SOC 281 Lab Assignment 9 | Due Nov. 19 & 20

1. *Field notes.* Conduct a brief observational study in a public location on campus or around campus where students congregate. A coffee shop, cafeteria, a building lobby, or a lounge would be ideal. Sit and observe, taking notes unobtrusively and without violating any expectations of privacy. Observe for a minimum of 60 minutes. Write up field notes. Include a description of the setting and social interactions. Include a commentary on your own behavior and reactions to what you observed. Your field notes should be **hand written** and cover about **two pages**. *6 points*.

2. *Ethics.*
   a. Should covert observation ever be allowed in social science research? Why or why not? *2-3 sentences. 2 points.*

   b. Do you believe that social scientists should simply avoid conducting research on groups or individuals who refuse to admit researchers into their lives? Why or why not? *2-3 sentences. 2 points.*