CRD 1 ‘The Community’ (Winter Quarter, 2019-2020 Academic Year)

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:10 – 4:30pm, 126 Wellman Hall

Seminars*: 
Section A01: Wednesdays 5:10 – 6:00pm, 146 Robbins Hall
Section A02: Wednesdays 6:10 – 7:00pm, 146 Robbins Hall
Section A03: Wednesdays 7:10 – 8:00pm, 146 Robbins Hall
Section A04: Thursdays 5:10 – 6:00pm, 146 Robbins Hall
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Commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion in the classroom. We are committed to discovery and innovation, creative and collaborative achievements, debate and critical inquiry, in an open and inclusive environment that nurtures the growth and development of all. (Link to the UC Davis Principles of Community: https://diversity.ucdavis.edu/principles-community)
COURSE OVERVIEW

CRD 1 ‘The Community’ is the introductory course to the Community and Regional Development major in the Department of Human Ecology at UC Davis. The course also satisfies university general education requirements in the social sciences. The course has several goals. The first is to develop your understanding of your own communities, social relationships, and personal biographies by studying relations with other social groups, social institutions, and community types. Specifically, we will explore the relationship between the issues we face in our daily lives, and the histories, social institutions, and ideologies that help shape our experiences. The course emphasizes the idea of communities as constructed and regularized social interactions and structure, i.e., the interrelationship of groups, classes, rules, norms, and institutions (e.g., family, work, religion) at the community level and beyond.

The second goal is to introduce you to the critical tradition within social science. Using the analytic tools of social science, we will examine the historical construction of community and the most pressing problems that confront communities today. These issues include the reorganization of world and local economies and how these processes influence how we live and interact with each other, the growing privatization of public space, and class, race and gender inequalities challenging the social, political, and ecological fabric of communities. We will explore the ideologies and values that make the community a contested political space and the focus of important political struggle. We will ask, ‘who benefits and how?’ from our new communities and strategies for social change. I hope to help you develop your ability to ask critical questions and to reject mechanical answers to them in understanding community life.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

In this course, we will focus on the spaces, scales, and dimensions of social, political, economic, and cultural changes in a globalizing, multicultural, and highly technological world. Students will learn to apply community-based concepts to understand the drivers, patterns, processes, and implications of these changes happening at multiple scales, including global, regional and local. By the end of the course, students will:

- Be able to make connections between their local environment and the world beyond.
- Have a basic understanding of the ways social and cultural values are transmitted, contested, altered, and imprinted through and across geographic space.
- Have a basic understanding of their own communities, social relationships, social groups, and social institutions.
- Understand the ways daily life has been impacted by economic rationalization, political domination, cultural convergence, and environmental degradation with intensification of global flows of people, capital, and ideas.
- Have a sense of the complexity and diversity of social and cultural values and traditions in the modern world, as well as an appreciation of the ways those values and traditions are changing in response to new and emerging development challenges.
- Have a sense of their position in a changing social, political, economic, and cultural milieu that extends beyond their immediate surroundings.
The course will also focus on developing critical reading and writing skills in the social sciences, as well as an appreciation for group work, research, and discussion in a collaborative setting. At the end of the course, your **transferrable skills** will include:

- A set of critical reading, writing, and social science analytic skills that can be applied to future study or in a professional setting.
- An ability to articulate theoretically and contextually relevant insights that will help in a community planning, economic development, advocacy, social welfare, public health, or policy development career.
- The development of practical skills in handling data/secondary sources that will help in further studies and long-term career development.

