

Extra Credit Requirements

General Information

Students who wish to complete extra credit assignments to improve their course grades may do so; however, a set of specific guidelines must be followed before the student will receive points for any extra credit assignment.

What is required in order to receive extra credit?

1. Students must **attend a social issue event** (i.e. lecture, organization meeting, community forum, discussion) related to a sociological issue.
2. The student must **provide evidence** of her/his attendance at the event.
3. The student must **write a paper** on the social issue event. Details for the paper requirements are listed below.

How many extra credit points can a student earn?

Each extra credit submission (attending a social issue event and the paper that follows) is worth up to 10 points. Submission of an extra credit paper is no guarantee that all extra credit points will be earned. Extra credit papers are GRADED just like any other course assignment.

A maximum of **20 possible points** for any particular course can be earned through extra credit.

What if a student is in more than one class with Ms. Warner?

A student who is enrolled in more than one sociology course with Candace Warner cannot count extra credit submitted in one course for another course. For example, if Jane Doe is in both *Marriage and Family* and *Introduction to Sociology* with Ms. Warner, Jane must attend a different event and write a separate paper for her *Introduction to Sociology* class and the *Marriage and Family* class if she wants extra credit in both classes.

Eligible Social Issue Events

What events count as “social issue events”?	Attend a school or community event/forum of your choice as long as it is related to sociology, human and societal issues, a social problem, and/or has social significance. An example might be a discussion or lecture on race relations in the United States.
What if I’m not sure if an event would “count”?	If you have any questions regarding appropriate events, please ask Ms. Warner for approval before attending the event.
How do I find social issue events?	It is the student’s responsibility to locate their own social issue event—not the instructor’s. However, the instructor will provide some updates throughout the semester on possible Columbia State events that would be eligible for extra credit.
Where could I find a listing of local social issue events that might work for extra credit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Columbia State Events: Check campus posters, class announcements, and Columbia State email (mail.columbiastate.edu) for campus events.• NPR/Local Nashville Area Events: http://wpln.org/?page_id=111#LECTURE• Nashville Peace & Justice Center: http://www.nashvillepeacejustice.org/• Local university websites: (Vanderbilt, TSU, Belmont, MTSU, etc.)

Paper Requirements

Paper Format

Each extra credit paper submitted should follow these formatting guidelines:

- one full page
- single spaced
- typed
- 1" margins
- 10 or 12 point Calibri, Times New Roman, or Arial font
- the *student's name, course section, and semester* enrolled (e.g. Fall 2009) should be included in the top left hand corner

What information should be included in the paper?

Please note that the paper should **not** just *describe* the event. The paper must include sociological topics, concepts, and terms we have discussed throughout the course.

- Explain the event's social significance and relate it to the course topic **in which you are currently enrolled** (example: relate it to *Social Problems, Marriage & Family, Introduction to Social Work, or Intro to Sociology*). In other words, present the social issues (e.g. war, race, poverty, etc.)
- Relate the social issue to one of the major sociological theoretical perspectives (functionalist, conflict, interactionist, or feminist).
- Describe the members in society that are affected by this social issue and how their lives might be impacted.
- What is being done to address this social issue and how can using the sociological perspective inform us on this topic?

Submitting Verification for Event Attendance

A brochure, ticket stub, or signature from an event official should be stapled to the paper to verify the student's participation and attendance at the event.

Due Dates for Extra Credit Papers

Due dates for extra credit papers are listed on the *Course Calendar* in *eLearn/Online Campus*. Typically, extra credit papers are due the last week of class. No late extra credit papers will be accepted.