



Class Location: Online

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Course Description: Explore social processes and social problems as they are contained in the highly interdependent world system. Examine social change and development through historical, comparative, and critical perspectives. Analyze the problem of how and why societies and cultures around the world change, and evaluate whether those changes promote justice, equity, democracy, and development of human potential.

Course objectives:

- Students will be able to use a sociological perspective when thinking about social change and economic development.
- Students will be able to articulate various concepts and ideas related to globalization, transnational inequality, development, and social change.
- Students will develop critical thinking skills by looking at ongoing debates in development thought, including those that inform development theory and practice.
- Students will be able to place contemporary patterns of economic development in a historical context.
- By the conclusion of the course, students will be able to identify the causes and consequences of economic changes in society.

Mode of instruction and course access: This course is 100% online and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]. CANVAS is where you will find 100% of the information related to this course, including discussions, quizzes, and exams. Monitor CANVAS for announcements every day, not just on the days things are due/assigned, since due dates occasionally may change due to unforeseen circumstances (ex: network outage).

Contacting your professor:

The **best way to contact me is through email** (roslyn.schoen@tamuct.edu). I check email every day during the week and often on the weekends as well. I do not respond to email after 9 PM; if you email in the middle of the night, please look for my response the following day. I am on campus during my office hours should you need to talk to me in person. Also, the best way to refer to your professor in email or in person is as “Professor Schoen” or “Dr. Schoen,” pronounced SHANE.

911 Cellular:

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University – Central Texas

911Cellular is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas

the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911 Cellular through their myCT email account. Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

Required reading materials:

The Sociology of Development Handbook, edited by Gregory Hooks. 2016. Oakland, CA: The University of California Press. ISBN: 9780520277786

Course requirements:

Below is a description of the five main activities for this online course. They include (1) reading assignments, (2) journal reflections, (3) participation on the course discussion board, (4) taking online quizzes, and (5) one final paper.

You will notice that 80% of your grade is based on weekly work, which means it is imperative that you keep up with readings and weekly assignments. Students who ignore the weekly assignments and attempt to “catch up” later in the semester have a very difficult time passing the course.

1. **Reading assignments and other materials:** Readings for the course are listed in the schedule below. Students should complete the weekly readings before attempting to complete any assignment, including discussion boards. **Additional readings will be available online in the course E-Reserves folder.** E-Reserve readings are marked on the course schedule as “eRes” readings and are just as important as the readings from your book. ****Our E-Reserve password is: develop** (all lower case)

I may also provide you with links to news articles or video clips in the weekly modules. Please be sure to look at all the supplemental items I post, as they are a part of our learning materials for the course. Quizzes and your final exam may include questions on any of the readings, supplemental videos, and news articles.

2. **Journal reflections:** In order to reflect on course materials in a space that is separate from peer discussions, students will compose journal entries that reflect on the weekly topic. These journals will be private (i.e. can only be viewed by the student and instructor) and are your chance to analyze and reflect on the readings for the week. Journals should be approximately 500-900 words and should demonstrate that you have completed the readings and have engaged in thoughtful consideration of the themes contained within. **Journals are due on Sunday at 11:59 PM CST. Each journal is worth 25 points, for a total of 100 points or 20% of your grade.**
3. **Discussion Boards:** Students will participate on our course discussion board, with graded discussion taking place during 6 of the 16 weeks this semester. **Participation on**

graded discussion boards is imperative and will constitute 30% of your grade, or a total of 150 points. Your primary/initial postings will address my weekly discussion question(s) and should be made by **midnight (11:59 PM CST) each Thursday**. Once several initial posts have been made, you will move on by reading and responding to at least two of your peers' primary posts. Response posts commenting and reflecting upon the comments of your peers should be made by **midnight (11:59 PM CST) each Sunday**. **Late posts will not receive credit.**

PLEASE READ A, B, C, AND D BELOW FOR INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Initial, Primary Response (10 pts)—due Thursdays at 11:59 PM CST

Students are expected to read the assigned materials *prior* to responding to discussion threads. **The student should devote the first part of the week to reading and understanding the assigned reading. Note taking and outlining is recommended. You should be ready toward the middle of the week (Wednesday) to post your primary response.**

