

P.S. 035 Manhattan High School Course Syllabus

Course Code: HBSA1QNR
Course Name: Sociology
Teacher Name: Bennett
Year and Term: 2020 – Term 2

Learning Standards:

- * 1.4 Students will identify, differentiate among, and apply a variety of sociological theories.
- * 2.1 Students will describe the components of culture.
- * 2.2 Students will analyze how culture influences individuals, including themselves
- * 2.3 Students will evaluate important social institutions and how they respond to social needs.
- * 2.4 Students will assess how social institutions and cultures change and evolve.

Course Description: This course introduces students to the study of sociology and the sociological perspective. By examining social constructions of reality and the impact of social context on human behavior, students begin to develop a sociological perspective, or sociological imagination. Students will become familiar with the major theoretical perspectives—functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism—and learn to apply them in order to better understand social behavior and its consequences. Students will learn how to deconstruct and evaluate culture and social structure through social institutions, individual roles and statuses, and the process of change, considering multiple levels of analysis—global, societal, local and individual. Students will also examine both culture and structure as human creations that carry on from generation to generation.

Calendar or Unit Map:

Unit 1: The Sociological Perspective and Methods of Inquiry

Unit 2: Social Structure: Culture, Institutions, and Society

Course Materials: Everything will be provided in Google Classroom.

Grading Policy:

Major Work (projects, assessments, discussions, etc.) – 40%

Minor Work (classwork, homework, do nows, participation, or anything else we do on

the road to the major work.) – 60%

Other Expectations: All I ask is that you try your best and trust me to have your best interest in mind. Ask for help when you need and be honest about what you want from a teacher/class.