Introduction to Sociology

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Expectations: Sections are your opportunity to discuss ideas presented in lecture and the readings. My role as a T.A. is to help you access course material through a structured facilitation of student discussion in both whole and small groups.

My responsibilities:
• Facilitate and guide discussion
• Answer questions and concerns
• Challenge writing and critical thinking skills
• Be available to you through office hours, email and appointments

Your responsibilities:
• Attend section; You are expected to arrive on time and stay until the end
• Read all assigned material
• Complete assignments
• Participate actively and positively.

Grade: Section is worth 30% of your overall course grade. Your entire section grade based on homework, participation and attendance. You will lose points if you don't attend section.
• You will have two homework assignments that will make up 1/3 of your section grade. After an announcement is made in lecture, your homework assignment will be posted online. You will have 1-2 weeks to complete the homework. We will briefly discuss the specific requirements for each assignment in sections before it is due. You will need to upload 2 copies of the homework to receive a grade: 1 copy to turnitin.com and a second copy to the section's EEE dropbox.
• The rest of your grade will be based on participation in section, which is measured in two ways:
  ○ Reading memo: Each week you will be required to submit a summary of one of the assigned readings to the EEE dropbox. The deadline is 11:55pm the night before section meets. No late memos will be accepted. Summaries should be 1 paragraph (6-11 sentences total).
    ▪ 1-2 sentences: Author's main point
    ▪ 2-4 sentences: Two ways the author supports this point
    ▪ 3-5 sentences: One empirical criticism of the article.
  ○ In-class participation: You can earn in-class participation points by coming to section and actively participating in discussion or group work.
    ▪ NOTE: You cannot participate in class if you are not actually present. Therefore, you cannot earn participation points if you are not present in class. Attendance will be take every section.

Academic Dishonesty
• I will not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty. You must submit your own original work for homework assignments and reading memos. Refer to UCI's official policy on academic dishonesty for further information.
• Note: We will be using turnitin.com to check for plagiarism on all the reading memos and homework assignments. If you are caught cheating, then you will be punished in accordance with UCI policy.