Early in the week (usually on Tuesday), the discussion question(s) will be made available. The student will respond to my question(s) by posting his/her response. This *initial, primary response* should reflect familiarity with the readings, and should answer the question as completely and thoughtfully as possible. **This response should be at least 250 words.** A response that is not at least a half page/250 words in length cannot receive full credit. **Responses must demonstrate substance beyond the student's agreement with a statement or the mere expression of opinions. The student should support his/her responses in some way with references to the assigned readings or data from another scholarly source.**

****A note on outside sources:** Bringing in other sources beyond the syllabus is, for the most part, optional. For example, to make a specific discussion point you may find that looking at published US Census data is helpful to illustrate your remark. That is an appropriate use of an outside source, and you should provide a link to help your classmates understand where you found the data. If you are unsure about what constitutes a scholarly source, please see the **introduction to scholarly literature** on Canvas under "Files."

****A note on quotations:** Quotations do not count toward your 250 word minimum; only your own words count. You can assume everyone has done the readings, so there is no need to re-state large portions of the reading material in your posts. **Please use quotations sparingly, i.e., only to orient one another to specific passages in the readings (with page #s cited in parentheses).** Posts that include mostly quotations or lengthy quotations will not receive credit. This ill-advised practice merely adds clutter to the discussion process and is inappropriate for our purposes.

B. Additional Secondary Response (10 pts each)—due Sundays at 11:59 PM CST

After another student has made his/her own initial response, the student must make a *secondary response to what another student wrote*. **Do not be eager to post your secondary response. Wait to respond to a post that appears inadequate in some way.** This secondary response need not be a half page in length, but it should entail at least a couple of sentences or more. This secondary response should be substantive, **and you should attempt to support your response in some way from the readings.** *Your response is primarily concerned with whether the student responded adequately to my original post.* Simply stating that you agree or disagree with someone is unacceptable: you must provide some reasons that are grounded in course materials. Remember that **your primary task is not to agree or disagree, but to analyze another's post in a thoughtful, critical (and respectful) way.**

- After making three discussion posts for the week, you have complied with the requirements of the course. However, some topics are personally very interesting and so you may elect to continue posting responses to other students and keep discussions alive.
- **There are no makeups for discussions, because we have moved on after the deadlines.** We have a new topic to discuss, and there is no one left to read your posts and discuss anything with you from the previous week.
- Discussion board interactions should foster a critical evaluation and understanding of course concepts. In the absence of classroom discussion, this type of activity will provide a forum for the expression of ideas among a group of students.

C. My Responses: Dr. Schoen will frequently respond to selected posts and threads. It is the student's responsibility to read her responses to these posts. Sometimes inaccurate information is presented by students that should be corrected, and the purpose of instructor replies is to alert the class to such information. I will occasionally post a summary document to help clarify tricky content. These summaries will be essential for when you study for the final exam. You may ask relevant questions regarding my responses within the discussion to clarify information; however, **my intent is to make sure the concept has been covered adequately, not to engage in a debate on the topic.**

D. Netiquette: All students are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all messages and threaded discussions. Students may refer to the Student Handbook (located under Student Affairs/Student Conduct on the Texas A&M University-Central Texas website) for further information along these lines. Please also see the note on appropriate communication located in the Course Information module on Canvas. **Inappropriate or offensive messages or remarks may result in expulsion from the course and/or separation from the institution.**

Grading Criteria for Discussion Boards: The following rubric outlines how discussion boards will be graded. Note that assessments will focus on the *quality* of your discussion posts and not the *quantity* (i.e. I am not looking for "good idea" or "Yeah, I agree.>"). Quality participation pertains to a student's responding in relevant, meaningful ways, **based upon the assigned readings for that week.**

