Course Overview:

This course will introduce students to large-scale social structures and processes. Students will learn about different types of societies; how entire societies change over time; and how all societies have now been included in one global society.

Course Objectives:

In this course students will
- come to understand how entire societies are organized or structured socially;
- learn the main types of societies that have existed in human history;
- learn how entire societies transform over the long term, changing from one type to another; and
- develop an understanding of “globalization”
  - over the very long term (the last 100,000 years)
  - the long term (the last 10,000 years)
  - the medium term (the last 500 years), and
  - the short term (the last 50 years).

Required Texts:


Readings on the CAS-IT server (http://www.casit.ilstu.edu)

Primary sources on various Internet History Sourcebooks

Grading:  

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Summaries. Each student will submit a summary of each day’s reading. These summaries will be a maximum of one-half page long. All summaries must be typed. I will not accept them by email.

Exams. There will be four take-home exams, for each of the four large sections of the course. Each will be a maximum of five pages, and must be typed. I will not accept them by email.
SECTION ONE: THEORY; THE FIRST HUMAN SOCIETIES

Week 1

Tues, Jan 13.  1. Introduction
   No reading

Thurs, Jan 15  2. Individuals and groups
(15 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp.3-18

Week 2

Tues, Jan 20  3. Models of society
(21 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 22-42

Thurs, Jan 22  4. Social change
(27 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 44-59, 63-75

Week 3

Tues, Jan 27   5. Prehistoric bands and the first globalization
(31 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 78-85
   Fagan, part of “The Great Diaspora”
   Oppenheimer, “Preface” and map
   Artifacts from Teaching Collection, Soc/Anthro Dept.

Thurs, Jan 29    6. Modern foraging bands
   Artifacts from Teaching Collection, Soc/Anthro Dept.

Week 4

Tues, Feb 3  7. The “Neolithic Revolution”
   filename is “Christian, Intensification 1”)
   Artifacts from Teaching Collection, Soc/Anthro Dept.

Thurs, Feb 5  8. Horticultural and pastoral tribes
(25 pages) Christian, “Intensification and the Origins of Agriculture,” pp. 236-244 (the
   filename is “Christian, Intensification 2”)
   Nolan and Lenski, “Horticultural Societies,” pp. 104-120, 179-181
   Artifacts from Teaching Collection, Soc/Anthro Dept.

Week 5
9. Theory and small-scale societies: **review session for first midterm**
No reading

**SECTION TWO: LARGE-SCALE SOCIETIES**

10. From tribes to chiefdoms
Nolan and Lenski, pp. 120-125
Bogucki, “Beyond Transegalitarian Societies,” pp. 261-273
Artifacts from Teaching Collection, Soc/Anthro Dept.

**Week 6**

Tuesday, February 17
**First take-home exam due**
11. Prehistoric chiefdoms
Nolan and Lenski, pp. 125-135
Artifacts: see Friday, February 20

Thursday, February 19
12. The rise of the state
Harris, “Emergence of Pristine States”
Primary sources: Sumer? Egypt? Mesoamerica?

Friday, February 20
Extra-credit field trip: Cahokia (chiefdom in SW Illinois)
**May be rescheduled for Sat, Feb 21, depending on student schedules**

**Week 7**

Tuesday, February 24
13. Patterns and structures of agrarian states
Primary sources: Europe? India?

Thursday, February 26
14. Agrarian rise and fall within civilizations
Primary sources: experience of decline
Week 8

Tues, Mar 3  15. long-distance trade, trade systems, early globalization
(28 pages)  Berdan, “Trade and Markets in Precapitalist States”
McNeill, “Information and Transportation Nets…”
Sanderson, maps of Afro-Eurasian trade system
Primary sources: Ibn Battuta, Marco Polo

Thurs, Mar 5  16. Large-scale societies: review for second exam
(0 pages)  No reading

Week 9

Tues, Mar 10  No class: spring break

Thurs, Mar 12  No class: spring break

SECTION THREE: MODERN GLOBALIZATION

Week 10

Tues, Mar 17  Second take-home exam due
17. Global transformation, 1450-1950
(25 pages)  Nolan and Lenski, “The Industrial Revolution,” pp. 188-204
Burr, “Timeline of Globalization”
“Colonialism,” Routledge Encyclopedia of International Political Economy (REIPE)
Lappé & Collins, “Why Can’t People Feed Themselves?”
Primary sources: industrialization

Thurs, Mar 19  18. Global politics, 1945-2008
(25 pages)  “Decolonization,” REIPE
Opello and Rosow, part of “The Nation-State”
“Cold War,” REIPE
Sernau, pp. 127-131
Primary sources: independence movements, Cold War
Week 11
(19 pages)
Kennedy, Introduction to *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*
Pease, excerpts on “International Organizations”
Primary source: Charter of the United Nations

Thurs, Mar 26 20. The global economy
(31 pages)
“Globalization,” International Encyclopedia of Business and Management
Irwin, “Trade and Globalization”
Maps, “Trends in World Trade”
“Commodity Chains” *REIPE*
Primary sources:

Week 12
Tues, Mar 31 21. Global development
(18 pages)
Sorensen, “Background,” and “States and Markets in…”
Gilpin, part of “The State and Economic Development”
Sernau, 159-160
Primary sources: global migrant experiences

Thurs, Apr 2 22. Global culture: education, media, INGOs
(18 pages)
Nolan and Lenski, pp. 238-245
Sernau, 71-82
Primary sources: samples of TV shows around the world

Week 13
Tues, Apr 7 23. Global political economy: review for midterm
(0 pages)
No reading

SECTION FOUR: MODERN SOCIETIES

Thurs, Apr 9 24. Developed societies: the economy
(25 pages)
Nolan and Lenski, pp. 208-233
Primary sources: rural to urban migration, factory experience

Week 14
Tues, Apr 14 Third take-home exam due
25. Developed societies: politics and stratification
Spring 2009 Sociology 220: Global Social Change

(29 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 245-259, 261-276
Primary sources: politics, gender

Thurs, Apr 16  26. Developed societies:
(21 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 278-299
Primary sources: politics, gender

Week 15

Tues, Apr 21  27. Developing states and “development”
(34 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 300-320
Sernau, pp. 3-14, pp. 33-36
Primary sources: from subsistence to market production

Thurs, Apr 23  28. Developing states—ethnic problems
(29 pages) Sernau, pp. 43-54, pp. 65-68, pp. 119-126, pp. 133-139
Primary sources: civil wars, ethnic cleansing

Week 16

Tues, Apr 28  29. Developing states—sociocultural problems
Primary sources: more rural-to-urban, gender experiences

Thurs, Apr 30  30. Modern societies: review for final exam
(31 pages) Nolan and Lenski, pp. 322-350
Sernau, pp. 27-30, 209-210

Week 17

Tues, May 5  Final take-home exam due, 10 a.m.-noon, 105 Felmley