

## Guidelines for final paper

This final paper is based on the 50 minutes of observations you conducted in place of the 5/29 class. It is also based on a required 2-3 hours of additional observations. It will count toward 25% of your grade, and you will be evaluated based on a grading rubric (see separate paper).

In this last part of class, we went over three sets of theories and topics: 1) symbolic interactionism (Simmel, Mead, Cooley), 2) space and place (Park, Burgess, Thomas and Znaniecki), and 3) place, gender and race (Addams, Du Bois, and Cooper).

Your final paper needs to make an argument that relates your observations to 2-3 concepts (total) from two out of the three sets of topics. For example, it may combine a concept from symbolic interactionism (looking glass self) with the focus on race (veil), or it may combine a concept from urban sociology (concentric circles) with gender and race (intersectionality).

The paper should be about 7-10 pages and have the following components:

- 1) Introduction
  - a. Should introduce the topic and your argument
- 2) Data and Methods
  - a. Describe your data and methods, including: how many hours of observation you conducted, where you conducted your observations and why, and how you kept track of what you saw [e.g., writing field notes]
- 3) Location
  - a. Elaborate on where you conducted your observations and why
  - b. Include descriptions of the place itself
- 4) Findings
  - a. Organized around 2-3 concepts
  - b. Analysis of how these concepts relate to your own observations, both how what you see is expected or not
- 5) Conclusion
  - a. Reiterate your argument, including the concepts you've discussed and how it relates to how the appropriate theorists used them
- 6) Reference list
  - a. Include references in your paper, from the readings

You must turn in the paper to iLearn no later than **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Late points will start being deducted by 6:10pm.

Your paper will be run through SafeAssign, which is a plagiarism detector. According to UCR's [Academic Integrity Policies & Procedures](#), plagiarism "[includes the copying of language, structure, or ideas of another and attributing \(explicitly or implicitly\) the work to one's own efforts. Plagiarism means using another's work without giving credit.](#)" If you are found to plagiarize you will receive a grade penalty and a university disciplinary sanction, both of which will vary, to be "[appropriate for \[the\] misconduct.](#)"