**SOC 001: Introduction to Sociology Final Paper**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

For the final paper you will be examining a social issue of your choosing by reviewing previous research on the subject. This can be a more in-depth analysis of the topic you chose for your newspaper article essay or it can be an entirely new topic. Importantly, you will be using peer-reviewed research articles.

There two parts to this assignment. First, students will turn in a rough draft (4-5 pages). Second, students will turn in their final paper

For the final paper:

• The paper should be written in an essay-style format; structured with an introduction, body, and conclusion. **A thesis statement in the first paragraph is required.**

• 4-5 pages, double-spaced, 12” font, and 1” margins.

• There must be at least 4 citations using academic sources. These are **peer-reviewed journal articles or books**. New articles, Wikipedia, and other non-academic sources do not count.

**ROUGH DRAFT:**

The rough draft should be as close to a final version as possible. It must be at least 3 full pages, double-spaced, with 12 point font, and 1” margins. The paper will be read, graded, and some comments will be provided to perfect it for the final edition. You must keep the rough draft and turn it in (again) with the final draft.

**FINAL DRAFT:**

The final draft will have errors cleaned up, be complete, and address any issues raised in the grading of the rough draft.

\*For some handy and helpful tips on writing, see the “McEvoy’s Full Proof Guide to Writing Acadmic Papers” that is posted online. If you adopt these practices, you are almost guaranteed to get better grades and impress potential employers.

**Technical Instructions:**

For the rough and final drafts:

1. Staple your paper (-5 points for unstapled papers)

2. Put your name on it (-5 points for unnamed papers)

3. Turn it in on time (-20 points for each day late. If you will be gone on the due date, you will need a doctor’s note or some other note that will excuse your absence)

4. Spelling and Grammar: You will be graded on this, so be sure to proofread.

5. 4-5 pages + bibliography (At least 4 academic sources!)

6. In-text citations. For direct quotes and numbers, please use in-text citations. (This will be more important for the final paper, but you should do it for the rough draft to get in the habit.). You may use any of the major citation styles. I would recommend APA, as that is what is used by most professionals.

7. Support your thesis statement!