UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS FALL 2025

SOCI 3330 SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL STRATIFICATION         Credit Hours 3

Honors Supplemental Syllabus

A requirement for obtaining Honors credit in SOCI 3330 Social Inequality and Social Stratification is performing an analysis of the following book, namely certain parts of it specified below, and provide recommendations.

Piketty, Thomas. Capital and Ideology. Harvard: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. Specific parts are Introduction and Conclusion at the minimum.

Consider as an Honors student being the member of a team of analysts like sociologists and other social scientists. As an analyst, you have the task to analyze certain parts of a major book and to provide corresponding practical recommendations. Your analysis should consist of an accurate presentation of these parts of the book, while comparing it with other similar works or data if familiar with them and relating it to one’s own observations and experiences. Your recommendations, including those for reducing social inequality and mitigating social stratification expressing American (Jefferson’s) ideals of equality, justice and liberty ‘for all’, should be based on such an analysis. As an analyst, your aim and task consist in providing an objective exposition of the book’s relevant parts and informed recommendations based on it that will inform and help its potential readers and the wider sociological scientific community.

Complete the analysis and make the recommendations by the end of the 14th week of classes.

As an analyst, your are expected to:

Write a paper describing your analysis and practical recommendations. The paper’s length should be 2,000 words as a minimum, including citations, footnotes, and bibliography. The paper’s organization should include at least 4 sections—1. introduction, 2. analysis, 3. practical recommendations and 4. conclusion.

Write a 1-page summary of your paper.

Make a formal presentation of your analysis and practical recommendations to the class during the 14th week of the semester.

Your paper and presentation are expected to proceed as follows:

Define the problemof social economic inequality and social stratification according to the assigned book.

Describe the causes, forms, trends and effects of social inequality and social stratification according to the assigned book.

Explain the reproduction and justification of social inequality such as that between capital and other classes (labor) by ideology according to the assigned book.

Provide practical recommendations for reducing social inequality and mitigating social stratification consistent with American ideals based on your analysis of the assigned book,

You will obtain Honors credit so long as your paper satisfies the following expectations:

Paper meets described organization and all sections, especially section 2 and section 4, and contains needed information that is grounded in proper evidence from the assigned book.

Paper and summary are adequately written, with a proper expression, organization and especially self-understanding of ideas, as well as checking word-spelling.

Paper is based on the assigned book at the minimum and consults additional academic sources or data as optional.

The assigned book and other potential sources are cited fully by providing the year of publication and page numbers.