

University of Alaska Anchorage  
Sociology of Aging: SOC 310-201  
CRN: 33427  
Spring 2013

January 14 – May 3, 2013

**TYPE OF COURSE: Distance Delivered Blended Course**

**Name of Instructor:** Ann Jache Ph.D.

**Meeting Time:** 2:30-3:45pm Wednesdays. Weekly Learning Units open each Monday on Blackboard <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/classes/>

**Location:** Social Science Building (SSB) Room 118 (Anchorage Campus) or by eLive (eLive participation requires a working speaker, microphone and internet connection)

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**Office location:** University of Alaska Anchorage – Social Science Building (SSB) 374 (My office is on the third floor of the building between the Consortium Library and the Parking Garage).

**E-mail address:** [ajache@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:ajache@uaa.alaska.edu), this is one of the best ways to contact me. Please include SOC A310 in the subject. Attachments and e-mail without reference to SOC A310 in the subject may not be read. If you send e-mail from Blackboard, please sign your name. Please do not use e-mail to submit assignments. Use [annjache@gmail.com](mailto:annjache@gmail.com) if you do not receive a response within 48 hours.

**Office Hours:** Mondays 10:15am-1:15pm and Wednesdays 10:15-11:15am and by appointment

**Communication:** I will send 4-8 e-mail messages about class activities to your University e-mail. It is important to check your email regularly or forward or change your e-mail address to one you will check and to check. I post announcements on Blackboard at least every two weeks. Instructions about assignments and reminders about assignments are posted weekly in the Lessons folder in Blackboard. Individual questions may be addressed through e-mail, on the phone, in class and by appointment. I use the Assignment Feature in Gradebook to comment on your assignments. To view comments on your written work, go to Gradebook (or MyGrades) and then click on the underlined number, then open the attachment to view my comments.

**Contact information for Distance Education Services:**

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**Course Description:** A comparative analysis of the social status and role of the aging in various societies with emphasis on problems of aging in the contemporary United States.

**Teaching Methods:** I hope you will find this course makes best use of interactive classroom activities, live and recorded lectures and interactive Web Resources. Learning Units open in Blackboard each Monday. Class meets Wednesdays in SSB 118 or by eLive. You will need a computer with internet connection and a microphone and speaker to participate by eLive. You will need access to a computer with a speaker or audio headset to participate in the Learning Units. Follow this link to enter UAA's Blackboard site. <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/classes/> Type your user name and your password into the log-in screen. If you have not used Blackboard at UAA on your current computer this link will help you set up your computer so that you can participate in the online activities. <http://distanceeducation.uaa.alaska.edu/requirements/> Click on the eLive Tab on the left hand side of the screen to enter the eLive session.

You are required to read the chapters in the text, read the material in the Learning Units, and listen to the videos. For an A or B in the class, you must participate in five interactive Discussion Board posts which provide an opportunity for feedback from another student, you will share the results of your research on an approved topic in social gerontology in informal and formal class sessions and you will write a 6-12 page paper.

**Types of Assignments:** Interactive Discussion Boards, Library Research, Oral Presentations, Readings, Exams, Written Projects.

**Pacing and Participation:** Class meets once a week on Wednesdays. In addition to class meetings, each online Learning Unit should take most students about 90 minutes to complete. Plan to spend an additional 4 to 7 hours each week reading the texts, studying for exams and completing the Final Project. This is about the same as the 2 to 3 hours outside of class for every scheduled class hour that you would spend completing the requirements for a face-to-face class. You are required to attend the Wednesday meeting in person or by eLive.

**Homework Collection:** Five interactive Discussion Board Posts are required for an A or B in the class. These must be posted by the due date listed in the syllabus in the correct forum on the Discussion Board. Your final paper for this class will be submitted to via Blackboard's "SafeAssign" assignment feature. When creating documents for this class

- Name the file with your first and last name and the name of the assignment (e.g., "AnnJache\_Paper.doc")
- Save your file in Rich Text Format (.rtf) or Word (.doc or .docx)
- Use ASA style formatting and voice markers if you use ideas or the direct words of other authors
- Included an ASA style Reference (Works Cited) list

If you have trouble submitting an assignment or using anything in Blackboard, please call 786-4646 option one or call me at 786-1955 or e-mail [jache@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:jache@uaa.alaska.edu).

