

Sociology
Course Syllabus



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Supplies: 3 Ring Binder with loose leaf paper
Spiral Notebook with folder

Course Overview:

This course studies the behavior of groups in society. It is designed to help the student better understand the effects of culture, family, institutions, media, and other societal factors on shaping acceptable social behavior, as well as defining what is deviant behavior. Topics this class covers include family & peer relationships, crime, culture, minorities, social classes, and other potential and real social problems.

Grade Scale:

100-90 A
89-80 B
79-70 C
69-60 D
59-0 F

Grades Are Based on the Following:

Nine Week/Quarter Grade= 80%
Final Exam = 20%

Grades are not weighted so a point on a homework assignment is worth the same as a point on a test or project. Assignments during each quarter will include a combination of the following:

1. In class work
2. Tests: (3-4)
3. Quizzes- 3-4
4. Reading/Homework Assignments
5. Project
6. Current Event
7. Journals
8. Essay
9. Final Exam

Please use **Progress Book** to keep up with your grade at all times. If there are any discrepancies, please see me as soon as possible. Do not wait until the last day!

Late Work- **It is the student's responsibility to make up any missing assignments, tests/quizzes, homework, etc.** You will lose a letter grade for each day that the assignment is late. After 4-Days you will receive an (F) for the assignment once it is turned in.

Technology Policy

In accordance with school rules I will allow students the ability to bring their own device to class. All device use will be for educational purposes and will be monitored by the teacher. If a student abuses the policy, they will face a consequence.

Phones should not ring or vibrate before or during class nor should you have them out to text messages. Any visible cell phones will be taken and given back at the end of the class. If this is a continuous problem the phone will be given to the Administration

Topics covered and major assignments

Social Media and the Social Dilemma

- [The Social Dilemma Viewing Questions](#)

Defining Sociology

What does a Sociologist do?

- [6 Sociological Methods](#)
- [Mini Social Experiment](#)
- Quiz

Racism, Prejudice, Discrimination

- [Causes of](#)
- [“Black Like Me”- Clip](#)
- [Prom Night in Mississippi](#)

Culture

- [Defining](#)
- [Village of 100](#)
- [Create a Culture Project](#)

Values and Norms

- [Defining](#)
- American Values Quiz
- [Folkways and Mores](#)

Deviance

- [Deviance and Conformity](#)
- Theories of Deviance
- Quiz
- [Catch Me if You Can](#)

Human Trafficking

- [What is Human Trafficking](#)
- [What does a slave cost?](#)
- [Slavery Footprint](#)-How many slaves work for you?
- Slave based business
- Trafficking in America- PBS Frontline

Genocide

- [Stages of Genocide](#)
- [Rwanda](#)
- Hotel Rwanda

- [Sudan](#)