I. Locator Information

Semester: Spring 2013
Course Number and Name: Sociology 502–Sociology of Violence
Semester Credit Hours: 3
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II. Course Description

**SOCI 502 Sociology of Violence** is an advanced course designed to cover the topic of violence. Theoretical and empirical underpinnings of violence will be examined. As well, various types of violence will be examined.

III. Disabled Student Services

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IV. Textbook


IV. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. To provide a comprehensive overview of the nature, development, and basic concepts of the Sociology of Violence
2. To provide an overview of the theoretical perspectives and methods of the Sociology of Violence.

VI. Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

Notebook on Readings: 30 percent (Notes must be completed on time for full credit and the student must attend the entire class to attain credit. Otherwise, there is a deduction of 40 percent.)

Participation: 20 percent

Scholarly Paper/Research Paper: 30 percent

Presentation of Scholarly Paper/Research Paper 20 percent

VII. Academic Support Services

The instructor of this course holds 8 hours of office hours per week. If you have any trouble understanding the material, I encourage you to stop by my office.

VIII. Course Outline and Assignment Schedule

This calendar is subject to change or adjustment as needed throughout the session.

January 10: Introduction to course

January 17: Vold (Ch. 1, Ch. 2) and Alvarez (Ch.1)

January 24: Vold (Ch. 3, Ch. 4) and Alvarez (Ch. 2)

January 31: Vold (Ch. 5, Ch. 6) and Alvarez (Ch. 3)

February 7: Vold (Ch. 7) and Alvarez (Ch. 4)

February 14: Vold (Ch. 8) and Alvarez (Ch. 5)
February 21: Vold (Ch. 9) and Alvarez (Ch. 6)

February 28: Review of Research Papers: Begin working on research papers

March 14: Vold (Ch. 10) and Alvarez (Ch. 7)

March 21: Vold (Ch. 11) and Alvarez (Ch. 8)

March 28: Vold (Ch. 12) and Alvarez (Ch. 9)

April 4: Vold (Ch. 14) and Alvarez (Ch. 10, Ch. 11)

April 11: Class Presentations

April 18: Class Presentations

April 25: Class Presentations

Each member of the class will complete a 10 page scholarly paper and make a presentation to the class on that particular topic. This course is designed to cover the general principles of the sociology of violence. Each student will choose a substantive area of the sociology of violence and examine the empirical findings and theoretical underpinning of that topic. The assignment will be discussed further in class.

IX: Teaching Strategies

The primary teaching strategies for the course will be discussion and analysis. Each student is expected to read the assigned readings and participate in an analysis or evaluation of those readings at the next class meeting. The course will require a good deal of written and oral analysis.

X. Selected References


