contingent upon the approval of other course or curricular program request? No

Is this a request to withdraw the course? No

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area	Sociology
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Sociology - D0777
College/Academic Group	Arts and Sciences
Level/Career	Undergraduate
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Graduate, Undergraduate</i>
Course Number/Catalog	4462
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>5463</i>
Course Title	Advanced Social Stratification
Transcript Abbreviation	Adv Social Strat
Course Description	In-depth theoretical and empirical questions driving the field of inequality, poverty, and social mobility in the 21st century will be explored. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequality in the US, though the course will also develop tools for understanding inequality and poverty across times and places.
Semester Credit Hours/Units	Fixed: 4
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Fixed: 3</i>

## Offering Information

Length Of Course	14 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course	Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component?	No

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Grading Basis	Letter Grade
Repeatable	No
Course Components	Laboratory, Lecture
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Lecture</i>
Grade Roster Component	Lecture
Credit Available by Exam	No
Admission Condition Course	No
Off Campus	Never
Campus of Offering	Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites	Prereq: Jr, Sr; or permission of instructor or department.
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Prereq: Jr, Sr, or Grad standing; or permission of instructor or department.</i>
Exclusions	
Electronically Enforced	Yes

## Cross-Listings

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## Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code	45.1101
Subsidy Level	Baccalaureate Course
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Doctoral Course</i>
Intended Rank	Junior, Senior
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral</i>

## Requirement/Elective Designation

Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World; Health and Well-being

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

*Previous Value*

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## Course Details

**Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes**

- Analyze inequality and social change at an advanced level by engaging in critical and logical thinking related to citizenship and well-being.
- Integrate approaches by making connections to the diverse audiences interested in research on inequality and social change as well connecting to foundational coursework in social inequality within Sociology and in other disciplines.
- Students will study a range of perspectives on citizenship as social belonging versus social exclusion.
- Students will study proposals for justice and equity and critically assess how these connect to dimensions of social inclusion and exclusion that constitute citizenship.
- Students will read and analyze perspectives on economic and financial wellbeing and connections to disparities in physical and mental health.

**Previous Value**

- *Students will understand classical and modern theories of the key dimensions of inequality, poverty, and social mobility.*
- *Students will identify and communicate the major patterns and trends in inequality and poverty in the United States and other post-industrial societies.*
- *Students will comprehend and critically assess the available data and methods used to analyze structures of stratification, including knowing the the sources, types, strengths, and weaknesses of such data and methods.*
- *Students will critically evaluate societal debates and policy recommendations related to ameliorating inequality and poverty and/or fostering social mobility.*

**Content Topic List**

- Inequality and Insecurity
- Social class relations
- Status relations, race and gender
- Earnings inequality: Employment, work, and labor processes in stratification
- Income inequality: Rich, poor, and family structure
- Credit, debt, and wealth disparities
- Spatial and housing inequality
- Health disparities
- Educational attainment and mobility
- Gender, race/ethnicity, and class at work
- Social Solutions

**Previous Value**

- *Theories of race, class, and gender.*
- *Family, work, and wealth inequality*
- *Cultural and political inequality*
- *Education and social mobility*

**Sought Concurrence**

No

**COURSE CHANGE REQUEST**  
4462 - Status: PENDING

Last Updated: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette  
Chantal  
11/23/2021

**Attachments**

- Sociology 4XXX Inequality and Social Change.docx: Proposed syllabus  
*(Syllabus. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- submission-doc-citizenship SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: GE Citizenship  
*(GEC Model Curriculum Compliance Stmt. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- submission-health-well-being SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: GE Health and Well-Being  
*(GEC Model Curriculum Compliance Stmt. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- research-creative-inquiry-inventory SOCIOL 4XXX.pdf: Research\_Creative\_Inquiry Inventory  
*(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- Syllabus\_5463\_SP21.pdf: 5000 level syllabus  
*(Syllabus. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- Sociology 4462 Inequality and Social Change Revision.docx: Letter describing changes  
*(Cover Letter. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*
- Sociology 4462 Inequality and Social Change.docx: Revised syllabus  
*(Syllabus. Owner: Downey,Douglas B)*

**Comments**

- See the instructor's letter describing responses to the committee's feedback. *(by Downey,Douglas B on 11/23/2021 06:05 AM)*
- Please see Panel feedback email sent 11/03/2021. *(by Cody,Emily Kathryn on 11/03/2021 01:39 PM)*

**Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Downey,Douglas B	09/12/2021 11:56 AM	Submitted for Approval
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

# **SYLLABUS: SOCIOLOGY 4462**

## **INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

### **AUTUMN 2022**

## **Course overview**

### **Professor: Dr. Rachel Dwyer**

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Office Location:

## **Course meetings**

The course will meet three times a week, twice in lecture and once in lab.

Lecture: Tues/Thurs 11:10am-12:05pm

Lab: Friday 11:30am-12:25pm

## **Course credit**

The workload in this course is consistent with 4 credit hours as defined in the OSU bylaws and rules, Chapter #335-8-24 *Credit hours*. The course will require nine hours “per week of the average student's time, including class hours, to earn the average grade of “C,” plus an additional three hours of laboratory work per week. Each credit hour is assigned for each three hours of outside work or laboratory work, making SOCIOL 4462 a four-credit course. Significant outside work will be required in order to: read original research; write weekly reading responses analyzing the readings; follow public conversations about the social science of inequality and social change; conduct an independent research project; and communicate the results of the research project in writing and in a research presentation at the end of class.