**Fulfillment of General Education (GE) course requirements.** UC Davis organizes its undergraduate education partially through requiring students to take classes that fulfill certain general education (GE) requirements. CRD 1 fulfills the GE requirements in the following ways:

- **Writing experience:** The two reflective essays, community meeting report, and final portfolio constitute 3,500 words of original writing. Assuming 250 words per page, this makes a total of approximately 14 written pages. These essays offer the opportunity for students to develop and demonstrate critical thinking and to communicate an understanding of core issues explored in the course.
- **Oral skills:** The course offers opportunities for oral presentation, totaling 10 minutes. The first is through discussing readings in the discussion sections, where students are encouraged to lead and facilitate one section. The second is through the group presentation component of the community meeting report. These presentations offer opportunities for students to strengthen effective communication skills and the ability to use critical thinking skills to present ideas or concepts verbally.
- **Visual literacy:** The lecture, discussion sections, and weekly group reading quizzes will stress the skills needed to communicate through visual means as well as the analytical skills needed to be a thoughtful consumer of visual media. The course provides students with the analytical skills they need to understand how still and moving images, art and architecture, illustration accompanying written text, graphs and charts, and other visual embodiments of ideas inform and persuade people.
- **American cultures, governance, and history:** The course presents issues pertinent to the governance or history of the United States and analyzes major forces underlying historical events and political institutions within the United States. The course will prepare students to take up the responsibilities and demands of citizenship in an increasingly interconnected and diverse nation.
- **Domestic diversity:** The course provides students with an understanding and appreciation of the social and cultural diversity of the United States, the relationships between these diverse cultures, and larger patterns of national history and institutions. Through lectures, discussion sections, and participation in community meetings, students will learn to think analytically about American institutions and social relations, and understand the diversity of American cultures.

To emphasize these GE requirements, students will receive clear guidance on assignment expectations through written instructions provided and during lecture and discussion sections.
READING MATERIALS

There are no required textbooks for this course. All readings are available digitally and are posted on the course Canvas website. Printed copies of readings are not provided. If students are interested in purchasing books for their own interest, this course sources materials from the following books:


COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Students are expected to attend and participate in lectures and discussion sections and complete all readings and assignments. The lectures are meant to provide a broad survey of key ideas, concepts, and theories relevant to the topic area (listed in the Course Timetable on pages 11-12). Discussion sections give students the opportunity to talk about readings and lecture content in depth, while also providing space for critical reflection and collaborative group work. This course requires a fair amount of reading which is essential to a successful learning experience. Students are strongly encouraged to keep current or ahead on reading assignments in order to come to class and section prepared to discuss them. All readings listed in this syllabus are posted on the course Canvas website.

This course has five graded components, which are explained in detail below:

1. A 750-word critical reflection on readings in Part 2 of the course (20% of course grade)
2. A 750-word critical reflection on readings in Part 3 of the course (20% of course grade)
3. A 1,000-word community meeting report and group presentation (25% of course grade)
4. Participation in discussion sections and group reading quizzes (10% of course grade)
5. Final portfolio (25% of course grade)

Two critical reflection essays. Students are to write two 750-word critical reflection essays. The first reflection essay is due on February 5th and the second reflection essay is due on February 26th. Both should be submitted as either a MS Word or PDF file to Canvas before 12:00 noon on the due date. Each reflection essay is worth 20% of your total course grade. The reflection essays should be typed in 12-point Times font, double-spaced, and with 1-inch margins. The wordcount is exclusive of the essay title and reference list, which should be compiled in APA citation style. Each essay should include references to at least three journal articles, books, or book chapters from the syllabus. Sources from outside of the course can be included if approved by the course instructor or TA. Websites or published reports do not count towards the three sources.

The first reflective essay draws on Part 2 of the course, and should explore a particular theoretical tradition in community studies. The essay topic is: Which social science concept best explains the structure and function of a community?

- The goal of this reflective essay is to select one concept in our historical survey of the field and – through applying your insights from lecture and from that week’s assigned readings – develop an argument for why that particular concept best explains the form and function of a community of your choice.
• You are to define the chosen concept, reference key authors who developed the concept, and explain how you think the concept best explains the form or function of a community. You are free to discuss the concept through a particular case study if you find that helpful.
• Some examples of key concepts include (but not limited to): Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft, social networks, social capital, governance, industrialization, urbanization, suburbanization, globalization, colonialism, modernization, technology, neoliberalism, progressivism, inequality, etc.
• Proper writing, argumentation, and APA referencing style are required. We will discuss these in more detail in the discussion sections.

