

**Description:** Sociology of the University: Academic Gangs, Wealthy Gangs, Techno-Gangs, and Street Gangs. This course will bring together material on four gangs to examine the way in which their activities impact the university. Similarities and differences among the gangs will be highlighted as we look at the behaviour and interaction patterns of each in order to discover more about today's universities and their operations. Attention will be paid to how economic relations structure and connect these groups -- academic gangs as they relate to scholarly disciplines (sociology is one example), wealthy gangs of philanthropists as they fund and direct specific curricula, techno-gangs whose programming and hacker skills have become commonplace in higher education, and street gangs whose certification and work activities most often revolve around the illegal drug trade. Come join us and hopefully you will become more enlightened about the place where you spend many of your certification hours and the edubusiness-edutainment institution whose homework demands take up so much of your "free" time.