## Course description

The study of social inequality is one of the central problems in the field of sociology. Even when structures of stratification are not the primary focus, most sociological research deals in one way or another with hierarchy. In this course we will examine the key approaches to understanding social stratification in contemporary sociology. The research studied will focus primarily on the United States, but the theories and concepts discussed can be applied to the analysis of inequality in many societies. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequalities, with discussion of how these connect to other intersecting structures of inequality as well. A guiding theme throughout the course will be to understand how inequities in economic welfare structure all dimensions of inequality in a capitalist society such as the United States in the twenty-first century.

We will study inequality as connected to social change in several respects. Societies undergo constant change along with strong tendencies to inertia in some structures. In other words, social science occurs in the context of history. We will therefore study trends and patterns of social change in inequality. One key source of change in inequality is social policy, politics, and activism. We will study how political-economic actors and institutions affect structures of inequality. We will also consider how Sociology as a social science relates to proposals to remedy or redress inequality. This is a matter of debate among scholars and thus we will consider selected alternative perspectives that will then prepare students to consider other approaches in the future in other courses or on their own.

The course is designed for undergraduate students who have had some prior background in the foundations of the social science of inequality and are looking for a deeper and more advanced engagement with this thematic of study. Students may come to the course from a diverse set of disciplinary backgrounds and prior courses, but I will assume foundational knowledge of research on social inequality.

A core course goal will be for students to develop skills in analyzing and communicating about inequality and social change in their role as global citizens as well as in diverse social settings, including families, civil society, jobs and careers that they may engage in the future. Understanding social inequality and diverse perspectives on what is to be done about social disparities is a core element of being an effective and influential global citizen.

## Course learning objectives

By the end of this course and in connection with other theme courses, students should successfully be able to:

### General Theme Learning Objectives

THEME GOAL 1: Analyze inequality and social change at an advanced level by engaging in critical and logical thinking related to citizenship and well-being. Students will build on foundations by:

- Reading, analyzing, and critically assessing original cutting edge research;
- Communicating in writing and speaking core research findings in the area of social inequality;
- Communicating about social change, both historical developments and evaluating proposals for change at varied levels.

THEME GOAL 2: Integrate approaches by making connections to the diverse audiences interested in research on inequality and social change as well connecting to foundational coursework in social inequality within Sociology and in other disciplines. Students will develop integrative knowledge and skills by:

- Studying the diverse audiences for social science research and diverse motivations for social change in systems of inequality;
- Understanding how diverse experiences of social inequality affect research in defining questions, acceptable data and evidence, and status of different researchers;
- Actively researching a core area of social inequality targeted at communicating results to an audience beyond the academy;
- Demonstrating capacity to use reflection and self-assessment through a multi-stage research project that builds on prior experiences and requires specific detailed response to challenging feedback from peers and instructors.

### Citizenship for a Just and Diverse World Learning Objectives

CITIZENSHIP GOAL 1: Students will study a range of perspectives on citizenship as social belonging versus social exclusion. Students will apply the knowledge and skills to:

- Identify and describe unequal experiences of belonging and exclusion across diverse populations and localities.
- Identify and describe their own position within systems of inequality;
- Develop communication skills in writing and speaking about global citizenship that demonstrate intercultural competence.

CITIZENSHIP GOAL 2: Students will study proposals for justice and equity and critically assess how these connect to dimensions of social inclusion and exclusion that constitute citizenship.

- Studying cutting edge social thought on evidence-based approaches to social change in inequality through readings and guest lectures by practitioners.
- Understanding how experiences of social inclusion and exclusion affect perspectives on social change, including through material interests, access to power, and cultural capital.
- Struggling with the dilemmas of pursuing justice and social change using high-equality evidence even as evidence may remain partial and limited.

## Health & Wellbeing Learning Objectives

HEALTH & WELLBEING GOAL: students will read and analyze perspectives on economic and financial wellbeing and connections to disparities in physical and mental health including:

- Analyzing the contribution of social inequality to disparities in economic/financial wellbeing, and physical and mental health;
- Identifying the sources of resilience in the context of inequalities as well as consider alternative proposals to improve human flourishing across all dimensions of wellbeing by redressing social inequality.

# Course assignments

## Course materials

### Required

Readings available on Carmen and listed in the course schedule below.

Birkenstein, Cathy, and Gerald Graff. *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. WW Norton & Company, 2018.

Account on [sociaexplorer.com](https://sociaexplorer.com), institutional subscription through OSU libraries.



## Grades

Assignment or category	Points
Class attendance and participation	100
Weekly reading analysis	100
Exams	200
Lab assignments (see details below in lab schedule)	200
Research paper idea mapping	20
Research paper problem statement	20
Research paper data analysis draft	40
Final research paper	300
Research paper presentation	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

## Lecture Assignments

**Class attendance and participation.** I expect everyone to attend each class session (barring illness, see below). While I understand that variation in experience and temperament will lead some to talk more than others, you should come to class ready to engage. I see discussion as an opportunity for all of us to work out our ideas and learn from alternative perspectives.

**Weekly reading analysis.** A short analysis of the readings of no more than one page is due before each class meeting from week 4 through week 14. The weekly responses should provide your assessment of the readings and raise questions. While some summary of the readings may be appropriate, these should not primarily rehearse the main points, but rather should offer your assessment of the readings, connections to other ideas, and questions that the readings provoked for you. The purpose of the responses is to encourage you to use writing as a tool for thinking and to facilitate our class discussions by deepening your engagement with the material. They will be assessed for whether completed with reasonable effort.

