

Sociology

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Overview:

The purpose of this course is to enable students to understand the social lives of humans, groups, societies, and social interactions. We have the opportunity to offer life experiences, argue opinions, and pose questions each class period and hear valuable feedback from our peers. This class lives and dies on your thoughts, ideas, and questions and requires an open mind and a willingness to share.

Expectations:

- This class is built around you and your peer's ability to express an array of various opinions and viewpoints on a number of topics. Respect of others and their opinions is paramount and expected at all times. **Disrespect for others will not be tolerated.**
- This is an experiential class. Missing class time means you will miss learning opportunities that cannot be replicated. **Therefore, it is crucial that you are in class, on time, every day.**
- Each student is expected to complete all assignments, including writing prompts, on time.
- Putting one's head down and sleeping in class are disrespectful and will not be tolerated.
- The Code of Behavior states that cell phones and iPods are not to be present during class. If these items are seen in class they will be confiscated and sent to the front office.

Materials:

- Pens, pencils, colored pencils and/or markers.
 - Pens and pencils will not be provided by the teacher.
 - Colored pencils and/or makers will be needed to complete projects in class.
- One 1" three-ring binder solely for the use of Sociology.
 - Loose leaf paper
 - 5 Dividers are recommended for organization: Discussions, Notes, Assignments, Projects, and Assessments.

Routines and Assignments:

- **Participation:** All students are expected to participate in all class activities including discussion, group work, and individual assignments. A positive, interactive environment in Sociology is created by both the students and the teacher. Students will receive frequent participation grades allowing ample opportunities to express pertinent views and opinions.

- Projects/Presentations: Major projects and presentations will be assigned throughout the course of the year that allows students to express values, beliefs, and mastery of sociological concepts. Students will be given time in class to complete a majority of class projects.
- Discussions: Each student will participate in numerous discussions throughout the year. During discussions, students will complete free writes, free responses, and reflections. Discussions will be graded frequently to ensure students are participating both appropriately and accurately.
- In-Class Assignments: To enrich students' mastery of sociological concepts and development of ideas, students will complete in-class assignments. In-class assignments can be completed during discussions or on provided worksheets.
- Homework: All homework is due at the beginning of the next class unless otherwise specified. **All homework that is assigned is essential to each student's success in the classes that follow.** If homework is not completed, students' participation grades will be drastically affected due to the lack of preparation for discussion and in-class assignments.
- Assessments: Students will be assessed through quizzes, tests, and projects throughout the year. The majority of assessments will be based on material that is covered in class through discussions and assignments. **Therefore, in order to achieve proficient scores on assessment, attend class and participate frequently.**
- Absences: If a student is absent, the student is responsible to **acquire make up work before or after school.** Class time is devoted to teach the class in total. Class time will not be allocated for students who missed class.
- Late Work: **Late work will be accepted with a 25% deduction per class block. After four blocks the assignment will not be accepted unless discussed with the teacher.** If a student is absent and assignment is due, the assignment will not be accepted. This is an elective that covers college level content, thus placing ultimate responsibility on the student to remain current with his/her work.

Content:

Class topics will include, but are not limited to the following:

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| ➤ Sociological Perspectives | ➤ Social Institutions |
| ➤ Culture | ➤ Stratification |
| ➤ Social Structure | ➤ Racial and Ethnic Relations |
| ➤ Socialization | ➤ Gender and Age Inequality |
| ➤ Self and Social Interaction | ➤ Demography and Urbanization |
| ➤ Deviance, Crime, and Social Control | ➤ Social Change |
| ➤ Groups and Organizations | |