

## **Honors Psychology & Sociology Class Syllabus**

**Course: Honors Psychology & Sociology**  
**Central Academy of Technology and Arts**

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**Course Description:** I wish to welcome everyone to Honors Psychology & Sociology. Psychology & Sociology is both an exciting and challenging course to take. It covers

**NC DPI Course Standards** for this course can be found at:

**Psychology:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tqVkvdxEJ6dVYUWXg5aW-WzbtUTaX7L5/view>

**Sociology:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U\\_S9bTdgXeLLQFG7M77kbI3rxqM15j3/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U_S9bTdgXeLLQFG7M77kbI3rxqM15j3/view)

**Materials Needed:** Everyone should come prepared for class with:

- In a normal school year we would use the majority of these materials, with much of our class being online this year I have highlighted the key materials needed.

Text Books (2) – Keep At Home

Spiral notebook – 70 Pages

Highlighters

A three ring binder – 1 Inch

Paper

Colored Pencils

Pen or pencil (no yellow or orange)

Glue Sticks (helpful not necessary)

**Tutoring & Office Hours – Friday’s 10:00 am – 11:30 am & 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.**

- I will be available most of the day Friday, just email me if you need something outside of the posted office hours
- Also if you need something during non-class hours please feel free to email me any time, I will get back to you ASAP.

**Classroom rules (When Here or Online):** I base all of my rules on one word, **RESPECT**. I expect each student to respect themselves, other students, and the teacher.

- Additional please, please, please:
  - Keep your social distancing
  - Keep your mask on
  - Be cognizant of your fellow classmates and their personal space.

**Grading Policy:** All assignments are due by midnight on the due date. I know that this year is different and I will take that into account, and case-by-case scenarios.

- Once grades are entered into the gradebook a 1 can be made up, a 0 cannot be made up.

### **Grades:**

**Daily Work/Class Work/Home Work:** Since everything, we do this fall will be different from anything we have done in the past with schoolwork. Assignments will be posted daily with due dates. All work will be due by midnight of the due date. We will be turning in the majority of our work via Google Doc/Sheet/Presentation or through Microsoft Teams.

**Final Exam:** The final exam for Honors Psychology & Sociology is worth 25% of your student's grade for the semester. The final exam will be teacher made and we will have more details about final exams as we progress through the fall semester.

**Projects:** We will have one major project worth 20% of your grade each six weeks. I will assign these projects at the start of the six weeks and they are generally due 3 or 4 days prior to the end of the six weeks.

### **How is Honors Different from College Prep?**

**Psychology & Sociology** is an honors level course. This course is also available in the Program of Studies at the College Preparatory level. Students earning credit for an Honors level course receive an elevated number of Quality Points for their Grade Point Average. Students choosing the Honors level course should be aware that this Honors level course will include:

- Required extension opportunities that are directly related to the Standard Course of Study. This includes additional content beyond that covered in the College Preparatory level.
- More challenging coursework and assessments. Students will be expected to demonstrate higher levels of understanding for grades.
- Projects and presentations will be more in depth.
- Students will have to focus and study regularly to master the content.
- The expectation that students can move through the coursework at an accelerated pace and students experiencing difficulty should quickly seek guidance from their teacher on how they can be more successful.

### **Learning Platform at Central Academy**

**Canvas:** The majority of assignments will be submitted on our "learning platform," Canvas. Assignments can be submitted a variety of ways including, uploading files, typing into text boxes, and sharing Google documents/presentations. Students not having used Canvas before should alert the teacher and they will be shown how to submit assignments on Canvas. Individual assignments will indicate which method of submission on Canvas is expected. If students need a refresher or have questions, they can access the [Canvas Student Guide](#) for specific instructions. It is the student's responsibility to ensure assignments are submitted on time and to contact the instructor if there is a problem. The Canvas Learning Platform logs every student log-in on Canvas which provides teachers with a list of when students log-in to Canvas using their user id.

Canvas is used to grade assignments as well, however, the grades in Canvas, while accurate to that assignment, are NOT the teacher's gradebook. The teacher's gradebook includes categories of assignments that may be weighted differently and may include grades for assignments that did not use the Canvas Learning Platform. Therefore, students and parents should always check their child's true average on the Parent Portal on Powerschool.