Class meets on Monday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Office hours on Monday are at 11:45 a.m. and on Wednesday at 12:45 p.m.

Summary
This course presents overviews and in-depth examinations of key sociological issues in modern social life. The initial concept is modernity, a broad term social theorists have used for the last 150 years to refer to the cultural, political, scientific/technological, and industrial trends that have spread across large portions of the United States, Canada, Western Europe, India, countries of the Pacific Rim, as well as cosmopolitan centers in cities around the world. At the beginning of the course I will provide an overview of modernity. After this overview we will read works that direct attention to modernity with more specific themes in mind. In the first half of the course we will read works on the culture of modernity. In the second half of the course we will look at the nature of power and domination in modernity and we will look at America’s racial problems through an extended critical encounter with the sociology of William Julius Wilson.

The Importance of Attendance and Lectures
Students are expected to attend all lectures. Examinations will include material that is not available in the reading assignments. Students who do not attend the majority of lectures will have difficulty passing this course. I will take attendance and I will deduct six (6) points from your final grade if you are absent from class six (6) times. Students who regularly leave the class before it closes will also be penalized six (6) points.

Examinations
Exams will be organized as long-form take-home questions that require expository essays. Students will have approximately one week to complete each exam. Students will be expected to know the course material from both the reading assignments and the class lectures. Exam questions will ask students to think for themselves. Some exam questions will be written so that there is no single correct answer. Five (5) points on each of the first two (2) exams will depend on a student’s writing style as outlined below. Four (4) exams will be assigned for this course. Six (6) points will be deducted for unexcused late exams that are overdue five (5) days or less. Ten (10) points will be deducted for unexcused late exams that are overdue six (6) days or more.

Grading
1st exam =15 points; 2nd exam=20 points; 3rd exam=40 points; 4th exam=25 points; total=100
A=92-100; B+=90-91.9; B=82-89.9; C+=80-81.9; C=70-79.9; D=60-70; F=0-59.9

Plagiarism
Every student must write an exam in his/her own words. Failure to write in one’s own words will be regarded as plagiarism. Plagiarism includes: parallels in sentence structure, wording, or any rearrangement of material from another student’s exam. Plagiarism also includes any material quoted, paraphrased, or otherwise used without footnote from any internet, published, or student-written sources. Exams or materials from paper and exam services will be treated as plagiarism. All forms of plagiarism will result in harsh penalties, including the ultimate penalty of failing the course. I reserve the right to administer an oral examination to confirm that the written examinations are the product of a student’s own work.

Writing Across the Curriculum
This course is designated as a course in the Writing Across the Curriculum Program. Five (5) points on the first two (2) take-home written examinations will be reserved for a grade on the quality of your writing. This is ten percent (10%) of your final grade.

Criteria for the writing grade include, but are not limited to:

1. structure and organization of the response to the question
2. vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax
Reading Assignments
These consist of books to purchase as well as readings on Blackboard (marked BB on the syllabus). All reading assignments are very important. Books to purchase are available (many in used editions) at the Rutgers University Book Store as well as online.

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The Rutgers policy on academic integrity may be found at: http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu

Texts
The following books for the course are on sale at the Rutgers University Bookstore and many may also be available online. However, the rental arrangements the Bookstore offers on some books may be the best deals for students.

Required Books Available at the Rutgers University Bookstore (Bradley Hall)

Syllabus

Week 1 no reading – all lecture
           (BB) “Technological Singularity” Wikipedia.

Week 3 FIRST EXAM (15 POINTS)
Weeks 4-6  Anthony Giddens, *Modernity and Self-Identity*  
           Chap. 1, All.  
           Chap. 2, pp. 2, 35-42, 52-57.  
           Chap. 3, All.  
           Chap. 4, pp. 109-114, 126-133.

Week 6 SECOND EXAM (20 POINTS)
           (BB) Polanyi on Markets.
           (BB) Dale on Polanyi.

Week 12    THIRD EXAM (40 POINTS)
            (BB) Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, Chaps. 11-12.

Last Exam = 25 Points. Due During Finals Week.