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Sociology 486: Sociology of Aging

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Course Requirements: Two hourly examinations, each worth 25% of the grade and a final examination worth 50% of the grade. Students may substitute written paper for one of the hourly examinations or take the examination and write a paper for extra credit.

Examination Dates: First Exam: Monday, February 24
Second Exam: Monday, April 7
Final: Friday, May 16, 7:30-9:30 am

Required Texts: Robert C. Atchley, The Social Forces in Later Life, 4th ed. Wadworth 1985.
Richard A. Kalish (ed.), The Later Years: Social Applications of Gerontology, Brooks/Cole 1977.

COURSE OUTLINE AND REQUIRED READINGS

1. THE SOCIOLOGY OF AGING AND ITS EMERGENCE AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM
Atchley, Chs 1,4,5,13 and Kalish, Ch 2
2. DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN THE AGING POPULATION
Atchley, Ch 2 and Kalish, Ch 1, pp. 9-22
3. VARIATIONS ON A THEME: AGING IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES AND AMONG AMERICAN ETHNIC GROUPS: Atchley, Ch 3, 14 and Kalish, Ch 1, pp. 23-46
4. THE AGED AND HIS FAMILY: Atchley, Ch 7 and Kalish, Ch 7
5. WORK, RETIREMENT AND LEISURE: Atchley, Chs 8,9,10,16 and Kalish, Chs 3
6. THE HEALTH OF THE AGED: Atchley, Ch 18 and Kalish, Ch 5
7. NURSING HOMES: Atchley, pp. 160-161, 211, 162, 107, 74 and Kalish, Ch
8. DEATH AND DYING: Atchley, Chs 11
9. POLITICS OF AGING: Atchley, Chs 17 and Kalish, Chs 6 & 9