The second reflective essay draws on Part 3 of the course, and should explore a particular contemporary societal challenge. The essay topic is: How can concepts found in community studies help us to evaluate the emergence and implication of a particular social problem?

• The goal of this reflective essay is to select one contemporary social problem and – through applying your insights from lecture and from that week’s assigned readings – develop an argument for why concepts in community studies can help us to explain it.
• You are to define the chosen problem, reference key authors who illustrated the problem, and explain how you think concepts in community studies can be applied to explain the problem. You must discuss the problem through a particular case study.
• Case studies can be sourced from lectures, readings, popular media, or personal experience. Some examples of key social problems include (but not limited to): socioeconomic inequality, social exclusion, marginalization, racism, gender discrimination, age discrimination, homelessness, communal violence, environmental degradation, poverty, structural disadvantage, political oppression, migration, food insecurity, different forms of health challenges, etc.
• Proper writing, argumentation, and APA referencing style are required. We will discuss these in more detail in the discussion sections.

Community meeting report and group presentation. Students are to attend one community meeting during the quarter and complete a 1,000-word individual report and a 10-minute group presentation on the proceedings, including a description of the events and a reflection on particular dynamics witnessed during the meeting. A written report guideline is attached as an appendix to this syllabus (see pages 20-21) and also posted on Canvas. The report is to be written individually (with some acceptable commonalities in the description of events) while the presentation will be done as a group. The group presentations are schedule for our final discussion section on either March 11th or 12th, and the individual report is due by 12:00 noon on March 13th. This entire assignment will count for 25% of your final grade, with the individual report counting for 20% and the group presentation counting for 5%.

It is the student’s responsibility to choose and attend a community meeting that is scheduled during the course of the quarter. For safety and security reasons, students are to select and attend a community meeting together with a group of between 3 and 5 students. To accommodate numbers, students must confirm their participation in a group with the TA as soon as possible. Students should coordinate amongst themselves to attend a meeting together. Since there are no resources to support your attendance in these meetings, students are not required to travel beyond Davis. There are plenty of public meetings schedule at the level of the city, county, state, neighborhood, campus, or
residence hall. For our purposes, any public meeting that involves citizens discussing a pressing social issue will suffice.

To aid in your search, I have compiled a list of possible public meetings in the local area to attend:

- Davis City Council: [https://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/city-council/city-council-meetings](https://cityofdavis.org/city-hall/city-council/city-council-meetings)
- Old North Davis Neighborhood Association: [http://www.oldnorthdavis.org](http://www.oldnorthdavis.org)
- Woodland: [https://www.cityofwoodland.org/654/Meetings-Agendas](https://www.cityofwoodland.org/654/Meetings-Agendas)
- West Sacramento: [https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas](https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas)
- City of Sacramento: [https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Clerk/Meetings-and-Agendas](https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Clerk/Meetings-and-Agendas)
- Sacramento Building Healthy Communities: [https://sacbhc.org/about-us/action-teams/](https://sacbhc.org/about-us/action-teams/)
- Yolo County: [https://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/board-of-supervisors/board-meetings](https://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/board-of-supervisors/board-meetings)
- Sacramento County: [https://sccob.saccounty.net/Pages/BOSPublicMeetings.aspx](https://sccob.saccounty.net/Pages/BOSPublicMeetings.aspx)
- UC Davis campus events: [https://www.ucdavis.edu/calendar/all-events/](https://www.ucdavis.edu/calendar/all-events/)
- And others!

After attending the public meeting, students will write an individual report that includes the following sections: a brief description of events, synopsis of key issues, and a reflection on how these key issues relate to topics discussed in the course. The report must reference particular concepts from lectures or assigned readings. Some commonality in the description of events is expected among group members, but the individual reflection should be your own original work. The individual report should be written in 12-point Times font, double-spaced, and with 1-inch margins. The wordcount is exclusive of figures/diagram (and their captions) or reference list, which should be compiled in APA citation style. Your report should include references to at least three journal articles, books, or book chapters. Websites or published reports do not count towards the three sources. The individual report should be submitted as either a MS Word or PDF file on Canvas. A written report guideline is attached as an appendix to this syllabus (see pages 20-21) and also posted on Canvas.