Submit responses to Carmen by 9am on Thursday each week so that we have time to review them before class. I will NOT accept late essays except in the case of emergency. Each student may skip one reading response during the semester, resulting in 10 total.

**Exams.** There will be two exams in a mix of closed-response format (e.g. multiple choice, matching, true/false) and open response (short answer and essay) that will assess understanding of the core concepts (first quiz) and core empirical patterns and trends (second quiz) that we discuss in the course.

**Final research paper.** All students must complete a research project on a social inequality topic, broadly construed. I will provide detailed guidelines and there will be progress reports due throughout the semester and time during class sessions dedicated to developing the paper to support students in completing this assignment. In brief, the format will require students to identify an audience to which they will communicate social science research on inequality. I will encourage students to select an audience relevant to their academic and/or career goals. Then they will write a research paper briefing that audience on an important area of social inequality, drawing on the conceptual and empirical knowledge students have developed in the course. Students will have a large degree of flexibility in choosing the topic, within the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility broadly construed.

## Lab Assignments

Each week during the lab sessions, students will complete an in-class assignment on the process of research on inequality and social change. Assignments will be built on the data available at: <https://www.sociaexplorer.com/> During the first half of the semester, assignments will focus on developing skills in utilizing the data and analysis steps. During the second half of the semester, the assignments will focus on steps in the process of developing the final research paper. See the Course Schedule: Lab below for further details.

## Late assignments

Please keep me informed of any health, care-giving or other issues that arise related to the pandemic. I will work flexibly with individual students to identify reasonable accommodations. I will also be alert to issues affecting the entire class that may require adjustments. Students who need to miss class or who are not able to participate due to illness (COVID-19 or other illnesses), exposure to COVID-19, care for family members exposed to COVID-19, or for other reasons should contact me as soon as possible to arrange for accommodation. Students in special situations or those requiring specific, long-term or other accommodation should seek support from appropriate university offices including but not limited to: [Student Advocacy](#), [Student Life Disability Services](#) and the [Office of Institutional Equity](#).

## Grading scale

93–100: A  
90–92.9: A-  
87–89.9: B+  
83–86.9: B  
80–82.9: B-  
77–79.9: C+  
73–76.9: C  
70–72.9: C-  
67–69.9: D+  
60–66.9: D  
Below 60: E

## Other course policies

### Student academic services

Student academic services offered on the OSU main campus  
<http://advising.osu.edu/welcome.shtml>.

### Student support services

Student support services offered on the OSU main campus <http://ssc.osu.edu>.

## Academic integrity policy

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>.

## Copyright disclaimer

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## Statement on Title IX

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories (e.g., race). If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleix.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@osu.edu](mailto:titleix@osu.edu)

## **Accessibility accommodations for students with disabilities**

The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu); 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

## **Mental health resources**

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting [ccs.osu.edu](http://ccs.osu.edu) or calling 614- 292-5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614-292-5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273- TALK or at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

## Course schedule: Lecture

Note: Schedule may adjust depending on circumstances. Carmen syllabus is always up-to-date. Lab topics will also be addressed to a greater or lesser degree in lecture section each week.

Week	Date	Lecture Topics and Readings
1	Tuesday Aug. 23	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Syllabus</li> </ul>
	Thursday Aug. 25	<b>Practical Social Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prasad, Monica. "Pragmatism as Problem Solving." <i>Socius</i> 7 (2021): 1-13.</li> <li>Prewitt, Kenneth. "Retrofitting Social Science for the Practical and Moral," <i>Issues in Science and Technology</i>. National Academies of Science. Fall, 2019: 80-87.</li> <li>Van Bavel, J.J. et al. 2020. Using social and behavioural science to support COVID-19 pandemic response. <i>Nature human behaviour</i>, 4(5), pp.460-471.</li> </ul>
2	Tuesday Aug. 30	<b>Inequality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union on Millennial Dilemma</i>. P. 1-60. <a href="https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019.pdf">https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019.pdf</a></li> <li>Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy. 2017. "Seeing Like a Market." <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> 15:9-29. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mww033">https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mww033</a></li> </ul>
	Thursday Sept. 1	<b>Insecurity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western, Bruce, Deirdre Bloome, Benjamin Sosnaud, and Laura Tach. 2012. "Economic Insecurity and Social Stratification." <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> 38:341-59.</li> </ul>

3	Tuesday Sept. 6	<p><b>Class relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erik Olin Wright. 1997. "Class Analysis," Pp. 1-37 in <i>Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis</i>. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. <a href="https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/Class-Counts-chapter-1.pdf">https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/Class-Counts-chapter-1.pdf</a></li> </ul>
	Thursday Sept. 8	<p><b>Class and racial capitalism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W.E.B. DuBois, <i>Black Reconstruction in America</i>. Chapter 1. The Black Worker: 3-16. (Carmen)</li> </ul>
4	Tuesday Sept. 13	<p><b>Status relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max Weber. "Class, Status, and Party" Pp. 114-132 (Carmen)</li> <li>Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2014. "Why Status Matters for Inequality." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 79:1-16. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413515997">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413515997</a></li> </ul>
	Thursday Sept. 15	<p><b>Status relations: race and gender</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2009. "Framed Before We Know It: How Gender Shapes Social Relations." <i>Gender &amp; Society</i> 23:145-160. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243208330313">https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243208330313</a></li> <li>Davon Norris, Corey Moss-Pech, White Men Can't Jump, but Does It Even Matter? Exit Discrimination in the NBA, <i>Social Forces</i>, 2021: 1-23.</li> </ul>
5	Tuesday Sept. 20	<p><b>Earnings inequality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristal, Tali. 2013. "<u>The Capitalist Machine: Computerization, Workers' Power, and the Decline in Labor's Share within U.S. Industries.</u>" <i>American Sociological Review</i> 78:361-389.</li> </ul>

