Schedule of Readings and Assignments:

***These are the readings we will discuss in class each week—that means you should come to class having already read them and should be prepared to discuss them.***

**Class 1: Monday Jan 2, Wednesday Jan 4—Introduction**

**D2L:** “Delectable Materialism” by Michael Schudson

**D2L:** “Land of Desire” by William Leach

**Class 2: Monday Jan 9, Wednesday Jan 11—The Meaning and Power of Things**

**D2L:** “The Evocative Power of Things” by Grant McCracken

**Online:** “The Judgment of Thamus” by Neil Postman <http://tinyurl.com/m8bpk5p>

**Online: “**The Precautionary Principle” <http://tinyurl.com/pl2vlcy>

**Book:** *Status Anxiety*by Alain deBotton, Chapters 1 & 2

**Class 3: Monday Jan 16, Wednesday Jan 18—Class and Status Hierarchies**

**Online:** “Conspicuous Consumption.” by Thorstein Veblen <http://tinyurl.com/dxgvdc>

**Online:** “Symbols of Class Status” by Erving Goffman <http://tinyurl.com/3lheum3>

**Book:** *Status Anxiety*by Alain deBotton, Chapter 3& 4

**Class 4: Monday Jan 23, Wednesday Jan 25— (In)Conspicuous Consumption**

**D2L:** “Anatomy of the Classes” by Paul Fussel

**Online:** “Inconspicuous Consumption.” by Virginia Postrel<http://tinyurl.com/n3s9zud>

**Online:** "Why Do Poor People 'Waste' Money on Luxury Goods?" by TressieCottom<http://tinyurl.com/k522fny>

**Online:** “Dinner Crashers Walked all over the Social Code” by David Segal<http://tinyurl.com/ykn7ev2>

**Book:** *Status Anxiety*by Alain deBotton, Chapter 5