Each group will give a 10-minute presentation covering the same topics in the final discussion section of the quarter, on either March 11th or 12th. The presentation should be done with MS PowerPoint and contain no more than five slides. The presentation must include at least one photo of group members in the meeting. In addition to text, the presentation must also include some figures as well as appropriate references (APA style).

**Attendance, participation, and group reading quizzes.** Students are expected to attend all lectures and discussion sections and to be on time. Attending and participating in classroom activities are essential to your success in this course. You are responsible for all announcements and instructions provided in class, whether or not you are present. Please contact your section TA directly in case you will be absent in discussion section or are in need of any adjustments. Be sure to turn off your cell phones or place them on silent mode.

To facilitate critical thinking, the discussion sections will include four group quizzes (see course timetable on pages 11-12) on the readings to assess your understanding and engagement of the materials. These group quizzes are posted on Canvas ahead of time, are ungraded, and are only meant to help frame your initial thinking on core concepts as well as to encourage learning and
interaction. Attendance counts for 10% of the final course grade, with 1% deducted for each unexcused absence from a discussion section. A request for excused absence must be accompanied by a valid explanation and/or documentation, such as a note from a medical professional or coach/manager of an official University athletic team.

**Final portfolio.** The final portfolio is the capstone assignment for the entire course and is due by 12:00 noon on March 18th. The portfolio includes a combination of your revisions to previously-submitted reflection essays as well as a short discussion of what theories or ideas you plan to take forward in further studies, research, or professional career. An effective portfolio will demonstrate a higher-level understanding of the overall logic and objectives of course. The goal is also to identify your intellectual or professional position amidst the complex, complicated, and contentious issues encountered during the quarter. Your final portfolio should include the following components:

- **Revisions to the two reflective essays and explanatory narratives.** You are to revise the two reflective essays submitted during the quarter based on the comments and critiques you received. This will give you a chance to incorporate new thinking and refine your arguments, taking into account the course content in its entirety. The sections of the reflective essays that you have revised should be highlighted, and you should write a short narrative (of no more than 250 words each) accompanying each revised essay explaining what you have decided to change and why.

- **A 500-word synopsis of your personal learning journey.** The synopsis should include a description of the ideas, lessons, or examples that you found most interesting and an explanation of why. Some prompting questions include: Which aspects of the course did you find to be most valuable or insightful? How have your perspectives and understandings changed as a result of taking this course? What was unexpected or surprising from the lectures, readings, or discussion sections? How do you plan to apply ideas from this course in your future studies, research, or professional development?

The final portfolio wordcount is approximately 2,500 words, with 1,500 of original text plus revisions to another 1,000 words that you have already written. The two portfolio components should be combined into one file (either MS Word or PDF) for submission on Canvas. The portfolio should be written in 12-point Times font, double-spaced, and with 1-inch margins. The wordcount is exclusive of figures/diagram (and their captions) and reference list, which should be compiled in APA citation style.

**GRADING AND DISPUTES**

Students will receive clear guidance on assignment expectations through written instructions provided and during lecture and discussion sections. When assignments are given, students also receive clear communication about the criteria used for evaluating their writing or oral presentation via a rubric, which includes an evaluation of content, clarity, organization, and logic, among other criteria. Lastly, students receive written feedback on the two reflective essays as to how to improve, which must be applied to revisions toward the final portfolio.

Grading criteria for course assignments are listed below and posted on Canvas. Note that these criteria are not equally weighted and cannot be used to calculate a grade. They are to inform relative weaknesses and strengths. The approach to grading assignments in this course will be accumulative, meaning that grades are based on a qualitative assessment of criteria that you have successfully
achieved, rather than through a process of deducting points that you got ‘wrong’. The latter approach does not work for the course due to the nature of assignments, which are designed to promote critical thought and reflective engagement that often do not have clear right or wrong answers.

