

SOCIOLOGY - 2009/2010

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

One semester. Elective. One-half credit. Open to 10, 11, 12. Prerequisite: World History or Global Perspectives with a "C" or better average. This course is intended for the college prep student. This is the study of man and his relationship with others. The course begins with an investigation into the nature of sociology and its methodology. Next, the social impact of culture and its effect on behavior is examined. This is followed by a study of the socialization process with an emphasis on the "social self". The last unit explored is social organizations. Topics include groups, social stratification, marriage and family, adolescence, and ageism. Due to the activity-focused, interactive nature of this class and emphasis on working in groups, regular attendance and good oral participation are essential to the success of students in sociology. There are two projects that are course requirements, one per quarter.

STUDENT GRADES:

Your grade will be determined from daily/homework assignments, daily discussions, scheduled tests, a notebook, and class participation grades. Assignments are not only graded on "correctness" but also on neatness and how well directions have been followed. Late work is not generally accepted. In some rare cases, a late paper can be accepted but the grade will be docked an appropriate amount. Extra time to complete work will be given for excused absences or at the direction of SAO. There will be two projects. (One per nine week period). These are **course requirements** and failure to complete either of these assignments will result in failing for the quarter. Crinkled and ripped papers are not acceptable. Answers copied from another student are not acceptable and both students will receive a zero for the work. **A very high value is placed on personal honesty in this class.**

A final exam will be given at the end of each semester and will comprise 20% of your semester grade. You must pass 60% of the class to pass for the semester. (must pass two of the three components.)

All of your work will be graded on the "straight percentage". No grades will be curved.

100 - 97 = A+	82 - 80 = B-	66 - 63 = D
96 - 93 = A	79 - 77 = C+	62 - 60 = D-
92 - 90 = A-	76 - 73 = C	59 - 0 = F
89 - 87 = B+	72 - 70 = C-	
86 - 83 = B	69 - 67 = D+	

Computer printouts with ID #, grade, rank in class will be posted approximately every 2 weeks.

Class Calendars, covering one month at a time, will be issued to each student over the entire semester. The calendars are to be used to list all daily/homework assignments and dates of chapter tests. This is what should be used each day to fulfill your responsibility to the class or at such times when an absence occurs. Whether absences are short or long, you are expected to complete the calendar work assigned. Tests missed must be made up within 3 days of your return unless that absence was of an extended nature. Do not assume that all five days will be available. The 3 days are used to allow some flexibility for both the student and the teacher.

Extra Help: I am available after school. Peer tutoring is also available.

Materials: You need to bring the following to class daily: **textbook, notebook, pencils, and pens (blue or black ink only).** Failure to bring all materials to class will lower your class participation grade.

NOTEBOOK

Each quarter you will be expected to hand in a notebook. You may use a spiral notebook or a 3-ring binder. All notes and assigned class work should be kept in this notebook. All materials should be organized in chronological order by dates. This means all notes and assignments should be dated. A complete notebook is worth 50 points and will be graded at the end of each quarter.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

This guide to acceptable classroom behavior should be carefully read and placed in your notebook. I reserve the right to handle the breaking of the following rules by the lowering of your class participation grade, detention, or referral to the Student Affairs Office.

1. Be respectful of your classmates as well as the teacher. This means that no one should be interrupted or ridiculed.
2. No candy, food, or drink is allowed. I do allow water, but do not use it as an excuse to be late. I reserve the right to tell you to dispose of any gum I see or hear.
3. Do not touch the windows, blinds, thermostat, or fans without my permission. Additionally, all trash is to be thrown in the trashcan and not left at your desk.
4. You should be in the classroom and headed toward your seat when the second bell rings. Class does not end until the bell rings or I give permission to end the day's activities. In other words, do not get up from your seat and line up at the door.
5. Field trips and prearranged absences do not give you extra time, just an excused absence. Work is due the day you return for all you have missed, all make-up tests will be taken on the day of your return, so be sure to get your assignments in advance.
6. There is no excuse for cheating. If you are suspected, you are warned. You will receive a zero for an entire assignment or tests if I catch you cheating or helping someone else cheat. Take this seriously. I do.

Immediate referral to the Student Affairs Office will include, but is not limited to, fighting, gross disrespect to teacher, throwing objects, etc. Requires no prior warnings.

Special Circumstance: If a substitute teacher has taken over the classroom for any period of time and any of the above rules have been broken or the substitute experiences another problem with any individual's behavior, the penalty is 2 after school detentions of ½ hour each. Major offenses will result in a referral to SAO.