



Class Title: RED Intro to Sociology

Teacher Name: Marie Jones

Class Day: Friday

(This is a year-long class. During the spring semester, this class will be 2 days a week)

Class Max: 15

Class Cost:\$124 (for the full year)

Ages or color group served: Red - high school

What level is this class: Level 3

Prerequisites: LEVEL 3 requirements

Graduation Requirements: HCU Attendance policy PLUS complete all research papers/presentations

Homework Requirements: All assignments will be given in class. Homework will consist of reading, quizzes, plus research papers in APA style

Class Description:

Introduction to Sociology aims to provide students with a foundational understanding of human behavior within the context of society. Through a comprehensive curriculum, students will explore key sociological concepts, theories, and research methods to analyze various aspects of social life. The course will cover fundamental topics such as socialization, culture, social structure, institutions, deviance, inequality, and social change. By examining real-world examples and case studies, students will develop critical thinking skills and gain insight into the complexities of human interaction and societal dynamics. Through engaging discussions, activities, and projects, students will learn to apply sociological perspectives to understand social phenomena and their impact on individuals and communities. This class will foster a deeper appreciation for diversity, empathy, and informed citizenship, preparing students to navigate and contribute to an ever-changing world. Overall, Introduction to Sociology will provide students with a solid foundation in sociology, empowering them to analyze social issues, challenge assumptions, and become active participants in shaping the society they live in.



As we study throughout the year in Sociology there will be topics that we will discuss and research in class or outside of class. The students and parents will sign a waiver of acknowledgement of certain topics – ie: Sexuality, racism, lgbtq, etc. These topics are discussed when conducting research and will be a part of class discussions some weeks.

Week 1:

Introduction to Sociology & Classroom Expectations

- Definition of sociology
- Basic sociological concepts (society, culture, norms, values)

Week 2:

Introduction to Sociology pt 2

- Founding figures and theories (Durkheim, Marx, Weber)
- Importance of sociology in understanding human behavior and society

Week 3:

Sociological Research pt 1

- Research methods in sociology (surveys, interviews, experiments, observations)
 - Ethics in sociological research
- Conducting a research project: topic selection, data collection, analysis

Week 4:

Sociological Research pt 2

- Research methods in sociology (surveys, interviews, experiments, observations)
 - Ethics in sociological research
- Conducting a research project: topic selection, data collection, analysis

Week 5:

Culture, Society, & Socialization pt 1

- Definition and elements of culture
 - Cultural diversity and cultural relativism
- Subcultures, countercultures, and multiculturalism
 - Cultural change and globalization

Week 6:

Culture, Society, & Socialization pt 2

- Definition and elements of culture



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Week 7:

Organizations & Social Control pt 1

- Definition and theories of deviance
- Social construction of crime and punishment
- Social control mechanisms (formal and informal)
- Deviance and social change

Week 8:

Organizations & Social Control pt 2

- Types of social movements (reform, revolutionary, religious, etc.)
- Causes and consequences of social movements
- The role of media and technology in social change
- Case studies of influential social movements

Week 9:

Social inequality pt 1

- Definition and types of social stratification (class, race, gender)
- Theories of social stratification (Marxist theory, functionalist theory, Weberian theory)
- Social mobility and inequality
- Global stratification and its impact

Week 10:

Social inequality pt 2

- Overview of social institutions (family, education, economy, politics, religion)
- Functions and dysfunctions of social institutions
- Social institutions and social change
- Theoretical perspectives on institutions (structural-functionalism, conflict theory)

Week 11:

Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexuality pt 1

- Sociological perspectives on race and ethnicity
- Prejudice, discrimination, and stereotypes
- Immigration and assimilation



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- Intersectionality: the interplay of race, class, gender, and other identities

Week 12:

Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexuality pt 1

- Sociological perspectives on gender and sexuality
 - Gender roles and expectations
 - Gender inequality in various spheres of life