Grading criteria for 750-word reflection essays:
- **Engagement**: Critical engagement with essay question; Evidence of engagement with relevant literature(s); Evidence of engagement with materials from lectures and discussion sections.
- **Structure and execution**: General organization of essay; Use of paragraphs and/or headings; Flow of argument; Writing style; Appropriate referencing format; Consistent referencing and in-text citations.
- **Arguments and conclusion**: Critical evaluation of sources; Logic, coherence, and consistency; Selection of relevant evidence to support argument; Originality of argument; Relevance and accuracy of factual content.

Grading criteria for community meeting individual report:
- **Engagement**: Clear and concise description meeting events; Evidence of engagement with events in the context of materials from lectures and discussion sections; Evidence of application of theories/concepts from relevant literature(s).
- **Reflection and synthesis**: Synthesis and critical evaluation of meeting actors, process, and outcomes; Logic, coherence, and consistency of description; Selection of relevant evidence to support description; Originality of insights and reflections, particularly in the context of course materials.
- **Structure and execution**: General organization of the report; Use of paragraphs and/or headings; Flow of reflection/synthesis; Writing style; Appropriate referencing format; Consistent referencing and in-text citations.

Grading criteria for community meeting group presentation:
- **Content**: Did it address the presentative objectives (in terms identifying and justifying the key factors); Well researched (range and depth of sources used); Well structured (clear focus, good logical flow).
- **Presentation style**: Technical skill (good use of foreground and background colors, fonts, overall visibility); Delivery (clear voice, minimal reference to notes, good eye-contact, establish and maintain communication with the audience, good communication within the team); Timing (finish within time-limit, good use of available time, good pacing of delivery, evidence of rehearsal).

Grading criteria for final portfolio:
- **Engagement**: Evidence of content improvement in the two reflective essays; Reflective engagement with comments and application of feedback on the two reflective essays; Clear and concise articulation of essay revisions in the two short explanatory narratives; Evidence of intellectual growth throughout the quarter.
- **Reflective learning**: Originality of reflection; Logic, coherence, and consistency of reflection; Critical evaluation of sources and materials from lectures and discussion sections; Selection of relevant literature sources to support reflection.
- **Structure and execution**: General organization of the final portfolio; Use of paragraphs and/or headings; Flow of reflections and narratives; Writing style; Appropriate and consistent referencing format, including reference list and in-text citations.
Final course grades are distributed by the following percentages of the total points possible.

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Grade disputes will not be considered in class. If student feels she/he/they has/have been unfairly graded on an assessment and would like to request consideration for partial or full credit for a particular item or items, she/he/they should do so through the rebuttal process.

**EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Extensions and late submissions.** To request due date extensions, please email the course instructor or TA and give a clear reason for the request well ahead of the due date. An extension request must be supported by documentation, such as a note from a medical professional or coach/manager of an official University athletic team. We will strive to accommodate all legitimate requests and special needs. For unexcused late submission of assignments, 0.5 points will be deducted for each day (including weekends) past the due date. The last day to turn anything in for credit will be the due date of the final portfolio (March 18th).

**Special needs.** Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course, are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact UC Davis Student Disability Center for disability access: [https://sdc.ucdavis.edu/](https://sdc.ucdavis.edu/). Students who have, or suspect they may have, a disability should seek services through Disability Services. Students must be registered with Disability Services and receive written authorization to obtain disability-related accommodations.

**Health and counseling service.** UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services or SHCS provides a wide variety of medical, mental health, and wellness services to all registered UC Davis students regardless of insurance coverage. More information at: [https://shcs.ucdavis.edu](https://shcs.ucdavis.edu).

**Technology and learning support.** The use of cellular telephones is strictly forbidden in class. Phones must be packed away and turned off or switched to silent mode (not vibrate mode). Laptops and tablets with approved software are allowed in class. Students using laptops or tablets are asked to sit either in the back or sides of the classroom to minimize disruption to other students, although this does not apply to students with special needs (such as permission to record lectures) or disability provisions.

