

SOC 6010: Proseminar in Sociology

Fall 2020

Course Description

This course serves as an orientation to the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah. All first-year graduate students participate in Proseminar during the Fall semester of their first year. Proseminar introduces students to core faculty members in our department, including their substantive research interests, current projects, and research and teaching styles. It is a time to learn about faculty training and to ask about career trajectories.

Meeting Time & Location

Mondays, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., in BEH S 315. *Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, individual faculty members may opt to move their sessions online. Please watch for announcements throughout the semester.*

Faculty Advisor

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I am typically available to chat or answer brief questions if I am in my office. Feel free to knock on my door if it's not open (I am in BEH S 427). If you would like to meet for a longer discussion, please email me to schedule an appointment.

Student Expectations

Attendance. Students are expected to attend each session (whether in person or virtually), allowing them to meet each core faculty member in the department. If you need to miss a session, please let the scheduled faculty member know, and then try to arrange a time to meet individually with that faculty member.

Prior to each session of Proseminar, please review the CV and research/teaching profiles of the faculty member(s) scheduled to visit that week. This information can be found using the faculty directory on the department's website (<https://soc.utah.edu/people/faculty.php>). After familiarizing yourself with the faculty member(s), prepare at least one question that you would like them to address during Proseminar. Questions can be tailored to individual faculty members and their research/teaching/experiences, or they may be general questions about the program, graduate school, sociology, etc. Pro tip: It is often instructive to ask the same questions of multiple faculty members, to see how their answers may or may not differ!

Semester Wrap-Up. At the end of the semester, we will meet collectively to discuss your research and professional goals, and to ask any questions you have about the department.

Grading

Biosketches. Please write a brief "biosketch" of roughly 100-150 words that introduces yourself to our faculty. These sketches might include a discussion of your educational background, potential research interests, and reasons for pursuing graduate study in sociology. Please also include a photo of yourself in the document you submit. I will compile

these sketches and distribute them to faculty members before they visit Proseminar. Submit your biosketches via Canvas no later than **Wednesday, September 2, at 12:00 noon**. This assignment is worth 100 points.

Attendance. After each weekly session, log into Canvas to record your attendance by taking the true/false quiz for the date attended. Answer “true” to indicate you were present. There are 13 scheduled meetings this semester; each meeting you attend is worth 10 points, for a possible total of 130 points. Be sure to complete your attendance logs by the end of the day on **Monday, November 30**.

You may arrange to meet with an individual faculty member at an alternate time, if you must miss one of the scheduled meetings. Limit these sorts of meetings to no more than 1 or 2 per term, if at all. Once the meeting has occurred, you may then complete the attendance log for the missed session, indicating that you attended it. If a scheduled faculty member does not show up or cancels on you, you will NOT be penalized for no attendance.

Final Grades. Your final letter grade is based on the percentage of points you earn out of 230 (i.e., 100 for the biosketch and 130 for the attendance logs):

- 94–100% = A
- 90–93.9% = A–
- 87–89.9% = B+
- 83–86.9% = B
- < 83% might trigger dismissal from the program

Resources

The most vital resource during your time in the program—where you can find the answers to most routine questions—is the Department of Sociology Graduate Program Handbook, which is linked to the department’s graduate program page: <https://soc.utah.edu/graduate/index.php>.

Also useful is the University of Utah Graduate School website: <https://gradschool.utah.edu/>

Procedural Issues

Student Responsibilities. All students must maintain professional behavior in the classroom setting, according to the Student Code (www.regulations.utah.edu/academics/6-400.html). Students have specific rights in the classroom as detailed in Article III of the Code. The Code also specifies proscribed conduct (Article XI) that involves cheating on tests, plagiarism, and/or collusion, as well as fraud, theft, etc. Students should read the Code carefully and know they are responsible for the content. According to Faculty Rules and Regulations, it is faculty members’ responsibility to enforce responsible classroom behaviors, beginning with verbal warnings and progressing to dismissal from class and a failing grade. Students have the right to appeal such action to the Student Behavior Committee.

Campus Safety. The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at (801) 585-COPS (2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages

regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safeu.utah.edu.

Sexual Misconduct. Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 makes clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status, or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, (801) 581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, (801) 581-7066. For support and **confidential** consultation, you can contact one of the following campus resources:

Center for Student Wellness 426 Student Services Building (801) 581-7776 advocate.wellness.utah.edu	University Counseling Center 426 Student Services Building (801) 581-6826 counselingcenter.utah.edu	Women's Resource Center 411 Union Building (801) 581-8030 womenscenter.utah.edu
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Off-campus resources include the Rape Recovery Center, (801) 467-7273, raperecoverycenter.org, and the Rape & Sexual Assault Crisis Line, 1-888-421-1100. To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, (801) 585-COPS (2677). You may also seek help with me, but be advised that as a university employee, I am a mandatory reporter (i.e., I am legally obligated to notify the Title IX Coordinator).

