SOCI 204  
Self, Identity & Society

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Course Description:
This course is an exploration of the sociology of social interaction, with an emphasis on understanding the way self-identity is formed in social context and social activity. This course explores the ways in which society, culture, inequality, and history affect how individuals define their experiences and themselves.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
Students will gain a deeper understanding of the origins and development of the tradition of sociological interactionism; Students will learn to engage with, learn from and respond to, primary texts in the interactionist tradition and beyond; students will learn how major sociological changes in contemporary society impact the development of self and identity

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
N/A

Topics May Include:
Simmel’s proto-interactionism
GH Mead: the father of symbolic interactionism
Erving Goffman’s dramaturgical approach
Garfinkel and Ethnomethodology
Michel Foucault: Disciplines and the Care of the Self
Anthony Giddens: Modernity and Self-Identity
Ulrich Beck and Elizabeth Beck-Gersheim: Individualization
Zygmunt Bauman: The Self in a Consumer Society
Amartya Sen: Identity and Violence

Required Resources May Include:
Resources are posted on Coursespaces; no text required

1 This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.