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Course Description:

This course covers all major areas of sociology in a blend of concept, theory, and application. Topics range from socialization and adolescent problems to the problems of global mass society. Through case studies, reading reports, and a comprehensive research proposal students develop skills of analysis and observation.

Course Objectives & Illinois State Learning Standards:

At the conclusion of the course you will be expected to have:

- a. An understanding of the three main sociological perspectives
- b. An understanding of several important sociological theories
- c. Insight into how you shape society and how society shapes you.
- d. The ability to apply these perspectives and theories to contemporary social problems.

Alignment with Illinois State Standards:

State Goal 18: Understand social systems, with an emphasis on the United States.

In addition to the final exam at the end of the semester your learning will be evaluated in any or all of the following ways:

- Unit and/or chapter tests
- Quizzes (announced or unannounced)
- Case Studies
- Class participation (attendance and promptness)
- Daily work (chosen at random)
- One research paper/project

Required Reading Materials:

- *Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships*. Austin: Holt, Rinehart and Winston Publishing. 2008.

[Be mindful of this book. It is your responsibility for the semester and will be charged a fee if the book is damaged in any way.]

Study Time Expectations:

Study times will vary. Students are expected to READ each portion of the text, or additional materials, that is pertinent to the unit of study. Written work may take an hour or two but you will have several days to complete most assignments.

Sociology is an elective course. You are expected to complete all work in this course and participate on a daily basis because you chose to take it.

Required Classroom Materials: (daily)

- Textbook, black or blue pen, spiral notebook.
- Flash drive, mouse, headphones/earbuds

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Technology Policy: (Subject to change throughout semester – students will be notified)

- Use the technology in a professional manner
 - Sites visited
 - Emails, tweets, blog posts, etc... ALL need to be professional.
 - *If you want a response from me, keep it professional*
- When the teacher is talking, students are to stop their task on the computer.
 - Remain on task – emailing during class is for assignment purposes only.
- Carry the netbooks properly
- Shut down the computer completely before returning to charge station
- Remember your passwords
- Report issues immediately with the netbooks (you are responsible if you don't)
- “Ask three before ME”

VIOLATIONS of any of the above points is subject to review and and/or removal of privileges regarding use of the netbooks in class.

Grading, Grading Scale & Tardy policy:

- See student handbook.
- Only 15-20 grade entries are made each semester. Your grade is based largely off of your historical interpretation through writing and projects.
- Typical turn-around for grades on larger and/or written assignments is at least two weeks.
- Technology is not an excuse for late work.

Late Work Policy:

- 1) All work not collected at the time it is due is considered **late**.
- 2) Late work will be marked as half credit after the assignment is graded. Accepting late work is also at the discretion of the teacher.
- 3) Extra Credit is not given to those with missing assignments.

Turning in Late Work:

- Place late work with the corresponding reason (see below) for being late on top of the paper in the black bin labeled “Late Work.”
 1. If you were absent, mark “*absent*” on top of your paper.
 2. If the assignment is late, mark “*late*” on top of your paper.
- If turning in the assignment online: Notify the teacher via email letting me know.
 1. Below your name on the assignment please signify whether it is absent or late work.

Homelogic Grading System:

- Grades for the Homelogic online grading system will be updated weekly on Wednesday by 6 pm.
- Assignments will also be posted on Homelogic on a daily or regular basis.

Classroom Rules:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

Standards for Classroom Behavior:

- Be on time to class! Students must be in their assigned seat when the tardy bell rings.
- Students are not permitted to leave class to go to their locker. If you do have to get something you will be given a tardy to compensate for being unprepared for class.
- Remain seated until dismissed from class.
- Use Technology in a professional manner.
- Respect everyone.
- Stay on task. Do what is asked of you.
- Contribute to the class in a positive manner.
- No iPods or cell phones are allowed.
- Follow all other standards listed in the student handbook.

Consequences for Failure to Meet Standards: (as per the student handbook)

1. Verbal Warning
2. Referral to Administration