

## **FINAL RESEARCH ESSAY – SOC 797 CONTEMPORARY MIGRATION RESEARCH**

Fifty (50%) of your grade will be based on a research essay (35%), including the draft (10%), and the peer review (5%). Please follow the guidelines below, and don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions. We will answer most e-mails within 24 hours. You may come and see one of us for help during our office hours or e-mail to make arrangements for another time that is convenient for you. In other words, there is no excuse for problems with this assignment! We really enjoy meeting with students – please take advantage of this fact☺!

We have also posted some **optional readings** under the Study Materials page, linked to the **Interactive Syllabus, under “NO CLASS ON APRIL 3,”** which may help you to think about how to pick a topic and develop a research question, find and engage sources of literature, and plan for and actually write your paper. There is also a citation guide from the American Sociological Association that you should follow for structuring your in-text citations and your reference list. And perhaps most importantly, there is a guide to acknowledging, paraphrasing and quoting sources, to help avoid any unintentional plagiarism.

### **STRUCTURE:**

The purpose of this essay is to think sociologically about migration. The assignment is very broad – you may choose any topic related to migration research. You may write a conventional research essay or a research proposal for a study. We will approve the topic and make sure that your research question is narrow enough to answer successfully in an essay of this length.

The final essay should be approximately 10-12 pages (2.5 cm. margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Font), for a minimum of 3,500 words, and a maximum of 4,000 words.

### **TIMELINE:**

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| <b>April 16, 2019</b>        | One-paragraph statement explaining your choice of topic is due via e-mail. We will approve your topic within 48 hours so you can begin work. You may send this at ANY time; you do not have to wait until the due date. |
| <b>May 19, 2019 – 11:00</b>  | Draft of the paper to be uploaded to the HOMEWORK VAULT.  |
| <b>May 21, 2019 – 23:59</b>  | PEER REVIEW of the Paper Draft to be uploaded to the HOMEWORK VAULT. Please bring a hard copy to class.   |
| <b>June 16, 2019 – 23:59</b> | FINAL ESSAY is due in the HOMEWORK VAULT.   |

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS** will be marked down by 2 points per day.