	<b>Thursday Sept. 22</b>	<p><b>Earnings inequality and social policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Western and Jake Rosenfeld. "Unions, Norms, and the Rise in U.S. Wage Inequality." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 76:513-537. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122411414817">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122411414817</a></li> <li>• Bruce Western and Becky Pettit. 2005. "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 111: 553-78. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1086/432780">https://doi.org/10.1086/432780</a></li> </ul>
6	<b>Tuesday Sept. 27</b>	<p><b>Income inequality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas W. Volscho and Nathan J. Kelly. 2012. "The Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial Markets, and the Dynamics of the Top 1 Percent, 1949 to 2008." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 77:679-699. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412458508">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412458508</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Sept. 29</b>	<p><b>Research paper idea mapping due</b></p> <p><b>Income inequality and social policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brady, David, Ryan M. Finnigan, and Sabine Hubgen. 2017. "Rethinking the Risks of Poverty: A Framework for Analyzing Prevalences and Penalties." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 123:740-786. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1086/693678">https://doi.org/10.1086/693678</a></li> <li>• Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., &amp; Amorim, M. 2019. "As good as money in the bank": Building a personal safety net with the Earned Income Tax Credit. <i>Social Problems</i> 66: 274-293. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spy001">https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spy001</a></li> </ul>
7	<b>Tuesday Oct. 4</b>	<p><b>Credit, debt, and wealth disparities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pfeffer, Fabian T., &amp; Killewald, Alexandra. 2019. Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and Racial Inequality. <i>Socius</i>: 1-2 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119831799">https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119831799</a></li> <li>• Rachel Dwyer. 2018. Credit, Debt, and Inequality. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> 44: 237-261. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116-053420">https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116-053420</a></li> </ul>



	<b>Thursday Oct. 6</b>	<b>Credit, debt, and the state</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Houle, J.N. and Addo, F.R., 2019. Racial disparities in student debt and the reproduction of the fragile black middle class. <i>Sociology of Race and Ethnicity</i>, 5(4), pp.562-577.</li> <li>Harris, Alexes, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett. 2010. "Drawing Blood from Stones: Legal Debt and Social Inequality in the Contemporary United States." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 115:1753-1799. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1086/651940">https://doi.org/10.1086/651940</a></li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tuesday Oct. 11</b>	<b>Exam I</b>
	<b>No Class Autumn Break</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Tuesday Oct. 18</b>	<b>Health disparities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monk, Ellis P. Jr. 2015. "The Cost of Color: Skin Color, Discrimination, and Health among African-Americans." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 121: 396-444.</li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Oct. 20</b>	<b>State policy and health disparities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montez, Jennifer Karas, Jason Beckfield, Julene Kemp Cooney, Jacob M. Grumbach, Mark D. Hayward, Huseyin Zeyd Koytak, Steven H. Woolf, and Anna Zajacova. "US state policies, politics, and life expectancy." <i>The Milbank Quarterly</i> 98, no. 3 (2020): 668-699.</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>Tuesday Oct. 25</b>	<b>Social mobility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chetty, Raj, David Grusky, Maximilian Hell, Nathaniel Hendren, Robert Manduca, Jimmy Narang. 2017. "The Fading American Dream: Trends in Absolute Income Mobility Since 1940." <i>Science</i> 356:398-406. <a href="https://science.sciencemag.org/content/356/6336/398">https://science.sciencemag.org/content/356/6336/398</a></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Akee, Randall, Maggie R. Jones, and Sonya R. Porter. 2019. "Race Matters: Income Shares, Income Inequality, and Income Mobility for All U.S. Races." <i>Demography</i> 56(3):999–1021. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-019-00773-7">https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-019-00773-7</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Oct. 27</b>	<p><b>Research paper problem statement due</b></p> <p><b>Social mobility and education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reardon, Sean F., Demetra Kalogrides, and Kenneth Shores. "The geography of racial/ethnic test score gaps." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 124.4 (2019): 1164-1221.</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 1</b>	<p><b>Inequality at work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dwyer, Rachel E. 2013. "The Care Economy? Gender, Economic Restructuring, and Job Polarization in the U.S. Labor Market." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 78:390-416. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413487197">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413487197</a></li> <li>Evelyn Nakano Glenn. 1992. "From Servitude to Service Work: Historical Continuities in the Racial Division of Paid Reproductive Labor." <i>Signs</i> 18:1-43. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1086/494777">https://doi.org/10.1086/494777</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Nov. 3</b>	<p><b>Technological change and work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kellogg, Katherine C., Melissa A. Valentine, and Angele Christin. "Algorithms at work: The new contested terrain of control." <i>Academy of Management Annals</i> 14, no. 1 (2020): 366-410. <a href="https://doi.org/10.5465/annals.2018.0174">https://doi.org/10.5465/annals.2018.0174</a></li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 8</b>	<p><b>Technology, policy and bias mitigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raghavan, M., Barocas, S., Kleinberg, J. and Levy, K., 2020, January. Mitigating bias in algorithmic hiring: Evaluating claims and practices. In <i>Proceedings of the 2020 conference on fairness, accountability, and transparency</i> (pp. 469-481).</li> <li>Karen Levy, Kyla E. Chasalow, and Sarah Riley <a href="#"><u>Algorithms and Decision-Making in the Public Sector</u></a> <i>Annual Review of Law and Social Science</i> 2021 17:1, 309-334</li> </ul>

