**Sociology**

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Course Description

Sociology is a nine-week elective which is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts, principles, and methods central to the study of human society.

Sociology involves discussion and reflection about many sometimes controversial and sensitive topics. As such, it is expected that students engage deeply with the material and respectfully listen to each other’s opinions and involve themselves in fruitful class discussions. All discussions and opinions should be based on facts from reputable sources.

A variety of sociological perspectives will be applied throughout this course in order to enable students to more effectively analyze and evaluate human behavior and social phenomena.

This course should enhance the student’s sociological imagination through discussion and participation in activities that explore the connections between individual actions and the larger social world and the collection, analysis and interpretation of data.

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What Will We Study?

**These are the potential topics that we will study this marking period.**

* **Unit 1 - Introduction to Sociology-** *Chapter One*

- The sociological imagination -Sociological perspectives

- The development of sociology

* **Unit 2 - Culture and Social Interaction-**

-The meaning of culture -Social structure

-Cultural Conformity and Adaptations -The American value system

-Cultural change and sociological perspectives -Social construction of reality

* **Unit 3 –Socialization –**

-Nature vs nurture and socialization process - Agents of socialization

-Socialization and the life course

- Gender role socialization

* **Unit 4 - Social stratification –**

-Social stratification in the US - Gender

-Mobility and poverty in America - Age

-Race, ethnicity and barriers to integration -Sex and Gender

-Unequal funding of public schools

-Inequality within public school systems

-Social significance of gender

-Pay equity

* **Current Events – Sociology in the News**

Classroom Expectations

*Academic Integrity*involves helping maintain a culture of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility in all aspects of learning. Academic integrity means avoiding cheating and plagiarism in all forms and taking responsibility and ownership of your own work.

You Will Successful If You…

* make full use of **Canvas** – class materials, lecture notes, readings, agendas, and other resources will be regularly available.
* complete all assignments before, and during, class.
* **study**.
* **ask questions** and actively **participate.**
* are **responsible**. If you have been absent and missed work, find out what it was and make it up as soon as possible.
* **ask for help**. Office hours are available every week.

Learning Expectations…

**All course materials can be accessed through CANVAS**

1. Where should I initially go to find the day’s instruction and work?
   * After logging into Canvas and accessing the class page, scroll down and select **modules**.
   * Find the **Daily Activities** module and click on the appropriate unit.
   * Assignments/modules that are **due** on that day or assessments that will be administered that day (i.e. an assignment due on Sept. 9th and assessment on Sept. 16th will be listed on those days respectively).
2. **Where can I submit the work once I complete it?**
   * This will be done either as submitting a file attachment, engaging in discussion threads, completing a Canvas quiz, or submitting and assignment via an outside app.