Course Expectations Letter

Subject: SOC 102 Major Social Problems

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Catalog Course Description:
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the definition, development, reduction and elimination of major social problems in contemporary society. Topics addressed include problems of mental and physical health including addictions, crime and violence, social inequality, terrorism and war, as well as technology and the environment. Various social theories and relevant empirical research are critically examined throughout the course.

Student Learning Outcomes:
An example of a proficient result would be when students are able to identify how their biography affects and is affected by global social problems.

A proficient result for this course SLO would be able to identify 2 or more different connections between current social problems individuals, communities and societies at each level.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:
- posting and delivery via e-mail of detailed information upon the release of each week's various assignments.
- posting and delivery of instructor response to each chapter's class discussion posts.
- personal evaluation and grading feedback via e-mail on midterm and final tests.
- personal outreach via e-mail on particular problematic issues including patterns of missing tests, discussions or other issues related to required activities.
- periodic posting and delivery via e-mail of advice on course best practices and avoidance of common pitfalls.
- personal response and exchange via e-mail on any questions or issues that may arise.
To the student:

This is a fast-paced course (especially in the shorter formats) that covers all topics in the text. Successful completion of the work requires consistent participation from you and careful attention to all details of the required assignments. New assignments are released on a weekly basis and it is absolutely essential to stay on the pace of the work being covered. To do so requires a high level of motivation and discipline.

Historically, students who consistently schedule adequate time and a productive working situation to complete each week's assignments do well and enjoy the experience. Those who fall behind often find it very difficult to catch up.

As we proceed, I'm on duty to provide any assistance you may require.

Dr. Roddick

_The instructor may drop you for non-participation._

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: [http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/](http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/)

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

_Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade._