Sociology

Course Expectations and Syllabus:

Mrs. Roberts.

**Class Behavior and expectations:**

    This is a “Safe Classroom” and therefore certain types of behavior are encouraged and others discouraged.  My hope is that all students feel welcomed, and comfortable to share their ideas and thoughts throughout this course, without any judgement. I encourage you to take risks, share ideas and stories appropriate to the class.  Respect is a very big issue for me.  To that end, I expect *all of us* to avoid “put-downs” as well as derogatory comments or gestures.  Should I do any behavior that violates this principle, please call me on it.  You and I are responsible for every behavior we do.

3 important things:

* **Participation in extremely important in this course**
* **Listening**
* **Being prepared always (texts, paper, writing materials).**

**About the Course:**

                Introduction to Sociology is a one semester course intended to give you a broad picture of the field of sociology with an emphasis on critical thinking.  This course is all about problem-solving and working in groups.  The course will offer you a set of intellectual tools with which to more accurately understand the society in which you live.  Your participation, discussion, and feedback are needed.  Group activity, work and cooperation are heavily emphasized.

**Course outline: Units Covered Include:**

* Unit 1: Intro to Sociology/ Sociologists/ The Sociological Perspective
* Unit 2: Culture and Social Structure (this will encompass a large variety of sociology disciplines; as a class we will discuss those disciplines of most interest to us and we will dive in deeper to those areas)
* Projects/Essays=30%
* Quizzes/Tests = 40%
* Participation= 30% (Exit Slips, Discussions, homework, classwork)
* Term 3 and 4: 70%
* Final Exam- 30%
* **Assignments should always contain the following:**

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| * Name (First and Last)
* Class/Period
* Assignment/Title of Assignment
* Date turned in
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**Participation:**

* I strongly encourage you to participate in class discussions and activities.  Students assist in creating the atmosphere and mood of the class.  Please become actively involved when appropriate.
* You are also encouraged to bring into class any materials, ideas, news, articles, and artifacts that would help enrich the class.
* Positive class participation is expected.  It includes: paying attention; not sleeping in class; looking interested in the class material; asking questions about the material you've read; bringing in cartoons, magazine, newspaper and journal articles related to the topics studied; being willing to summarize the content; you are encouraged to always ask questions, and to question (in a kind manner).

\*\*\*It is so important to be here, be prepared, and have a positive attitude. Sociology is about having an open mind when dealing with the day to day. SO, in order to be successful in this course, and to get the most out of it. Be here. Be positive. Be prepared. And, hand assignments in when they are due to ensure you get the best possible mark on all your hard work!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*This outline is subject to change at anytime

**Absenteeism and marks**

A legitimate absence is for school related activities, illness or bereavement.  Travel, hair appointments, etc are not valid excuses for missing class.

**Group marks**

Group marks will be earned based on your days present and working with your team.  For example, if a project takes ten class days to complete and the group receives a mark of 80%; but you were only there for 5 days you would receive a 40%.  Even if you have a legitimate reason for being absent the expectation is that you will make up for the time you missed by contributing to the group from home or working during study block when you are able.  Alternatively, if you know you are going to be absent you may choose to work alone if the teacher gives you that option.

**In-class marks**

You will be marked based on the number of days that you are present and participating in class.  If, for example, you earn a shop mark of 70% and you were there 90% of the time your mark would be 63%.

**Late assignment policy:**

-    To get full marks, assignments need to be handed in by the assigned due date.

-    For every date late, after the assignment due date, 10% will be deducted from the mark (up to a maximum of 40%).  Weekends count as one day.

-    If a student is absent on a due date, a written legitimate excuse from a parent or guardian must be presented upon the student’s return, or the late-day deductions will apply.

-    A student’s mark cannot be lower than 60% given that the student deserves a passing grade on the assignment to begin with.  Any work getting a mark of less than 60% will receive that grade.

**-    In order to be graded, all work must be handed in no later than one week after the given due date of the assignment.  Term marks are final.**

**BLMS Attendance Incentive –**

Exams are normally worth 30% of students’ mark. To reach Academic Incentive, a student must meet the following criteria:

1)                Miss 5 or fewer classes in that particular subject (school activities exempted); AND

2)                Be in good standing (not owing for assignments, projects, etc.)

The subject teacher will then apply one of the three following options to the student’s advantage:

1)                15% Final Exam, 85% Class Mark

2)                50% Final Exam, 50% Class Mark