	<b>Thursday Nov. 10</b>	<p><b>Research paper data analysis draft due</b></p> <p><b>Guest lecture on communicating social science research in the public sphere.</b></p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 15</b>	<p><b>Spatial and housing inequality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew Desmond. 2012. "Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 118:88-113.</li> <li>Faber, Jacob W., 2019. Segregation and the cost of money: Race, poverty, and the prevalence of alternative financial institutions. <i>Social Forces</i>, 98(2), pp.819-848. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy129">https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy129</a></li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Nov. 17</b>	<p><b>Housing policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pattillo, Mary. "Housing: Commodity versus right." <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> 39 (2013): 509-531. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-071312-145611">https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-071312-145611</a></li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 22</b>	<p><b>Social solutions I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jackson, Michelle. 2021. <i>Manifesto for a Dream: Inequality, Constraint, and Radical Reform</i>. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Chapter 4, Pp. 73-100.</li> </ul>
	<b>No Class Thanks- giving</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Tuesday Nov. 29</b>	<p><b>Social solutions II</b></p> <p>Choose two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wright, Erik Olin (2013). Transforming Capitalism through Real Utopias. <i>American Sociological Review</i>, 78(1), 1–25. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412468882">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122412468882</a></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lamont, Michèle. (2018). Addressing Recognition Gaps: Destigmatization and the Reduction of Inequality. <i>American Sociological Review</i>, 83(3), 419–444. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418773775">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418773775</a></li> <li>• Williams CL. Life Support: The Problems of Working for a Living. <i>American Sociological Review</i>. 2021;86(2):191-200. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122421997063">https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122421997063</a></li> <li>• August, 2021. ASA President Aldon Morris delivers the ASA Presidential Address “A Sociology for the 21st Century: Incorporating the Du Boisian Challenge.” <a href="https://vimeo.com/582544449">https://vimeo.com/582544449</a> [Only available as video: <a href="#">Written version to be published in February 2022.</a>]</li> </ul>
	<b>Thursday Dec. 1</b>	<p><b>Concluding reflections: Social science and global citizenship</b></p> <p><b>Final Research Paper Due</b></p>
<b>16</b>	<b>Tuesday Dec. 6</b>	<b>Research Paper Presentation Session</b>
<b>Finals week</b>	<b>Final exam time</b>	<b>Exam II</b>

## Course schedule: Lab

The text for the lab will be Birkenstein, Cathy, and Gerald Graff. *They Say/I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing*. WW Norton & Company, 2018.

Lab class participation is 20 points plus 12 In-lab assignments are worth 20 points each, summing to a total of 200 points.

Week	Date	Lab Topics and Assignments
1	Friday Aug. 26	<b>Planning a research project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Introduction Pp. 1-18</li> <li>• In-lab assignment: Research journal</li> </ul>
2	Friday Sept. 2	<b>Critically reading scholarly work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Chapters 1 and 2 “They Say” and “Her Point Is” Pp. 1-29</li> <li>• In-lab assignment: Journal article analysis</li> </ul>
3	Friday Sept. 9	<b>Questions, answers, and audiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Chapters 4 and 7 “Yes / No / Okay, But” and “So What? Who Cares?” Pp. 187-204</li> <li>• In-lab assignment: Identifying audiences for questions about social inequality</li> </ul>
4	Friday Sept. 16	<b>Social Explorer Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Chapter 15 “On Closer Examination” Pp. 187-204</li> <li>• In-lab assignment: Social explorer data exercise</li> </ul>
5	Friday Sept. 23	<b>Social Science Data Analysis Network Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Chapter 16 “Analyze This” Pp. 224-242</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-lab assignment: SSDAN data exercise</li> </ul>
6	Friday Sept. 30	<b>Social Science Data Analysis Network Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading: Chapter 16 “Analyze This” Pp. 224-242</li> <li>In-lab assignment: SSDAN data exercise</li> </ul>
7	Friday Oct. 7	<b>Identifying research problem</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading: Chapter 5 “And Yet” Pp. 67-76</li> <li>In-lab assignment: Research problem exercise</li> </ul>
8		<b>No Lab Autumn Break</b>
9	Friday Oct. 21	<b>Selecting data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-lab assignment: Working with data exercise</li> </ul>
10	Friday Oct. 28	<b>Analyzing data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-lab assignment: Reasoning with evidence</li> </ul>
11	Friday Nov. 4	<b>Alternative explanations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading: Chapter 6 “Skeptics May Object” Pp. 77-90</li> <li>In-lab assignment: Alternative explanations exercise</li> </ul>
12		<b>No Lab Veteran’s Day</b>
13	Friday Nov. 18	<b>Research paper workshop</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading: Chapters 8-9 “As a Result” and “You Mean I Can Just Say it That Way?” Pp. 101-130</li><li>• In-lab assignment: Research problem exercise</li></ul>
<b>14</b>		<b>No Lab Indigenous People’s Day</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Friday Dec. 2</b>	<b>Research presentation workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading: Chapter 12 “I Take Your Point” Pp. 162-165</li><li>• In-lab assignment: Practice research presentation</li></ul>

**SOCIOLOGY 5463**  
**ADVANCED SOCIAL STRATIFICATION**  
**SPRING 2021**

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Instruction format: Distance learning with one synchronous meeting per week

Class time: Mon. 12:45-2:05pm

Classroom: Zoom:

