

FAQ

- If you do not understand any requirement and following points will not help, contact the lecturer via email/ directly during or after the class and ask.
- Grade consist of the evaluation of your final essay (60 %), class participation (20 %), synopses (20 %).
- You can miss 4 classes without an apology and confirmation, that it was for a serious reason (illness).

Synopses

- The compulsory number of synopses is 4.
- Length: 100 – 250 words
- Design requirements:
 - Structure
 - name – title of the reading – synopsis - bibliography
 - Introduce (explain) the main argument.
 - Contextualize it a bit.
 - Ask question/put comment (smth. not understood? Curious about something? Some ideas?).
- Due
 - Always a midnight on the day before the class to which the reading is ascribed!
- Evaluative criteria:
 - To fulfil design requirements.

Essay

- The topic + bibliography needs to be uploaded in Moodle until December 15th.
- The deadline for the essay is January 31st, but sooner you will submit, the more time you will have for its corrections.
- The essay length should be 1250 - 1750 words (60 % of the final grade).
- You need to base it on at least **3 titles of scholarly literature** (at least one from the course' mandatory literature).
- All the sources (for the topic analysis) needs to be from the following fields: A) anthropology; B) sociology; C) social geography.
- Literature from other fields is acceptable in limited extend – and should serve only as an example = application of the theory.
 - Essay design:
 - Building upon literature – discussion of a selected topic, comparing different theoretical approaches to it (apply a theory/ concept on some phenomenon).
 - Further requirements

- The arguments must be rooted in literature!
 - Cite everything properly! – beware of plagiarism:
 - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>
 - Proper structure: Title – Introduction – Body – Conclusions – Sources!
 - Usage of value-free = non-judgemental language.
 - Clarity – be precise (always must be clear, what do you mean).
 - Use spell-check.
 - Include: date, your name, name of the course into the heading.
 - Title of the file: your name_title of the essay.
- Evaluative criteria:
 - Theoretical expertise (concepts and terms)
 - Logic and clarity of the argument
 - Detailed evidence supporting the argument
 - Formal requirements (form, design, length, language, style)
 - *Student's expertise (value added) – plus points!*