Accommodations Policy. The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability & Access, 162 Union Building, (801) 581-5020 (V/TDD). The Center for Disability & Access will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability & Access.

Emergency Action Plan. The College of Social and Behavioral Science takes seriously the safety of all its students. The last page of this syllabus includes an Emergency Action Plan for our classroom building, which should be followed in the event of an emergency on campus.

Information Regarding COVID-19. Face coverings are required in all in-person classes for both students AND faculty. Based on CDC guidelines, the University requires everyone to wear face coverings in shared public spaces on campus, including our classroom. As a reminder, when I wear a face covering, I am protecting you. When you wear a face covering, you are protecting me and all your classmates. If you forget your face covering, I will ask you to leave class to retrieve it. If you repeatedly fail to wear a face covering in class, I will refer you to the Dean of Students for a possible violation of the Student Code. Note that some students may qualify for accommodations through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you think you meet these criteria and desire an exception to the face covering policy, contact the Center for Disability and Access (CDA). Accommodations should be obtained prior to the first day of class so that I am notified by CDA of any students who are not required to wear a face covering. Please note that face shields alone are not an

acceptable form of face covering unless also worn with a covering or mask for the nose and mouth.

Students are encouraged to wash their hands, use hand sanitizer, and clean their desks with wipes, which will be available at classroom entrances and at “sanitizing stations” in multi-use buildings, including Marriott Library.

Given the nature of this course, attendance at weekly seminars is expected. If you need to seek an ADA accommodation to request an exception to this attendance policy due to a disability, please contact the Center for Disability and Access (CDA). CDA will work with us to determine what, if any, ADA accommodations are reasonable and appropriate. Please note that the university is asking students, faculty, and staff to stay home if they are sick. Do not come to class if you have any of the following symptoms: fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea. Let me know if you must miss class due to illness, and we can work together to arrange alternative accommodations. Likewise, students who may need to self-isolate and are unable to attend in-person classes may be able to participate in seminar discussions remotely via Zoom or some other online interface.

Per university policy, students must self-report if they test positive for COVID-19 via this website: <https://coronavirus.utah.edu/>. All classes at the University of Utah will operate online during the weeks of September 28-October 2, October 5-10, and November 30-December 3. Finally, please sit in the same place for each class meeting. Doing so will simplify contact tracing should any student become infected.

Weekly Schedule

Aug 24	Welcome from the Director of Graduate Studies Wade Cole
Aug 31	Department Chair and Office Staff Ming Wen, Angie Midgley, & Alana Robison
Sept 7	No meeting – Labor Day
Sept 14	Lazarus Adua & Akiko Kamimura
Sept 21	Sara Grineski
Sept 28	Sarita Gaytan & Claudia Geist [via Zoom]
Oct 5	Theresa Martinez & Rebecca Utz [via Zoom]
Oct 12	Marcel Paret
Oct 19	Bethany Everett
Oct 26	Kim Korinek & Megan Reynolds
Nov 2	Guangzhen Wu & Heather Melton
Nov 9	Daniel Adkins
Nov 16	Brett Clark

Nov 23 Wrap-Up with Director of Graduate Studies
 Wade Cole

Nov 30 No Meeting. * Make sure weekly attendance logs are submitted to Canvas by 11:59 p.m.

CSBS EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN



BUILDING EVACUATION

EAP (Emergency Assembly Point) – When you receive a notification to evacuate the building either by campus text alert system or by building fire alarm, please follow your instructor in an orderly fashion to the EAP marked on the map below. Once everyone is at the EAP, you will receive further instructions from Emergency Management personnel. You can also look up the EAP for any building you may be in on campus at <http://emergencymanagement.utah.edu/eap>.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

U Heads Up App: There's an app for that. Download the app on your smartphone at alert.utah.edu/headsup to access the following resources:

- **Emergency Response Guide:** Provides instructions on how to handle any type of emergency, such as earthquake, utility failure, fire, active shooter, etc. Flip charts with this information are also available around campus.
- **See Something, Say Something:** Report unsafe or hazardous conditions on campus. If you see a life threatening or emergency situation, please call 911!

Safety Escorts: For students who are on campus at night or past business hours and would like an escort to your car, please call **801-585-2677**. You can call 24/7 and a security officer will be sent to walk with you or give you a ride to your desired on-campus location.