Meeting ID: 924 0994 0791 Password: 547180

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/92409940791?pwd=eF15ckwrZVdCa3ladVVjNnRITWFMdz09>

Office hours: Tues. 2:30-4:30pm, and by appointment via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 963 6324 2079 Password: 115835

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/96363242079?pwd=e1RBN3FERUE2aUVKcmNaenkxTjhDdz09>

**Course description**

The study of social inequality is one of the central problems in the field of sociology. Even when structures of stratification are not the primary focus, most sociological research deals in one way or another with hierarchy. In this course we will examine the key approaches to understanding social stratification in contemporary sociology. The literature covered will be particularly focused on the United States, but the theories and concepts discussed can be applied to the analysis of stratification in many societies. We will focus on class, race, and gender inequalities, with discussion of how these connect to other intersecting structures of inequality as well. A guiding theme throughout the course will be how inequities in material welfare structure all dimensions of inequality in a capitalist society such as the United States in the twenty-first century.

The course is designed for undergraduate and graduate students who have had some prior background in the social science of inequality and are looking for a deeper engagement with this area of study. Students may come to the course from a diverse set of disciplinary backgrounds and prior courses.

We will pursue three primary objectives in Sociology 5463:

- 1) Students will study the conceptual foundations for study in the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility. We can of course only cover a selection of the vast research in this area. I have structured the readings to offer a sampling of the key theoretical and classical



treatments of social stratification, as well as several cutting-edge areas of current research. This will provide the tools to facilitate further reading and inquiry.

- 2) Students will study the key empirical trends in inequality, poverty, and mobility in the twenty-first century United States. We will focus in this semester on linking those empirical trends to research on COVID-19 as both a highly relevant case study and as a causal influence on the dimensions of inequality that we study in the course.
- 3) Students will develop skills in reasoning with data through assignments focused on making an argument utilizing the conceptual and empirical background they develop in the course applied to a question of particular interest to them. This will require outside research and reading, and will focus on writing and communicating about data and empirical dynamics.

### **Online Course Guidelines**

The course will include one synchronous zoom each week as well as weekly asynchronous lectures and related activities. The synchronous zoom will include a range of activities, including opportunities for Q&A, discussion, and analytic exercises. Attendance is mandatory at the synchronous zoom.

In addition, there will be asynchronous lectures and related instruction most weeks as assigned on the course Carmen webpage.

### **Readings**

Readings are available through the links on this syllabus and on the Carmen course webpage. Student will also read **one** of the following books, which are available as e-books through the OSU library system. Students may of course purchase these books if desired. I will ask for your preferences and assign about a quarter of the class to read each book.

Harris, Alexes. 2016. *A pound of flesh: Monetary sanctions as punishment for the poor*. Russell Sage Foundation.

Silva, Jennifer M., 2013. *Coming up short: Working-class adulthood in an age of uncertainty*. Oxford University Press.

Cottom, Tressie M., 2017. *Lower ed: The troubling rise of for-profit colleges in the new economy*. The New Press.

Ray, Ranita, 2017. *The making of a teenage service class: Poverty and mobility in an American city*. Univ of California Press.

Students expecting to specialize in this area may find the following readers valuable, though they aren't required for this course. The first is particularly useful for many classical pieces that we will not have time to cover this semester.

David B. Grusky. 2014. (Fourth Edition.) *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

David B. Grusky and Szonja Szelenyi. 2007. *The Inequality Reader: Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press. (Overlaps some with the previous book but has more recent selections.)

### **Course assignments**

Grades will be based on the following components:

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| 1) Class attendance and participation | 10% |
| 2) Reading responses                  | 20% |
| 3) Book precis                        | 10% |
| 4) Quizzes                            | 30% |
| 5) Final paper                        | 30% |

***Class attendance and participation.*** I expect everyone to attend each class session (barring illness or emergency, see below). While I understand that variation in experience and temperament will lead some to talk more than others, you should come to class ready to engage. I see discussion as an opportunity for all of us to work out our ideas and learn from alternative perspectives.

***Weekly reading response.*** A short response on the readings is due before each class meeting from week 3 through week 15. They may be no more than one page, but can be just a paragraph or a set of questions. These are very open-ended and can be structured. These essays should provide your assessment of the readings and raise questions. While some summary of the readings may be appropriate, these should not primarily rehearse the main points, but rather should offer your appreciation and/or critique of the readings, connections to other ideas, and questions that the readings provoked for you. The purpose of the responses is to encourage you to use writing as a tool for thinking and to facilitate our class discussions by deepening your engagement with the material. They will be assessed for whether completed with reasonable effort.

Submit responses to Carmen by **10am on Monday** each week so that I have time to review them before class. **I will NOT accept late essays except in the case of emergency.** Each student may skip one reading response during the semester, resulting in 10 total.

***Quizzes.*** There will be two quizzes in mostly closed-response format (e.g. multiple choice, matching, true/false) along with a few short essays that will assess understanding of the course material.

**Final paper.** All students must complete a final paper on social inequality in the United States. I will provide detailed guidelines and there will be **progress reports** due throughout the semester and time during class sessions dedicated to developing the paper to support students in completing this assignment. In brief, the format will require students to identify an audience to which they will communicate social science research on inequality. I will encourage students to select an audience relevant to their academic and/or career goals. Then they will write a 10 page research paper, drawing on the conceptual and empirical knowledge students have developed in the course. Students will utilize secondary research and utilize evidence from data resources provided in the course. Students will have a large degree of flexibility in choosing the topic, within the area of inequality, poverty, and mobility in the United States.

