Introduction to Sociology

Period 1 & 2 (Blue Day)

Period 5 & 8 (Gold Day)

**Course Materials:** Textbook: *Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach. 13th edition, by James M. Henslin* (This can be bought/rented online at Cheapesttextbook.com, textbooks.com or Amazon)

**General Course Description:** This course examines human behavior by placing it within a broader social context. Specifically, this course examines how groups influence people and how people are influenced by their society. Topics include: Socialization, Social Interaction, Culture, Deviance, Global Inequality and Social Class, Sexuality/Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Marriage/Family and Religion.

**Course Objective:** This course is an introduction Sociology course designed to provide students with an understanding of how society is structured, an understanding of the theories and language of sociology and methods used to conduct sociological research. This course will emphasize critical thinking principals and apply sociological findings and principles to the real world.

**Attendance/Make-up policy:** You are expected to attend class and be on time. It is your responsibility to get your makeup work if you miss class. Generally, make-up exams will be scheduled during AP the day following a missed exam. Extra credit typically is not offered in this class, but if it is; it will be offered to the entire class and not on an individual basis.

**Class Expectations:**

1. All students are required to participate in class discussions and activities. Your thoughtful participation in class discussions will make this class more interesting and meaningful to you and your classmates.

2. Cell phones are allowed ONLY if instructor says they can be used for a particular activity. Otherwise, all cell phones must be put away at the start of class.

3. Students are expected to respect fellow classmates' personal beliefs, values and life situations. Insensitivity concerning race, religion, SES, or sexual orientation will not be acceptable in this class.

**Academic Honesty Policy:** I do not tolerate cheating in any form. If you plagiarize an essay or cheat on an exam once, that assignment will receive a “0”. If you plagiarize or cheat the second time, you will receive an “F” in the course. (See www.plagiarism.org for more information on plagiarism.)
Course Grading Criteria:

Exams – 45% - (3 exams, 15% each) –

Exams will be given once every 6 week grading period. The exams consist of multiple choice questions over the assigned chapters in the text, as well as class notes. There will be information in the text which is not covered in class, as well as information discussed in class which is not covered in the text. It is extremely important to read your assignments and take good notes in class and on the readings in order to do well on the exams. Exams will be open notes, but NOT open textbook. (You may take hand written notes on your readings, but you MAY NOT make copies of your chapters to use on exams.)

Quizzes: 20% (10 Quizzes – 2% each)

Most weeks, you will have a quiz to complete on Schoology that covers the topic of the unit being covered that week. There will be 10 quizzes over the chapter readings in the Henslin text. These quizzes are designed to check that the text has been read/understood and are assigned before we cover the topic in class. (Reading the assignment prior to class will enhance your ability to participate in class discussion). Quizzes will be open at noon on Thursday and will close Wednesday at midnight (the following week), unless otherwise specified. Quizzes may be taken twice within the allotted time period and the highest grade will be entered in the gradebook.

Assignments/Activities – 20%

There will be activities provided throughout the semester which will be done in and out of class for an activity grade.

Research paper – 15%

You will be required to write a 6 page research paper. This will be done in stages with each stage counting as an activity grade. Detailed information about the paper will be given at the end of the first 6 weeks.

(Research presentation – activity grade for FHS only )

You will be required to give a 5 minute power point presentation on your research topic. These will be presented after ASU grades have been submitted so will only count toward your FHS average.

Below are the dates of exams, quizzes, and research paper assignments. These dates are subject to change!

Thursday, Jan 11  
Read Chapter 1 (no quiz on this chapter)

Thursday, Jan 18 -  
Quiz Chapter 2 (Culture) Opens Noon

Wednesday, Jan 24  
Quiz Chapter 2 (Culture) Closes 11:59 PM

Thursday, Jan 25  
Quiz Chapter 3 (Socialization) Opens Noon

Tuesday, Jan 30  
Norms Activity Paper and presentation

Wednesday, Jan 31  
Quiz Chapter 3 (Socialization) Closes 11:59 PM

Thursday, Feb 1  
Quiz Chapter 4 (Social Structure/Social Interaction) Opens Noon

Wed., Feb 7  
Quiz Chapter 4 (Social Structure/Social Interaction) Closes 11:59 PM

Tues/Wed, Feb 13/14  
Exam # 1 Chapters 1,2,3,4

Thursday, Feb 15  
Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Opens Noon

Tues./Wed Feb 20/21  
Research Paper Assignment #1 Due (Topic)
Wednesday, Feb 21  Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Closes 11:59 PM
Thursday, Feb 22  Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Opens Noon
Wednesday, Feb 28  Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Closes 11:59 PM
Thurs./Fri Feb 8/9  Research Paper Assignment #2 Due (references)
Thursday, March 8  Quiz Chapter 9/10 (Global Stratification/Social Class) Opens Noon

**Mon, Mar. 12 – Fri, Mar. 16**  SPRING BREAK
Wednesday, March 21  Quiz Chapter 9/10 Closes 11:59 PM
Thursday, March 29  Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex & Gender) Opens Noon

**Wed./Thurs Mar 28/29**  Exam #2 (Chapters 5,8,9/10)
Wednesday, April 4  Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender) Closes 11:59 PM
Thurs/Fri, April 5/6  Research Paper Assignment #3 Due (2 of 4 summaries)
Thursday, April 5  Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Opens Noon
Wednesday, April 11  Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Closes 11:59 PM
Thurs./Fri Apr 19/20  Research Paper Assignment # 4 Due (Intro and 3rd summary)
Thursday, April 19  Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Opens Noon
Wednesday, Apr. 25  Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Closes 11:59 PM

**Wed./Thurs, May 2/3**  Exam #3 (Chapters 11, 12, 16)
Thursday, May 3  Quiz Chapter 18 (Religion) Opens Noon

**Tues/Wed, May 8/9**  Final Research Paper Due (4-6 pages + Cover/Ref page)
Wednesday, May 9  Quiz Chapter 18 (Religion) Closes 11:59 PM

**Monday, May 14**  ASU Final Grades Due

Fri, May 18-Fri, May 25  Presentation of Papers Thurs./Fri, May 30/31

Final exams (FHS grade only for those not exempt)