

SYLLABUS

SYG 2949 Co-op Work Experience/ An Ethnographic Study of the City of Tarpon Springs & Greek Culture 3.00 Credits

Winter Term
December 13, 2021 to January 7, 2022

Description:

Prerequisite: Permission of the Program. This course is designed to provide students with major-related, supervised, evaluated practical training work experiences which may be paid or voluntary. Students are graded on the basis of documented learning acquired through hands-on experiences in an actual work setting. Variable credits are available, one to three per course. The student must fulfill the requirement of 60 on-the-job hours for each credit earned in addition to written assignments. Co-op courses may be repeated but total credits shall not exceed twelve.

Extended Description:

Based on the 2010 US Census, the city of Tarpon Springs has the highest centralized population of Greek-Americans within the United States. Tarpon Springs is what sociologists refer to as an *ethnic enclave*, as the city is ethnically and culturally rooted in Greek heritage as evidenced through its social activities, religious practices, vocational activities and food. This course centers around a single question: to what extent does the city of Tarpon Springs continue to share ethnic and cultural alignment with Greece; have the natural patterns of social change forged the Tarpon Springs of today into a city which shares less in the cultural connections with Greece than it once did?

The process by which we will engage this question will be through ethnographic research, referring to a method "...for understanding and making sense of social and cultural worlds" (Coffey, 2018, p. 2). Ethnography is the work of sociologists! We'll be hitting the streets of Tarpon Springs and absorbing ourselves in the many attributes making up the culture of this city. Additionally, we'll be settling into the seats of our classroom and remotely connecting with our sister colleagues at the University of the Aegean (UA). These real-time video interactions will provide the basis for comparing what has been learned through our exploration of Tarpon Springs.

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Meeting Modality:

This course is blended, meaning a significant portion of the required clock-hours of instruction will take place through face2face instruction, organized field trips and online instruction.

Times:

December 13-17: Reserve the hours between 9:00 am and 2 pm (total of 25 clock-hours)
December 20-24: Online (total of 5 clock-hours)
December 27-31: Online (total of 5 clock-hours)
January 4-6: Reserve the hours between 9:00 am and 12 pm (total of 12 clock-hours)

Required Materials:

Coffey, A. (2018). *Doing ethnography*. Sage.
Hardback Notebook
Reliable transportation, as students will be responsible for traveling to off-campus meeting spots.

Grades:

Quizzes- There will be five online quizzes based on the assigned reading from the Coffey text. These quizzes will be open-book, timed, and two attempts will be permitted with the higher score being the one that is recorded. Each quiz is worth 20-points (total of 100-points).

Participation- Active involvement and community engagement is expected of students. When in the field, students are now assuming the role of ethnographers and need to conduct themselves as professional and ethical professionals (total of 100-points).

Ethnography- Students will write an ethnography based on their field experience and outside research. The paper needs to be a minimum of 10-pages (double-space, one-inch margins, New Times Roman font, 12-pt size; 100-points).

Ethnography Presentations-Students will share their ethnographies with the group and invited attendees (100-points).

Grading Scale: A = 400-360 pts; B = 359-320 pts; C = 319-280 pts; D = 279-240 pts; F = 239 pts or less

Schedule/Topics:

Week One

Monday, December 13

Introduction & Ethnographic Fieldwork

Guest Presenter: Mayor Chris Alahouzos, Mayor for the City of Tarpon Springs

Tuesday, December 14

Sociology of Tourism & Fieldwork

Guest Presenter: Mr. Frank Jurkovic, Director of International Programs for SPC

Wednesday, December 15

Continue with Tourism & Fieldwork

Guest Presenter: Representative from the Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, December 16

Sociology of Religion & Fieldwork

Guest Presenter: Representative of the Greek Orthodox Church

Friday, December 17

Sociology of Work, Education & Fieldwork

Guest Presenter: Dr. Rod Davis, Provost SPC Tarpon Springs Campus

Week Two & Three

December 20-31: Online

Week Four

Monday, January 4

Writing in the Social Sciences

Tuesday-Thursday, January 5-7

Ethnography Presentations!!!