**ACADEMIC CONDUCT**

**Collaboration on coursework.** Collaboration on your team research project and discussion leadership is necessary and expected. All of your other assignments and exams must be your own original work, although we encourage you to solicit feedback on your drafts from friends, classmates, and the Learning Skills Center in 2205 Dutton Hall (Link: [http://lsc.ucdavis.edu/](http://lsc.ucdavis.edu/)). Please maintain all of your drafts with comments for your records. All of your work completed for this course must be completed for this course alone.
Citations, quotations, and paraphrasing. You must correctly cite, in APA style, all the sources from which you get information for your classwork. As a general rule of thumb, when you use more than three consecutive words from a source, quote the source by inserting a parenthetical citation and referencing the page number within it. Paraphrase authors’ work that you do not quote directly by using your own words to express their ideas. Copying or using any information from a source and not attributing the information to the proper source is plagiarism (see below).

Student Code of Conduct. All students should be familiar with the Student Code of Academic Conduct that is located here: http://sja.ucdavis.edu/cac.html. Please review this carefully and ask your instructor if you have any questions. Remember the instructor is obliged to refer you to Student Judicial Affairs in all cases of violation or suspected violation. In addition to the well-known problems of plagiarism (see below) and cheating on examinations, it is also a violation of the Code of Conduct to use your own written materials from papers prepared for other classes, unless you take the following points into consideration. It is permissible to use materials and texts from other class projects, within CRD or in other departments, under these conditions:

1. You inform the instructor beforehand.
2. You clearly identify the portions where you quote yourself (or collaborative work).
3. You provide a copy of the previous work you have submitted in the other class to the instructor.
4. To ensure that you receive a good grade make sure that the quoted or reused parts fit seamlessly into the assignment for THIS class.
5. If you have any doubts about the extent to which you can use already written materials, please speak with the instructor or your TA prior to making any submission.

Plagiarism and other academic misconduct will not be tolerated and will be punished to the full extent of university policy. You are responsible for knowing what constitutes plagiarism and other academic misconduct. Below is the basic definition of plagiarism according to our university:

Plagiarism means presenting the words, phrases, ideas or work of another, including certain facts and statistics, as if they were your own. To avoid plagiarizing, you must clearly acknowledge the source of any borrowed language or ideas that you present in your own work. Quotation marks, followed by documentation, should be used to indicate the exact words of others. A signal phrase identifying a source and/or parenthetical citation or a superscript number should denote the summarized or paraphrased ideas of others, depending on the particular style the paper follows.

For more on academic misconduct and policy, see: http://cai.ucdavis.edu/plagiarism.html. The Academic Integrity Project offers information on citations: http://cai.ucdavis.edu/citation.html.
# Course Timetable

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**Community Analysis and Theories of Change**

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**Reflection essay #2 due by noon on February 26th**

**Community meeting report due by noon on March 13th**

**Final portfolio due by 12:00 noon on March 18th**
Weekly Schedule and Reading List

The following pages contain a description of the coverage of lectures in this quarter, including lists of required readings for lecture, multimedia options, and a selection of additional optional resources for self-study or further interest. All readings are posted on the course Canvas page.

Part 1 - Foundational Ideas

Jan. 7: Introduction to the course

Required readings

Jan. 9: Societies / communities

Required readings

Optional readings

Jan. 14: Concepts in community studies

Required readings

Optional readings

Part 2 - Community Studies in a Historical Perspective

Jan. 16: Industrialization and urbanization

Required readings

Optional readings

Jan. 21: The ‘Post-War’ community

Required readings

Jan. 23: Community restructuring in the late-20th Century

Required readings

Optional readings

Jan. 28: Research, referencing, and writing Skills

Required readings

Optional readings
• Examples of previous student essays posted on Canvas.
Jan. 30: No lecture – TA ‘drop-in’ to discuss reflection essays

No required readings

Feb. 4: Globalization, technology, and finance

Multimedia option

Required readings

Optional readings

Part 3 - Contemporary Problems in Community Studies

Feb. 6: Key issues: Class, race, and ethnicity

Multimedia

Required readings

Optional readings

Feb. 11: Key issues: Gender and sexuality

Multimedia option
• Crenshaw, Kimberlé. 2016. On Intersectionality. Link: [https://youtu.be/-DW4HLgYPtA](https://youtu.be/-DW4HLgYPtA).

