

SOC205 Week 2 Final Project Step 1

Final Project Total Points: 340 points/50% of final grade

Milestone Due Dates:

1. Step 1: Get Started, due 11:59 pm January 20
2. Step 2: Research and Pre-Production, due 11:59 pm February 3
3. Step 3: Short Paper and Interview Footage, due 11:59 pm February 24
4. Step 4: Share What You've Learned, due 11:59 pm March 10

What's the Purpose?

Your SOC 205 Final Project will help you identify your own interests in social change, give you experience conducting sociological research, allow you to communicate research findings, and engage with a social change that inspired you.

Knowledge

Having completed all Final Project tasks, you will understand:

- How societal factors influence a social change of interest to you.
- How to look at the social change through the lens of a sociologist.
- What can be done to influence the social change.
- And how to engage in your own community to affect social change.

Skills

Having completed all Final Project tasks, you will be able to:

- Practice self-reflection around a social change.
- Apply academic knowledge to real world situations.
- Research topics of interest to you.
- Present researching findings to an audience of your peers.
- Creatively express yourself and your research findings.

Step 1: Get Started

1. Identify your research topic, modality for your final product, and choose a peer reviewer/study partner.
 - a. Milestone 1 is worth 50 points and is 7% of your final grade.
 - b. Prompt: We've explored possible topics and options in class for your final project, and now it's time to start planning. Remember, if you pick a topic that we cover in

our class, your job is a bit easier, because some of the work of research has already been started. If you are already passionate about a different social change, that's great too. I'd love to look at what you are thinking and help you make sure it will meet the requirements of the class. To warm up for this assignment, please think about the following questions: (1) Which social change interests you? (2) When you think about what you want to present at the end of class, what does that look like? (3) Who will be helping you on your journey and who will you help? Even if you are not quite sure about your topic or your final project, please write what you know now, or your questions about this assignment. All of that information will help me help you. If I can see your vision, I can support you in creating something wonderful. Let's explore together!

- c. Respond to the following questions:
 - i. Describe your proposed research topic. What social change will you research? Why is this topic interesting to you? If you are not sure, feel free to describe two or three options, in a few sentences each. This answer should be 3-5 complete sentences per proposed topic.
 - ii. Choose a Final Project Option: You have many options for the final assignment, described below. Which option do you choose? Please describe what you will turn in for your final project. Do you have any concerns about being able to complete this work? This is an opportunity to express in a manner that is chosen by you what you have learned/gained from this course. These projects can be done alone or in a group of no more than three of your classmates. Some suggestions for projects are: mixed media art piece, painting, song, video, short research project, podcast, interview series, PowerPoint, social experiment, community activism, teaching lesson, infographic. If something that you want to do is not on the list, please describe your idea in this answer. The final project is meant to be enjoyable and utilize multiple topics from throughout the term.
 - iii. You will choose at least 1 of your classmates to be your peer reviewer. They will read a draft of your project and provide comments for improvement. If you like, you can also practice your presentation with them. If you want to work in a bigger group of students, you can also set up a study group as part of your final project effort. Who do you plan to work with as your peer reviewer?
- d. Submit in your Week 2 Final Project Step 1: Get Started Quiz via Canvas.

Criteria for Success

You will be graded based on the following criteria:

- Did you complete all three questions in the quiz?
- Did you fully address each prompt?
- Did you meet the length requirements identified in the questions?