Grading Criteria for Discussion Posts	Point Value (30)
<p>Meaningful Ideas Grounded in Course Materials: Post explains issues, provide new perspectives, and meaningfully elaborate on the given topic. Post examines the topic from a perspective that contributes to group understanding. Posts demonstrate that you have <u>read and comprehended the sources</u> by engaging with the assigned materials. Posts should be scholarly, exhibit critical thought, and must be grounded in the empirical and theoretical sources assigned by the instructor. Students should strive to move beyond reliance on cliché, platitudes, or sound-bite ideas common in popular opinion or mainstream rhetoric. (Hint: If you saw it on Facebook, then it's likely neither critical nor scholarly.)</p>	6
<p>Message Coherence: In order to meaningfully engage the topic, posts MUST be cited appropriately and written in clear, grammatically-correct, and properly-spelled English. Students must use complete sentences. Stream-of-consciousness posts will lose points.</p>	4
<p>Response Posts (2): Responses elaborate, contradict, modify, or explain the original message and stay on topic, drawing on the readings and other course materials where appropriate.</p> <p>(Note: Response posts are worth 10 points each. If you only write a primary post, and no responses, the maximum points you can earn for the discussion is 10.)</p>	2 response posts @ 10 pts each

- 4. Quizzes:** Students will take 6 quizzes at regular intervals throughout the course. **Quizzes are each worth 25 points, or 150 points in total (30% of your grade).** Quizzes will cover the readings and other material assigned for the same week. On weeks when you have a quiz, you should first complete the readings and take notes. There will be **no discussion board or reflection essay during the weeks you take a quiz** so that you can focus on and prepare for the quiz. Prepare and manage your time wisely; you will not be able to re-take a quiz, nor can you re-open a quiz once you have started it. Quizzes will be **available from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday at 11:59 PM CST. There are no makeup quizzes.** The Sunday night deadline is final.

Note: Questions from the quizzes will help you prepare for the final exam because certain questions will reappear on the final.

5. **Final Paper:** There will be one final paper where you will choose a current event or topic in the new and relate it to development and change, using the materials we engaged with during the semester. Your paper will be due on Wednesday, December 12th. Detailed instructions and a grading rubric will be available on CANVAS in the “Final Paper” module. *The paper is worth 100 points, which is 20% of your grade.*

Coursework	Points
Discussion board participation (5 @ 30 points)	150
Journal reflections (4 @ 25 points)	100
Quizzes (6 @ 25 pts)	150
Final paper	100
Total:	500

Points	Percent	Grade
446 - 500	90 – 100%	A
396 - 445	80 - 89%	B
346 - 395	70 – 79%	C
296 - 345	60 – 69%	D
295 or below	0 – 59%	F

Posting of Grades:

- All student grades will be posted using the Canvas grade book and students should monitor their grade status through this tool.
- Students should always refer to the syllabus for total points and points possible. The Canvas gradebook tool may misinform students from time to time.
- Grades will usually be posted within 7-10 days of due dates. Some assignments, like our discussion boards, could require more time to read through and give individualized feedback. For such assessments, you may need to be patient.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements.

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure CANVAS learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>].

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)

Password: Your MyCT password

Technology Support.

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466
[Web Chat: \[http://hdc.tamu.edu\]](http://hdc.tamu.edu)

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

For issues with **Canvas**, select “chat with Canvas support,” submit a support request to Canvas Tier 1, or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953, links to all are found inside of Canvas using the “Help” link.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Technology issues are not an excuse for missing a course requirement – make sure your computer is configured correctly and address issues well in advance of deadlines.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Numbered chapters are from your book, *The Sociology of Development Handbook*. Readings not in your book are labeled “eRes.” These reading assignments are available on the course E-Reserves (eRes) page. (eRes password: develop)

Week 1. Aug 27 – Sept 2

Topics	Read	Complete
1. Course orientation	Syllabus ... yes, the syllabus will be included on quiz 1	Quiz 1 and Discussion board introductions
Background of sociology of development	eRes “New Directions for the Sociology of Development” by Viterna and Robertson	

Week 2. Sept 4 - 9

Topics	Read	Complete
What is development? What is globalization?	Book Introduction: “A Manifesto for Sociology of Development” by S. Cohn and G. Hooks (pgs. 1-18) eRes “Globalization: It’s Portents for Indian Culture” by Ananthamurthy (In: From Individual to Community, pgs. 22-30)	Journal 1

Week 3. Sept 10 - 16

Topics	Read	Complete
Are there just too many people?	Chapter 2, pg. 48-68 and Chapter 8, pgs. 207-223 Watch: “Don’t Panic: The Facts About Population”	Discussion board posts