**Required readings**


**Optional readings**


**Feb. 13: Key issues: Health, nutrition, and wellbeing**

**Required readings**


**Optional readings**


**Feb. 18: Key issues: Infrastructure, housing, and economic development**

**Multimedia option**


**Required readings**


**Optional readings**


Feb. 20: Key issues: Sustainability and resilience

Multimedia option


Required readings


Optional readings


Feb. 25: Key issues: Global inequality, migration, citizenship

Required readings


Optional readings


Part 4 - Community Analysis and Theories of Change

Feb. 27: Community change in action

Multimedia option

- What If You Controlled the Budget? An Experiment in Democracy. The Atlantic. Link: https://youtu.be/DHhm6W0sD7M.

Required readings

Optional readings

Mar. 3: Social mobilization and justice

Multimedia option
• How Do You Design a Just Society? Thought Experiment: The Original Position. PBS Idea Channel. Link: https://youtu.be/P3gWGtf_w_s.

Required readings

Optional readings

Mar. 5: Community research methods I

Required readings

Optional readings

Mar. 10: Community research methods II

Required readings
• Green, Gary Paul. 2010. Community Assets: Building the Capacity for Development. In: 
Mobilizing Communities: Asset Building as a Community Development Strategy. Green, 

Optional readings
Planning and Community Investment, City of San Diego. Link: 
https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/planning/genplan/pdf/generalplan/cityof 
sandiegocppm.pdf

Mar. 12: Enabling transformative change

Required readings
• DeFilippis, James, Robert Fisher, and Eric Shragge. 2010. Radicalizing Community. In: 
Contesting Community: The Limits and Potential of Local Organizing. Rutgers University 
Press.

Optional readings
Politics. Environment and Urbanization, 13(2), 23–43.
• Fung, Archon and Erik Olin Wright. 2001. Deepening Democracy: Innovations in 
and Susan S. Fainstein (Eds.). University of Pennsylvania Press.
APPENDIX 1: GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY MEETING REPORT

Instruction: The report is to be written individually, but of course with some acceptable commonalities in section 1 and 2. Section 3 must reference particular concepts from lectures or assigned readings. Please make sure you address every bullet point within the approximate wordcount for each section. You are free to write in ‘first person’ (from your own point of view or perspective).

1. Background Information (~100 words)
   1.1 Location of meeting
   1.2 Date/venue of meeting
   1.3 Objective of meeting
   1.4 Number of meeting participants

2. Description of Events (~400 words)
   2.1 Synopsis
      • Who participated in the meeting?
      • What were the main issues discussed in the meeting?
   2.2 Meeting Process
      • How was the discussion organized and/or facilitated (and by whom)?
      • How did participants express approval or disagreement?
      • Were there conflicts and, if so, how were they resolved?
   2.2 Meeting Outcomes
      • How was agreement or consensus reached (or not)?
      • What was the sentiment or mood of meeting participations at the end of the meeting?
      • Were there any follow-up points of order?

3. Reflection (~500 words)
   3.1 Structure and Process
      • Was the meeting successful in achieving the goals and objectives set forth in the agenda?
      • Did you think the meeting was adequately facilitated, including the management of speaking time or any conflicts? Were there any particularly obvious power dynamics?
      • Were diverse ideas or opinions respected, included, or acted upon during the meeting? On reflection, were there viewpoints not represented (or excluded) in the meeting?
      • What are some practical insights (for example in terms of setting up, running, facilitating, or managing meetings) that you intend to draw upon when leading or participating in future meetings?
### 3.2 Conceptual Links

- What is a major social science concept we discussed in class that was present in the meeting? How was it present or how did you observe it?
- How does your chosen social science concept explain what ‘worked’ or what did not ‘work’ in the meeting? How does the concept inform strategies to improve such meetings in the future?

### Reminders

The report should be written in 12-point Times font, double-spaced, and with 1-inch margins. The wordcount is exclusive of figures/diagram (and their captions) or reference list, which should be compiled in APA citation style. Your report should include references to at least three journal articles, books, or book chapters. Websites or published reports do not count towards the three sources. The individual report should be submitted as either a MS Word or PDF file on Canvas.

