

Sociology 2600 – Inequality and Social Stratification
Fall 2010
Grande Prairie Regional College – Hinton Campus

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Class Times: Friday at 1:00

Required Text: Kendall, D., Nygaard, V.L., Thompson, E.G. (2011). *Social Problems in a Diverse Society* (3th edition). Toronto: Prentice Hall.

Course Description: An introduction to the study of structured social inequalities and poverty, major theoretical approaches, and findings from key empirical studies, with an emphasis on Canada.

Course Format: This course will have 3 hours of lecture time per week and an online component. Students are required to be familiar with Moodle and have internet access. Students who are unfamiliar with Moodle or are lacking confidence, should let the instructor know ASAP as help will be provided. It is the student's responsibility to obtain and username and password from GPRC.

Student Evaluation:

Your grade will be based on two exams, two assignments and a final paper. Students are expected to participate online and in class in weekly discussions. Further information on the evaluation exercises is available on Moodle.

Participation Activity:	Attendance/Class Participation/Online Discussions Evaluated Weekly	Value: 10%
Assignment #1:	Participant Observation Due Date: September 24, 2010	Value: 15%
Assignment #2:	Popular Culture Critique Due Date: November 5, 2010	Value: 15%
Mid Term Exam:	Date: October 15, 2010	Value: 20%
Final Exam:	Date: December 10, 2010	Value: 20%
Term Paper:	Issue Reaction Paper Due Date: December 3, 2010	Value: 20%

Grading:

Students will receive a percentage mark on all written work and exams in this course. You will receive by email a breakdown of your written work. At the end of term, your final percentage mark will be translated into a letter grade according to regulations stipulated by GPRC.

Alpha Grade	Percentage Range	Descriptor
A+	90-100	Excellent
A	85-89	
A-	80-84	Very Good
B+	76-79	
B	73-75	Good
B-	70-72	
C+	67-69	Satisfactory
C	64-66	
C-	60-63	
D+	55-59	Poor
D	50-54	Minimal Pass
F	0-49	Failure

Code of Conduct:

Students are expected to follow the policies of Grande Prairie Regional College with regards to behaviour both in the classroom, online and on campus. Special attention should be paid to policies regarding student misconduct in relation to plagiarism and cheating. For more information, students are invited to review the following for information:
<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>

Course Outline:

***Students are expected to check weekly online for class discussions.*

September 3	Social Inequality and Social Stratification Reading: Chapter 1
September 10	Class, Wealth and Poverty / Methodology and Theory Reading: Chapter 2
September 17	Racism and Ethnic Inequality Reading: Chapter 3
September 24	Gender / Sexual Orientation Reading: Chapter 4; Chapter 6 Assignment #1 due
October 1	Age Reading: Chapter 5
October 8	Sex Industry / Addictions Reading: Chapter 7; Chapter 8
October 15	Mid Term Exam
October 22	Crime and Criminal Justice System / Health, Illness and Health Care Reading: Chapter 9; Chapter 10
October 29	Family / Education Reading: Chapter 11; Chapter 12

November 5	Globalization and Global Economy Reading: Chapter 13 Assignment #2 due
November 12	No classes / fall break
November 19	Media Reading: Chapter 14
November 26	Population, Urbanization & Environmental Crisis Reading: Chapter 15
December 3	War & Terrorism Reading: Chapter 16 Term Paper due
December 10	Final Exam (date is subject to change)