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, Social Class, Sexuality/Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Marriage/Family.

Course Objective: This course is designed to demonstrate how identities such as race, class, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and nationality contribute to a range of social experiences and social perspectives, as well as provide students with 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 on 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 textbook, as well as any content (including videos) covered in class. There will be information in the textbook, which is not covered in class, as well as information covered 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 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 typically 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 PM (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 6-8 page research paper. This will be done in stages with each stage counting as an assignment grade. Detailed information about the paper (including due dates) will be given at the end of the first 6 weeks.

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 IN THE TEXTBOOK 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 a quiz may be reopened if you had extenuating circumstances and were unable to take the quiz. (I suggest you not use this early on in the semester unless absolutely necessary.)

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 Quizzes and Exams. These dates are subject to change! (Due dates for all quizzes, exams assignments and research paper will be posted on schoology as well as on the white board in class.)

- **Tues./Wed. Jan. 5/6**: Syllabus quiz (this can be done in class)
- **Thursday, Jan. 7**: Quiz Chapter 1 (Sociological Perspective) Opens noon
  
  (2 weeks to complete this chapter quiz)
- **Wed. Jan 20**: Quiz Chapter 1 Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs. Jan 21**: Quiz Chapter 2 (Culture) Opens Noon
- **Wed., Jan 27**: Quiz Chapter 2 Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs. Jan. 28**: Quiz Chapter 3/4 (Socialization and Social Structure) Opens Noon
  
  (Chapter 3: 3.1, 3.4-3.8 and Chapter 4: 4.2-4.3, 4.6-4.7)
- **Wed., Feb 3**: Quiz Chapter 3/4 (Socialization and Social Structure) Closes 11:59 PM

**Wed/Thurs, Feb 10(Gold)/11 (Blue) Exam # 1 Chapters 1,2,3/4**

- **Thurs., Feb 18**: Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Opens Noon
- **Wed., Feb 24**: Quiz Chapter 5 (Research Methods) Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs., Feb 25**: Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Opens Noon
- **Wed., Mar. 3**: Quiz Chapter 8 (Deviance) Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs., Mar. 10**: Quiz Chapter 10 (Social Class in the US) Opens Noon

**Mon, Mar. 15 – Fri, Mar. 19**: SPRING BREAK

- **Wed., Mar. 24**: Quiz Chapter 10 (Social Class in the US) Closes 11:59 PM

**Wed./Thurs. Mar. 31 (Blue)/Apr. 1(Gold) Exam #2 Chapters 5, 8, & 10**

- **Thurs., Apr. 9**: Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex & Gender) Opens Noon
- **Wed., Apr.14**: Quiz Chapter 11 (Sex and Gender) Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs., Apr. 15**: Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Opens Noon
- **Wed., Apr. 21**: Quiz Chapter 12 (Race & Ethnicity) Closes 11:59 PM
- **Thurs., April 29**: Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Opens Noon
- **Wed., May 5**: Quiz Chapter 16 (Marriage & Family) Closes 11:59 PM

**Tues./Wed. May 11(Blue)/12(Gold) Exam #3 (Chapters 11, 12, 16)**

- **Monday, May 17**: ASU Final Grades Due