

Make sure that the purpose of the assignment is clear to students. Create a structure for an assignment to make it easy to follow.

SOC 248054: Urban Politics & Policy
Spring 2019
Photo Essay

Purpose:

The aim of this assignment is to help you visualize concepts you have learned in the course *Urban Politics & Policy* through your daily experience. This exercise asks you to ground sociological ideas in both lived experiences, and through technology.

Instructions:

Use action verb such as elaborate, create, and connect, etc. This is a student-centered approach to assigning an exercise.

First, you should take a picture of an urban experience (broadly defined) such as an urban neighborhood, street vendors, buildings, public spaces, or an ethnic enclave. The picture could be about New York City or another city. Be creative, but you should be the photographer who captures the urban moment that you experience. Do not download a picture found on the Internet.

After taking the picture, write a short essay, explain how your picture is related to the content of the course. Specifically, you should relate the content of your picture to one or a few theoretical concepts. Explain how these theoretical concepts shed light on the urban experience that you observed. Write a one-page (250 words) narrative to connect your concept(s) to the picture, your daily experience, and/or your fellow city dwellers' experiences.

The list of concepts below will provide you with some conceptual suggestions. You can choose one or a few concepts from the list. Oftentimes, the fewer the concepts the better the essay. You should demonstrate that you understand the concepts and know how to apply them in real life situations. In other words, depth is preferred over breadth.

Submission:

Have clear instructions on how students can complete the assignment, where they should submit, how they submit the final product, and what it is worth for them in relations to other assignments in the class.

The assignment is worth total 5% of your total grade. You should submit your photo essay via an assignment submission link on Blackboard. It is due at **midnight on March 5th, 2019**

Possible Terms:

Tower in the Park
Ethnic enclave
Urbanism as a way of life
Concentric Zone Model
Urban Revitalization
Subculture
Gesellschaft vs. Gemeinschaft
Eye on the street
Robert Moses

Single use zoning
Residential segregation
Ethnic politics in the city
Suburbanization
Urbanization
Suburbanization
Gentrification
Underclass
The Ghetto

As a scaffolding assignment, the content of the assignment should be related to students' previous assignments, mid-term, and possibly final research project.