The report is to be submitted on Canvas by 12:00 noon on March 13th. The Canvas link is live so you can submit this assignment early.

In our final week of discussion sections, each group will give a 10-minute presentation covering the same topics in points 1, 2, and 3 listed above. The presentation should be done with MS PowerPoint and contain no more than five slides. The presentation must include at least one photo of group members in the meeting. In addition to text, the presentation must also include some figures as well as appropriate references (APA style).
APPENDIX 2: GROUND RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CONDUCT IN CLASS

As instructors, the Teaching Assistants and myself assume that you are all adults taking the class by choice. The class requires you to cultivate and maintain what I consider to be essential characteristics of good students: curiosity, courage, and discipline. Class time will allow for discussion of various topics, many of which are quite controversial. Thus, the following are the ground rules that those that we propose to provide a safe and respectful atmosphere (see also the UC Davis Principles of Community). Previous classes have created and edited these ground rules, and we took time in class to determine what changes, if any, we want to implement. The following agreements are what we arrived at:

1. We agree that treating others with compassion, empathy, and respect is something we will strive toward, even if we do it imperfectly. This means we agree to create a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment for our own benefit and the benefit of our fellow students, our class as a whole, and our broader community. This includes being proactive about communicating how you would like to be treated and respected (such as your gender pronouns, trigger issues for you, etc.), and not making assumptions about what other people think or value based on how they appear. Open communication about what constitutes respectful behavior is important.

2. We agree that striving to use inclusive language (e.g., “humankind” instead of “mankind,” “you all” instead of “you guys,” etc.) is important in creating an inclusive learning environment. We also recognize that this might go against conditioned language patterns, so might be challenging at first, but the benefits of changing that conditioning are important.

3. We agree to respect and give voice to our own viewpoints, even when they appear to be internally conflicting and contradictory. Everyone can contribute, and each contribution is unique and important.

4. We agree to support and respect our peers, Teaching Assistants, and professor in giving voice to their own viewpoints, even if they may be opposed to our own.

5. We agree to attempt to avoid dominance in discussions, which involves being mindful of the amount of our contributions in relation to that of others. If we tend to be quiet in group discussions, we agree to speak up more often, and if we tend to be dominant in group discussions, we agree to listen more often. We also agree to speak up — through whatever channel is most comfortable or appropriate — when we believe that dominance is occurring so that it can be corrected. Avoiding dominance also includes letting others finish expressing their thoughts, rather than interrupting.

6. We agree to begin statements with “I think” or “I feel” as a way to introduce our views, especially when faced with other peoples’ conflicting perspectives or claims.

7. We agree to support others and ourselves in being silent, if that is what feels like the best approach to a difficult discussion. We are free to withdraw from any interaction at any time if we feel unsafe in any way.

8. We agree that there are no stupid questions. Questions, and all forms of inquiry, reflect interests and one main purpose of this course is to support our discovery of both our interests and the world in which we find ourselves. Additionally, we recognize that other students will benefit from the questions we ask.

9. We agree that we can provide honest feedback to our classmates and instructors, without fear of being belittled or attacked.
10. We agree that perfectionism can be harmful. We agree to strive to give ourselves permission to be wrong and to not judge ourselves or others too harshly when we/they are wrong or behave unskillfully.

11. We agree that forgiveness is an important stance to strive toward when faced with interactions that might have harmed us. We will try to not take disagreements or differences in perspective personally, and to not hold grudges over them.

12. We agree to take full responsibility for what we do with the learning opportunities in this course. This includes coming to class prepared to discuss assigned materials.

**CONTRACT STATEMENT**

Please fill in and sign the following statement, then print it, cut it out, and bring it to lecture within two weeks of the course.

Following the expectations set out above, I will spend ____ hours per week in class sessions (lecture, discussion section, and attending community meeting) for this class and ____ hours per week outside of class sessions for this class. I have read the above syllabus and agree to its terms and conditions.

Name (Printed): _____________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________

Date: ___________________________________