### **COVID-19 Accommodations**

I have designed this course expecting that some or all students may be remote the full semester and some students may need time to isolate and recover from illness. Please keep me informed of any health, care-giving or other issues that arise related to the pandemic. I will work flexibly with individual students to identify reasonable accommodations. I will also be alert to issues affecting the entire class that may require adjustments. Students who need to miss class or who are not able to participate due to illness (COVID-19 or other illnesses), exposure to COVID-19, care for family members exposed to COVID-19 or other reasons should contact me as soon as possible to arrange for accommodation. Students in special situations or those requiring specific, long-term or other accommodation should seek support from appropriate university offices including but not limited to: [Student Advocacy](#), [Student Life Disability Services](#) and the [Office of Institutional Equity](#).

### **University Resources and Policies**

**Disability and Accessibility:** The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. You are also welcome to register with Student Life Disability Services (SLDS) to establish reasonable accommodations. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. SLDS contact information: [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu); 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

**Mental Health:** As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down,

difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting [ccs.osu.edu](http://ccs.osu.edu) or calling 614--292--5766. CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younkin Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at 614--292--5766 and 24 hour emergency help is also available through the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1--800--273-TALK or at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

**Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct:** Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the University's Code of Student Conduct, and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University's Code of Student Conduct and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's Code of Student Conduct is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the University's Code of Student Conduct (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

- The Committee on Academic Misconduct web pages (<http://oaa.osu.edu/coam.html>)
- Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity (<http://oaa.osu.edu/coamtensuggestions.html>)
- Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity ([www.northwestern.edu/uacc/8cards.html](http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/8cards.html))

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**Religious Holidays:** Notify the instructor within the first week of class regarding any conflict between religious observance dates and course examinations or assignments.

**Diversity and inclusion:** The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

## Course Schedule

*NOTE: May adjust as appropriate to the development of the course.*

**Week 1      January 11**

### **Introduction**

**Week 2      NO SYNCHRONOUS ZOOM: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

### **Inequality and Technology**

- Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy. 2017. "Seeing Like a Market." *Socio-Economic Review* 15:9-29. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mww033>
- McMillan Cottom, Tressie. 2020. "Where Platform Capitalism and Racial Capitalism Meet: The Sociology of Race and Racism in the Digital Society." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649220949473>
- Gallaher, Carolyn. "Mainstreaming white supremacy: a twitter analysis of the American 'Alt-Right'." *Gender, Place & Culture* (2020): 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2019.1710472>

**Week 3      January 25 [on campus activities scheduled to resume]**

### **Class relations**

- Erik Olin Wright. 1997. "Class Analysis," Pp. 1-37 in *Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. <https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/~wright/Published%20writing/Class-Counts-chapter-1.pdf>
- W.E.B. DuBois, *Black Reconstruction in America*. Chapter 1. The Black Worker. (Carmen)

**Week 4      February 1**

### **Status relations and social exclusion**

- Max Weber. "Class, Status, and Party" (Carmen)
- Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2014. "Why Status Matters for Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 79:1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122413515997>
- Flores, R. D., & Schachter, A. (2018). Who are the "Illegals"? The Social Construction of Illegality in the United States. *American Sociological Review*, 83(5), 839–868. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122418794635>

**Week 5      February 8**

**Earnings inequality: Employment, work, and labor processes in stratification**

- Christine Percheski “Income and Earnings” *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report*.  
[https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways\\_SOTU\\_2019\\_IncomeEarnings.pdf](https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_IncomeEarnings.pdf)
- Harry J. Holzer. “Employment” *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report*.  
[https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways\\_SOTU\\_2019\\_Employment.pdf](https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_Employment.pdf)
- Bruce Western and Jake Rosenfeld. “Unions, Norms, and the Rise in U.S. Wage Inequality.” *American Sociological Review* 76:513-537.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122411414817>

**Week 6      February 15**

**Income inequality: Rich, poor, and the role of family structure in stratification**

- Manning, Wendy D. 2020. “Young adulthood relationships in an era of uncertainty: A case for cohabitation.” *Demography* (2020): 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-020-00881-9>
- Brady, David, Ryan M. Finnigan, and Sabine Hubgen. 2017. “Rethinking the Risks of Poverty: A Framework for Analyzing Prevalences and Penalties.” *American Journal of Sociology* 123:740-786. <https://doi.org/10.1086/693678>
- Tach, L., Halpern-Meekin, S., Edin, K., & Amorim, M. 2019. “As good as money in the bank”: Building a personal safety net with the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Social Problems* 66: 274-293. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spy001>

**Week 7      February 22 [Instructional break February 23-24]**

**Credit, debt, and wealth disparities**

Harris, Alexes. 2016. *A pound of flesh: Monetary sanctions as punishment for the poor*. Russell Sage Foundation.

- Pfeffer, Fabian T., & Killewald, Alesandra. 2019. Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and Racial Inequality. *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119831799>
- Rachel Dwyer. 2018. Credit, Debt, and Inequality. *Annual Review of Sociology* 44: 237-261. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116-053420>
- Harris, Alexes, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett. 2010. “Drawing Blood from Stones: Legal Debt and Social Inequality in the Contemporary United States.” *American Journal of Sociology* 115:1753-1799. <https://doi.org/10.1086/651940>

**Week 8      March 1**

**Spatial and housing inequality**

- Darrick Hamilton and Christopher Famighetti. “Housing.” *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report*.  
[https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways\\_SOTU\\_2019\\_Housing.pdf](https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2019_Housing.pdf)
- Pattillo, Mary. “Housing: Commodity versus right.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 39 (2013): 509-531. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-071312-145611>
- Matthew Desmond and Nathan Wilmers. 2019. “Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets,” *American Journal of Sociology* 124, no. 4: 1090-1124. <https://doi.org/10.1086/701697>

**Week 9      March 8**

**Quiz 1**

**Week 10      March 15**

**Social mobility**

Silva, Jennifer M., 2013. *Coming up short: Working-class adulthood in an age of uncertainty*. Oxford University Press.

