

INTERACTION PLAN AND COURSE ACTIVITIES:

OVERVIEW OF CLASS:

This course will introduce you to the sociological study of social problems. The goal of the course is to learn about sociology, can analyze social problems, and understand how they are socially constructed. We will explore: (1) How an issue is socially constructed into a social problem? (2) How does the differential power of various groups affect how some issues become constructed into social problems and others do not? (3) What role do the media play in the social construction of social problems?

This approach will reveal the social rather than the individual roots of such problems. This understanding will provide us with a more objective understanding of how to consider the construction of solutions to social problems. With the use of the sociological "eye" we will learn to think critically about the "common sense/ wisdom" surrounding various social issues.

Who's Online

Great place to talk with professor or each other. I'm online most evenings love to chat with students.

ASSIGNMENTS- Weekly Activities and Assignments Folder

All assignments are posted in the Weekly Assignments folder on the homepage. Open up the folder for the specific week of the class and click on various icons for the weeks assignments.

BULLETIN BOARD DISCUSSION FORUMS:

This online tool provides the real backbone of the course. Essentially is a bulletin board with weekly asynchronous discussions that you must participate in. In many cases you will be mandated to post assignments here. Directions on how to use the bulletin board are in your instruction manual.

CHAT:

A chat room is a synchronous live discussion forum in which participants can sign on at the same time. Some of you may want to set up a chat room to communicate. If I feel the need to enhance a concept I will post a chat which will not be mandatory . A copy of the chat will be posted in the forum for those who are unable to participate.

ONLINE CHAPTER QUIZZES:

DISABILITY NOTICE:

If you have a disability and require reasonable accommodations to enable you to participate in this course please contact me during the first week of class