Week 4. Sept 17 - 23

Topics	Read	Complete
What causes development?	Chapter 4, pg. 95-126 Chapter 25, Pg. 597-619 *When you read these chapters, it is more important to pay attention to the debates; you do not need to memorize the names of authors cited.	Quiz 2

Week 5. Sept 24 – 30

Topics	Read	Complete
Gender and Development	Chapter 1, pg. 21-47 and Chapter 6, pg. 153-189	Discussion board posts

Week 6. Oct 1 - 7

Topics	Read	Complete
The Environment	Chapter 3, pg. 69-94 and Chapter 7, pg. 190-206 eRes: Watch “Dry Season: Years of Living Dangerously”	Journal 2

Week 7. Oct 8 - 14

Topics	Read	Complete
Ideological underpinnings	“On Neoliberalism: An Interview with David Harvey” in MR online Chapter 19, pg. 463-484	Quiz 3

Week 8. Oct 15 - 21

Topics	Read	Complete
Development and Globalization	Chapter 23, pg. 553-576 Chapter 27, pg. 645-666 eRes: Watch film “Maquilapolis”	Journal 2

Week 9. Oct 22 - 28

Topics	Read	Complete
Development and the Nation-State	Chapter 16, pg. 393-413 Chapter 17, pg. 414-439	Quiz 4

Week 10. Oct 30 – Nov 4 *Note time change this Sunday*

Topics	Read	Complete
Development and Education	Chapter 10, pg. 241-261 Chapter 14, pg. 340-361	Discussion board posts

Week 11. Nov 5 - 11

Topics	Read	Complete
Conflict	Chapter 18, pg. 440-462 Chapter 21, pg. 505-527 eRes: Watch film <i>Big Men</i>	Quiz 5

Week 12. Nov 12 - 18

Topics	Read	Complete
Migration	Chapter 13 and Chapter 15 eRes: Watch “Abrazos” via Kanopy (45 mins)	Journal 3

Week 13. Nov 19 – 25 *Thanksgiving Week*

Topics	Read	Complete
Development and Health	Chapter 9, pg. 224-240	Discussion board posts

Week 14. Nov 26 – Dec 2

Topics	Read	Complete
Social Change I	Chapter 22, pg. 528-550 eRes: Watch “The Changemakers Piketty and Klein”	Quiz 6

Week 15. Dec 3 - 9

Topics	Read	Complete
Social Change II	eRes: “Rethinking Development” chapter by P. McMichael eRes: TBA	Journal 4

Week 16. Dec 10 – 14

Topics	Read	Complete
Finals Week	No new readings. Your final paper is due on Wednesday, December 12 th .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FINAL PAPER DUE @ 11:59 PM on December 12th.

Commencement is Friday, December 14th at 7 PM.

Final Grades will be submitted on or before Tuesday, December 18th.

COURSE POLICIES

Make-up and late policies

This is a 100% online course. You are responsible for managing your time to make sure you complete all assignments on time. ****There are no make-ups for discussion posts, journals, or quizzes.**** In the event that a student experiences an illness, injury, or other emergency that causes them to miss a discussion board or quiz, the student has the right to an alternative assignment to make up missed points. The instructor will choose the alternative assignment. In this case, the student must provide official documentation that includes their name and the dates of the illness or emergency (e.g. doctor’s note, police report).

Plagiarism policy

Plagiarism on any assignment (discussion boards, quizzes, journals, etc) will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for understanding what constitutes plagiarism. If you are confused, please ask me. If an assignment is found to be plagiarized, the student will receive a zero for that assignment and a referral to Student Affairs. If the plagiarism is egregious, the student will receive an F for the course. See also: section below on Academic Integrity.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a Drop Request Form

[https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity.

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest

evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

If you are uncertain about what counts as cheating or plagiarism, please talk to your instructor ASAP!

Academic Accommodations.

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The

Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion web page [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html>].

Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students.

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs web page [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring.

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center.

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via WConline at [<https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu for any assistance needed with scheduling.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

If you have any questions about the UWC, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

University Library.

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at

A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library.

Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [<http://tamuct.libguides.com/index>].

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