- Michael Hout. “Social Mobility.” *Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality State of the Union Report*.  
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**Week 11      March 22**

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**Week 12      March 29 [Instructional break March 31-April 1]**

### **Gender inequality in employment**

#### **Progress report on paper due**

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**Week 13      April 5**

### **Racial and ethnic stratification in employment**

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**Week 15      April 19**

**Quiz 2**

**Paper workshop**

**Final paper due by 2PM Friday, April 30**

# Research & Creative Inquiry Course Inventory

## Overview

The GE allows students to take a single, 4+ credit course to satisfy a particular GE Theme requirement if that course includes key practices that are recognized as integrative and high impact. Courses seeking one of these designations need to provide a completed Integrative Practices Inventory at the time of course submission. This will be evaluated with the rest of the course materials (syllabus, Theme Course submission document, etc). Approved Integrative Practices courses will need to participate in assessment both for their Theme category and for their integrative practice.

Please enter text in the boxes below to describe how your class will meet the expectations of Research & Creative Inquiry Courses. It may be helpful to consult the Description & Expectations document for this pedagogical practice or to consult with the OSU Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry. You may also want to consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies or appropriate support staff person as you complete this Inventory and submit your course.

Please use language that is clear and concise and that colleagues outside of your discipline will be able to follow. You are encouraged to refer specifically to the syllabus submitted for the course, since the reviewers will also have that document. Because this document will be used in the course review and approval process, you should be *as specific as possible*, listing concrete activities, specific theories, names of scholars, titles of textbooks etc.

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## Pedagogical Practices for Research & Creative Inquiry

Course subject & number

**Performance expectations set at appropriately high levels (e.g. students investigate their own questions or develop their own creative projects).** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

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**Significant investment of time and effort by students over an extended period of time (e.g., scaffolded scientific or creative processes building across the term, including, e.g., reviewing literature, developing methods, collecting data, interpreting or developing a concept or idea into a full-fledged production or artistic work)** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

**Interactions with faculty and peers about substantive matters including regular, meaningful faculty mentoring and peer support.** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

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**Students will get frequent, timely, and constructive feedback on their work, iteratively scaffolding research or creative skills in curriculum to build over time.** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

**Periodic, structured opportunities to reflect and integrate learning in which students interpret findings or reflect on creative work.** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

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**Opportunities to discover relevance of learning through real-world applications (e.g., mechanism for allowing students to see their focused research question or creative project as part of a larger conceptual framework).** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

**Public Demonstration of competence, such as a significant public communication of research or display of creative work, or a community scholarship celebration.** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

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**Experiences with diversity wherein students demonstrate intercultural competence and empathy with people and worldview frameworks that may differ from their own.** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

**Explicit and intentional efforts to promote inclusivity and a sense of belonging and safety for students, (e.g. universal design principles, culturally responsible pedagogy).** Please link this expectation to the course goals, topics and activities and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-500 words)

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**Clear plan to market this course to get a wider enrollment of typically underserved populations.**

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# GE THEME COURSES

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Course subject & number

## General Expectations of All Themes

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**Please briefly identify the ways in which this course represents an advanced study of the focal theme.** In this context, “advanced” refers to courses that are e.g., synthetic, rely on research or cutting-edge findings, or deeply engage with the subject matter, among other possibilities. (50-500 words)

Course subject & number

**ELO 1.1 Engage in critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

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(50-700 words)

Course subject & number

Specific Expectations of Courses in Health & Wellbeing

**GOAL Students will explore and analyze health and wellbeing through attention to at least two dimensions of wellbeing. (Ex: physical, mental, emotional, career, environmental, spiritual, intellectual, creative, financial, etc.).**

**ELO 1.1 Explore and analyze health and wellbeing from theoretical, socio-economic, scientific, historical, cultural, technological, policy, and/or personal perspectives.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. *(50-700 words)*

**ELO 1.2 Identify, reflect on, and apply the skills needed for resiliency and wellbeing.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. *(50-700 words)*

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(50-700 words)

Course subject & number

### Specific Expectations of Courses in Citizenship

**GOAL 1: Successful students will explore and analyze a range of perspectives on local, national, or global citizenship, and apply the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that constitute citizenship.**

**ELO 1.1 Describe and analyze a range of perspectives on what constitutes citizenship and how it differs across political, cultural, national, global, and/or historical communities.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

**ELO 1.2 Identify, reflect on, and apply the knowledge, skills and dispositions required for intercultural competence as a global citizen.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)



Course subject & number

**GOAL 2: Successful students will examine notions of justice amidst difference and analyze and critique how these interact with historically and socially constructed ideas of citizenship and membership within societies, both within the US and/or around the world.**

**ELO 2.1 Examine, critique, and evaluate various expressions and implications of diversity, equity, inclusion, and explore a variety of lived experiences.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

**2.2 Analyze and critique the intersection of concepts of justice, difference, citizenship, and how these interact with cultural traditions, structures of power and/or advocacy for social change.** Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)