

Soc/Demog c126: Sex, Death, and Data Section Syllabus

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Overview

Section for c126 is intended to be a time for us to break down some of the complexities of the readings and to contextualize them within our larger social world. The first half of will be spent going over the main points of the readings; the second half will be open discussion on the topics. You are encouraged to speak freely on your interests, confusion, and disagreements with the texts. In order to make this section as productive as possible, I may frequently ask for anonymous or personal feedback.

Class Policies

- **Discussion** — Section counts for 10% of your overall grade. Please come prepared with printouts or digital copies of the readings. Attendance and participation in discussion is mandatory. It is important that you have attempted each reading *before* section and that you come prepared; failure to participate will hurt your grade. You are expected to maintain civil and reasonable dialogue according to any discussion rules we set as a group.
- **Absences** — If you need to miss section, you are allowed one skip (no questions asked) so long as 24-hour notice is provided. Absence without notice or excessive undocumented absences may hurt your grade.
- **Outside Materials** — As part of your section participation grade, please bring one outside resource that is related to the course (ideally the readings that week). This can be as newspaper article, journal article, book, thinkpiece, or any other written media that is concerned with the relevant material. Post this to our section's bcourses subpage and be prepared to give a short (2-3 minute) presentation to section.
- **Contact** — It is best to reach me by email. Please give me 24 hours to respond (it is unlikely that I will respond to an email after business hours), and you *must* put [DEMOG c126] in the email subject line. If I do not respond within 24 hours, please 'bump' the message.
- **Office Hours** — I encourage you all to attend office hours as needed; please sign up for a slot on wejoinin (link above). I ask that you do not cancel within 24 hours of an office hours slot. Please reach out if you need to meet and cannot make the above times.

Please notify me as soon as possible with any accommodations or extenuating circumstances, and I will do my best to accommodate your needs.