

Sociology 370 provides an overview of the root causes of inequality and poverty in both the United States and developing countries. On the final exam I will ask you to demonstrate your knowledge of the material covered throughout the course. In this sense, the exam is comprehensive. For this reason, I recommend looking back through the mid-term review and the mid-term itself in preparation for the final exam. That said, there will be a clear focus on the second half of the semester. (Roughly 80 percent of the exam will draw from material covered after the mid-term.) The format of the exam breaks down in the following manner: 10 True/False questions (1 pt each; 10 pts total), 20 multiple choice questions (2 pts each; 40 pts total) and 1 essay questions (30 pts total; you will be provide with 2 potential questions from which you are to answer 1. Your answer should range from 3-4 written pages). There will also be a two part map quiz (40 countries worth .5 pts each; 20 pts total). In the space below I provide a brief study guide that will help you prepare for the exam. As you review the terms below I recommend that you identify one or two articles from the syllabus that relates directly to the term in question. This will help you connect the overarching themes of the course and prepare for the essay questions.

1. Review class notes. The multiple choice questions will cover information discussed in class and in the readings. Also, review the themes of the videos clips that we watched in class.
2. Know the main arguments of the readings. Do not try to memorize the details of each article (percentages, numbers, etc.). Rather, concentrate on the main points of the article. You should be able to provide a brief summary (four to five sentences) of each article if asked to do so.

Key terms:

- Why Does Inequality Matter?
 - What are the effects of inequality in society?
- Economic Determinants of Democracy
 - Factors that improve the changes of democratic growth
- Economic Lives of the Poor
 - How do expenditures of the poor differ from the consumption patterns of the rich?
- The Role of International Agencies in Promoting Development
 - What agencies promote development internationally?
 - In what ways do they benefit poor countries? In what ways do they harm the development chances of poor countries?
- Colonial History in Latin America
 - What is the relationship between colonial history in Latin America and underdevelopment throughout the region?
- Key periods of economic development in Latin America
 - Spanish Colonial, Early Independence, ISI and Neoliberalism
- The mystery of capital
 - How does capital come about?
- La Carpio
 - Why did La Carpio emerge?
 - In general, why do squatters' communities emerge in developing countries?
 - What is the storyline to the documentary *NICA/raguense*?

- Latin American Class Structure
 - During the initial years of neoliberalism in Latin America, what happen to social stratification?
 - What strategies did Latin Americans used to adjust to rising inequality?
 - What has happen to inequality in more recent years in Latin America?
- What is the Role of Women in Economic Development?
 - What is the difference between women as social *welfare* recipients and women as *agents* of social change?
- What is Microfinancing?
 - Where did microfinancing first emerge? Why?
 - Why is microfinancing so important for the poor?
- What is Fairtrade?
 - What is CECOCAFEN?
 - Related to this, what types of inequalities impact the international exchange of cacao?
- Stockmarket
 - Why does the stockmarket drive inequality across countries?
 - What advantage does it give to rich countries (and individuals)?
- Map Quiz (20 pts)
 - A total of 50 countries will be provided in a country bank. You will be accountable for placing at least 40 countries (.5 pts each; total of 20pts) in the correct geographic location. However, if you successfully place all 50 countries in the correct location you will receive 10 points extra credit toward your overall exam grade.
 - Latin American (Central, South America and the Caribbean. Don't forget Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, Trinidad and Tobago, etc.)
 - Middle East (Turkey to Pakistan, don't forget the other "stans".)
 - You may find this to be a useful study guide:
<http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/testmaps/maps.htm>

STUDY HARD AND YOU WILL BE FINE!!!