**Final Project:** One project is required for this class. A project is 6-12 pages of writing, and an oral presentation on an approved topic in social gerontology. Weekly Lessons prepare you to compose this paper, For an A or B in the class, you must post a minimum of three

**Exams:** You must score above 60 on the Final Exam and at least one other exam for a grade of C or above in this course. No make-up exams are given. Students who consult with persons other than the instructor or IT technicians or use the direct words of others without references and page numbers forfeit their grade on the mid-term and final exams. While I usually encourage students to discuss this class with fellow students, students who discuss the exam questions or content with other students in the class while the exam remains open forfeit their grade on that exam. You may use your notes and the text to take the online open-book exam.

**Midterm and the Final Exams Require Appointments:.** To make an appointment fill out the proctor form at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/distancededucation/examsproctoring/index.cfm> Call (907) 786-4646 (Option 3) or Toll Free 1-877-633-3888 (Option 3) if you do not receive a confirmation of your appointment or if you have questions about how to take a proctored exam through Distance Education.

Mid-Term	Proctored Closed Book	March 4-8 Requires an appointment
Exam Two	Online Open- Book	April 22
Required Final	Proctored Closed Book	April 22-28 Requires an appointment

**Grades:** Your grade is the average of three highest scores on the exams or Final Project. In addition to an average of 80 (for a B) or 90 or above (for an A), an A or B requires class participation, five Discussion Board Exchanges with scores above 7, a score above 60 on the Final, two submissions to the *Working Poor* Discussion Board an oral presentation, a table describing sample, research methods and findings for 6 or more research articles and a 6-12 page Paper. Three Discussion Board Exchanges and the oral report and written paper must be on the same approved topic. .

Check list for an A or B

- Class participation (missed no more than 4 Wednesday participation events)
- Five Discussion Board Exchanges (3 must be on same topic as final paper)
- Final Exam (score over 60)
- Mid-Term, Take-home exam or Project Score
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- Paper with 8 scholarly references including 6 research articles
- Oral Presentation with three PowerPoint slides
- Table describing 6 research articles
- Average 80-89 for B ( 90+ for A or above) on three highest scores for exams or Final Project
- Participation in 10 Surveys or Pre-tests

A C grade is a 70-79 average on three highest scores for exams or project A D grade is a 60-69 average on three highest scores on exams or project

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**Readings and Assignments**

**Discussion Boards are due on Mondays-one Week after the instructions are posted.  
 Please come to class prepared to discuss the readings for the previous Learning Unit.**

Class Meets by eLive or in SSB 118 @ 2:30- 3:45P Wednesdays Blackboard Lessons Open on Monday		Hooyman and Kiyak Text	They Say I Say or <i>Working Poor by Shipler</i>	Discussion Board	Exams Paper Presentati on
Monday January 14 Lesson 1	1) Myths & Realities of Aging	Chapter 1 and 2			
Wednesday January 16	Social Gerontology				
Monday January 21 Holiday					
Wednesday January 23	Population Trends		Shipler Introduction		
Monday January 28	2) Causes & Consequences of Physical Aging	Chapter 3			
Wednesday January 30	Health Disparities				
Monday February 4	3)Maximizing Physical Potential for Adults	Chapter 4	<i>They Say I say</i> Part 1 Shipler Chapter 8	Discussion Board Post: Paragraph about topic- Required for an A or B in class	
Wednesday February 6	Mortality Longitudinal Studies				
Monday February 11	4)Love, Intimacy, & Sexuality	Chapter 7	Shipler Chapter 7		

Wednesday April 3	Retirement Age Discrimination Social Class				
Monday April 8	10) Illness and Disability	Chapter 1 4, 6, 14	Shiper Chapter 3	Discussion Board Post: Demograph ic entry about your topic	Papers submitted by this date may be revised
Wednesday April 10	Bereavement Widowhood Palliative Care				
Monday April 15	11) Dying, Death and Bereavement	Chapter 13		Discussion Board Post: Discussion Board: Methods used to study my Topic	PowerPoints due
Wednesday April 17	Careers in Aging Student Presentations				
Monday April 22	12) Societal and Political Aspects of Aging	Chapter 16, 17		Discussion Board Post Why is it important?	Exam 2 Due
Wednesday April 24	Social Aging Student Presentations			Final Working Poor Post Due	Paper Due
April 22-26 by appointment	Proctored Final Exam Appointment Required <a href="http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/distancededucation/examsproctoring/index.cfm">http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/distancededucation/examsproctoring/index.cfm</a>				Required Final Exam
Monday April 29	13) The Future of Aging			Discussion Board Post Life after SOC 310	Late Paper due -12 points Last Working Poor Discussion Board Post due

Necessary changes to the syllabus will be announced in class and posted on the Syllabus Tab in Blackboard

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