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## Course Description

This course is about organizations. Society is made up of organizations. Most everything done in modern societies is done through organizations. Think about it a minute. What is not done through organizations? In this course, we take a hard, analytical look at organizations.

## Student Learning Objectives

- Identify and understand current theories of organizations.
- Understand physical ed. Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications.

Sociology Writing Group. 2013. *A Guide to Writing Sociology Papers*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Worth Publishers. You can use an earlier edition.

## Book for the Book Review

Graeber, David. 2015. *The Utopia of Rules: On Technology, Stupidity, and the Secret Joys of Bureaucracy*. Brooklyn, NY: Melville House.

## Course Requirements

You will be evaluated on a book review (25%), weekly reaction papers (40%), class discussion leadership (25%), attendance (5%), and participation (5%).

**Book Review:** After reading *The Utopia of Rules*, evaluate it in about four to six double spaced pages, covering the points made in chapter 6 of *The Guide to Writing Sociology Papers*. This book review is due on **Friday, June 12th**.

**Weekly Reaction Papers:** There will be a weekly (7) reaction paper due on Mondays. These reaction papers will be 40% of your grade.

readings, developing your ability to analyze critically. Each entry should be 2-3 double-

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## Grading

Grades will be assigned on the following basis:

95% = A	87% = B+	77% = C+	65% = D+	<60% = E
90% = A-	83% = B	73% = C	60% = D	
	80%= B-	70% = C-		

## Schedule

**Note:** This schedule represents the instructor's best guess about what we will be doing in this course. However, due to circumstances beyond our control the due dates of all readings and assignments are subject to change. All changes will be announced in advance in class. Each student is responsible for keeping track of all changes.

Week	Topic	Readings	Assignments
1	Introduction to institutions and organizations	Chapters 1 & 2	
2	Three pillars of institutions	Chapter 3	Reaction Paper 1 due Monday
3	Logics, Agency, Carriers, & Levels	Chapter 4	Reaction Paper 2 due Monday
4	Institutional Construction	Chapter 5	Reaction Paper 3 due Monday

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