

Sociology

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology as a formal field of study has a very short history. Sociology may be defined as the systematic, scientific study of human society. The study of sociology helps us to dispel many myths and confusion that make up our common sense understanding of social life.

REQUIREMENTS

1. **Read the *Sociology* text** (5th Edition - Alex Thio, author) and take the exams. **You may be quizzed at anytime over the readings.**
2. **Research Project & Presentation.** The research project will reflect your research into a current social issue in America. Your project will include research and will be presented to the class. This will be explained in subsequent handouts.
3. **Read supplemental readings** that are assigned and **prepare research for class discussions.** A substantial portion of your grade will be determined by your participation in class discussions.
4. **Class participation in projects/discussions.** A considerable amount of time in Sociology will be devoted to the discussion of world events/social issues. It is essential to actively participate in class discussions and other projects throughout the term.
5. **Exams.** Exams will be based in part upon the readings and in part on class discussion and handouts. Each unit exam will be cumulative from the beginning of the course.
6. **Current Events.** A portion of the class will be devoted to discussion of current issues in American society. Each student will be expected to research and analyze current events during the term. This will be explained in subsequent handouts. Issues and events that are discussed in class may also be included on quizzes and exams.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

1. Attendance is very important! We will follow the Southwest attendance policy
2. If you come to class late, make sure you sign in and fill out the blue tardy slip, if applicable.
3. All students are expected to be attentive, polite and respectful of the classroom and of others.
4. Appropriate language is expected of all students.
5. Makeup work is the responsibility of the individual student. You will generally be given the same number of days to make up an assignment as days that you missed.
6. Academic dishonesty is not tolerated! Students are responsible for completing their own work. We will follow the Southwest Social Studies Department cheating/plagiarism policy.
7. Students are expected to bring required items to class daily. Be sure that you bring the following to class each day: a pen, a #2 pencil, textbook, notebook paper, planner, and student ID. It is suggested that you also have a 3-ring binder or folder specifically for this class.
8. If you want to leave the classroom, you will need to have your planner and need to sign out/in.
9. No food or drink will be allowed in carpeted areas except water.
10. Electronic devices are to be turned off and put away. Permission will be given in certain circumstances to have electronic devices accessible.
11. Keep all personal items off of the tables and only have out class materials.
12. Students will be expected to comply with the Southwest Code of Conduct at all times.

Students are expected to hand in assignments on time.

When a student cannot hand in assignments on time, they may hand in work late for full credit if it is handed in within the timeframe defined by Mr. Nettleton. Work turned in after the designated timeframe may be accepted for reduced credit.

TESTS & QUIZZES

Tests and quizzes will be periodically given as a partial evaluation of the students' progress. Each test and quiz will be graded according to a point system, with the following percentages, recommended by LPS District Policy, determining the grades:

90 - 100 = A

85 - 89 = B+

80 - 84 = B

75 - 79 = C+

70 - 74 = C

65 - 69 = D+

60 - 64 = D

00 - 59 = F

MAKE-UP WORK

It is ***YOUR RESPONSIBILITY*** to ask about and make-up all missed assignments, quizzes, and tests. You will have one day to complete make-up assignments for each day you were excused absent. If you will be absent for a school-sponsored event, please make arrangements with Mr. Nettleton prior to your absence. There are special circumstances under which allowances may be made and will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please check Mr. Nettleton's web page at <http://wp.lps.org/tnettle/> if you need class information or copies of assignments. We will follow the Southwest make-up work policy listed in your student planner.

EXAM RE-TAKES

Students will have the option to "re-take" exams (complete test corrections) if you take the initiative to reschedule a "re-take" time either before or after school. Before a student is eligible to "re-take", **ALL** assignments must be completed and handed in.

Students will have the opportunity to complete a unit exam "re-take" up until the date of the next unit exam. (ie: Students may schedule a "re-take" of the Unit 01 Exam up until the day we take the Unit 02 exam). Students may not re-take the final exams.

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

We will follow the Southwest attendance and tardy policy.