Introduction to Sociology

Period 1 & 2 (Blue Day)

Period 5, 6 & 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.

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 is not acceptable in this class.

Academic Honestly 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.)

SCHOOLOGY: All assignments, power points, outlines and quizzes will be posted on Schoology.

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 videos and 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 11:59 (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 assignment grade. Detailed information about the paper will be given at the end of the first 6 weeks.

(Research presentation – assignment 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.

**Late Work /Re-take/ Make-up Policy:**

**Exams:** If you know you will be gone for an exam, it is your responsibility to take the exam BEFORE you will leave. If you miss an exam due to an illness, you are responsible for coming in the next day during AP to make up the exam.

**JUST LIKE IN COLLEGE, THERE ARE NO RETAKES OF EXAMS! EXAMS ARE WORTH 45% OF YOUR GRADE, SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE GOOD NOTES ON THE READINGS AND IN CLASS. YOU MAY USE THEM ON ALL EXAMS!**

**Quizzes:** If you do not take the quiz during the allotted week, you will receive a ZERO for that quiz. However, I will make an exception ONE time during the semester where I will reopen a quiz if you had extenuating circumstances and were unable to take the quiz. (I suggest you not use this early on in the semester unless you absolutely have to!) NOTE: You will not be required to read entire chapters. Be sure and check schedule, below.

**Assignments:** All assignments will have a due date. However, assignments are part of the learning process, therefore, no late points will be subtracted for submissions less than 1 week late. I would rather you turn in an excellent product a day or two late, than turn in a mediocre product on time because you were rushed. (I will not accept assignments after one week.)

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

Thursday, Jan 9  Quiz Chapter 1 (Sociological Perspective) Opens noon – (entire chapter)
(2 weeks to complete this chapter quiz)

Wed. Jan 22 Quiz Chapter 1 Closes 11:59 PM
Thurs. Jan 23 Quiz Chapter 2 (Culture) Opens Noon – (entire chapter)
Wed., Jan 29 Quiz Chapt. 2 Closes 11:59 PM
Thurs. Jan. 30 Quiz Chapter 3/4 (Socialization and Social Structure) Opens Noon

(Chapter 3: 3.1, 3.5-3.8 and Chapter 4 : 4.2-4.3)

Wednesday, Feb 5 Quiz Chapter 3/4(Socialization and Social Structure) Closes 11:59 PM

Wed/Thurs, Feb 12(Gold)/13 (Blue) Exam # 1 Chapters 1,2,3/4

Thursday, Feb 20 Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Opens Noon (entire chapter)
Wednesday, Feb 26 Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Closes 11:59 PM
Thursday, Feb 27 Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Opens Noon

Friday, Feb 28 Research Assignment # 1 due 11:59 PM (topic & question)

Wednesday, Mar. 4 Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Closes 11:59 PM

Tues. Mar. 10 Research Assignment #2 Due 11:59 PM (references)

Thursday, March 12 Quiz Chapter 10 (Social Class in the US) Opens Noon(whole chapter)

Friday, Mar 13 Research Assignment #3 Due 11:59 PM (Summary # 1)

Mon, Mar. 16 – Fri, Mar. 20 SPRING BREAK

Wednesday, March 25 Quiz Chapter 10 (Social Class in the US) Closes 11:59 PM

Wed. Apr. 1 Research Paper Assignment # 4 Due (Introduction and Summary #2)

Mon./Tues Apr. 6(Blue)/7(Gold) Exam #2 Chapters 5, 8, & 10

Thursday, Apr. 9 Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex & Gender) Opens Noon (entire chapter)
Wednesday, April 15 Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender) Closes 11:59 PM
Thursday, April 16 Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Opens Noon (entire chapter)

Monday, Apr. 20 Final Research Paper Due (5 pages + Cover/Reference Pages) 11:59

Wednesday, April 22 Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Closes 11:59 PM
Thursday, April 23 Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Opens Noon (entire chapter)
Wednesday. Apr. 29 Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Closes 11:59 PM

Thurs./Fri April 30(gold)/31(Blue) Exam #3 (Chapters 11, 12, 16)

Monday, May 11 ASU Final Grades Due
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon. May 11-15</td>
<td>Presentation of Papers (For FHS grade only)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed./Thurs, May 20/21</td>
<td>Final exams (only for those not exempt)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>