

Sociology 1004
Deviance in U.S. Society Recitation
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Purpose of Recitation

The purpose of the recitation sections is to engage in discussion about what was taught in class that week to ensure a thorough understanding of the topic. You will be writing papers for the lecture class, so it would be smart to make sure you fully understand the topics you will be writing about. Remember that sometimes we think we understand something until someone asks us to explain it. The goal is to be able to explain a concept, at least roughly, to a person who has not taken this course.

Tardiness and Attendance

- Take roll every Friday
- Be on time
- If there is a reason you will be late or have to leave early, let me know ahead of time.

Every class at a random time I will hand out a notecard for you to fill out with an answer I ask. This counts as your participation grade.

Emails

- Be professional. We are not best friends texting.
- I will only guarantee that I will respond to an email within 24 hours.

If turning in any papers, always staple them. I am not at fault if half of your paper goes missing.

Classroom Rules

- No electronics
 - If I catch you with them out twice, you will be asked to leave and lose your attendance and participation for the day.
- No side conversations
 - If it continues, you will be asked to leave.
- No interrupting others or raising voices/yelling
- If you want to say something but are shy to cut into the conversation flow, raise your hand and make sure I have seen it before putting it down. I will then make sure you get a turn.

- Use “I” statements when trying to express something difficult or emotionally charged.
 - Ex. I felt/feel (this certain way) when you said _____.
- No hate language is allowed.
- Be aware that you do not know everyone’s back story, just the same as they do not know what you have been through. Try to be kind.
- Only use bathroom if emergency. 50 minutes is not a great length of time for the average person. If you have a medical issue that requires you to go more often, speak to me in private about it.
- Some topics will be difficult. Try your best to keep a calm mind to work through the conversation. That said, if a topic brings up something particularly traumatic for you, try to let me know ahead of time that class will be difficult for you according to what was covered in lecture earlier in the week.

If you think something will be rude or potentially racist/sexist/etc. before you say it, don’t say it.