Sociology of Culture

Comprehensive Exam Reading List

January 2022

TOTAL UNITS: 148

This list is organized into sections that reflect our understanding of the sociology of culture, in terms of its major features, emphases, and divides. The sections also overlap conceptually, because the sections’ themes are big and complicated. We recognize this issue. If an exam question asks you to pull from a specific section, interpret that question to allow you refer to readings that are in other sections, so long as you can make a case for their relevance to your answer.

I. Classical Perspectives on Culture [15 units]


**Supplemental Readings**


**II. Defining and Conceptualizing Culture [10 units]**


**Supplemental Readings**


**III. Methods and Measurement [10 units]**


Supplemental Readings


IV. CULTURAL CAPITAL [15 units]


V. BOUNDARIES [12 units]


Supplemental Readings


**VI: FIELDS [16 units]**


**VII. PRODUCTION OF CULTURE [24 units]**


**Supplemental Readings**


**VIII. CONSUMPTION [8 units]**


IX. RECEPTION [11 units]


X. CATEGORIES AND EVALUATION [14 units]


XI. Culture & Cognition [13 units]


**Supplemental Readings**