

# SOC205: Week 1 Introduction Assignment

## *Purpose*

I start the course with this reading and set of questions because I want you to know that my commitment to you as an instructor is to help you succeed no matter what. I know that you are a full person with multiple commitments, courses, stressors, and, possibly, unseen barriers. No matter what your situation is, you can be successful in this course! Just let me know if I can help.

## *Tasks*

1. All students respond to Part 1: Setting Course Expectations questions.
  - a. Worth 10 points, due 11:59 pm January 15
  - b. In at least three sentences, respond to the following questions:
    - i. Why did you sign up for this course and what do you hope to take away from it?
    - ii. What do you expect from your peers and from your instructor? In other words, how would you like to engage with your peers in an online course and how can your instructor best support you?
  - c. Submit as a Word or PDF document to the assignment area of Canvas.
2. Only students *who have not taken a course* with Dr. Cortez previously should respond to Part 2: Laziness Does Not Exist questions.
  - a. Included in the assignment 10 points, due 11:59 pm January 15
  - b. Read [Laziness Does Not Exist](#)
  - c. There is no sentence requirement, but fully address the following questions:
    - i. What does Dr. Price mean by "unseen barriers" and how should we rethink laziness?
    - ii. Is there anything you would like me to know about your unseen barriers or situation that might make participating in this class a challenge?
  - d. Include your answers on the same page as your response to Part 1 and submit as a Word or PDF document to the assignment area of Canvas.

## *Criteria for Success*

You will be awarded points based on the following rubric:

Criteria	Ratings				Points
	<i>Full Marks 10 to &gt;8.9 pts</i>	<i>Most Marks 8.9 to &gt;7.9 pts</i>	<i>Minimal marks 7.9 to &gt;0 pts</i>	<i>No marks 0 pts</i>	
<b>Assignment Structure</b>	Assignment follows all instructions, including any sentence minimum requirements, formatting requirements, and citations.	Assignment follows 2 out of the 3 instructions, including any sentence minimum requirements, formatting requirements, and citations.	Assignment follows 1 out of the 3 instructions, including any sentence minimum requirements, formatting requirements, and citations.	Assignment either does not follow any of the instructions, is missing, or is plagiarized	3 points
<b>Assignment Content</b>	Responses are on topic and include thoughtful and relevant contributions based on the course sources, uses clear evidence from the sources to support claims, and includes full sentences free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Responses are mostly on topic and makes relevant contributions based on at least two of the following criteria: course sources, uses some evidence from the sources to support claims, and includes full sentences free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Responses are minimally on topic and makes relevant contributions based on at least one of the following criteria: course sources, uses some evidence from the sources to support claims, and includes full sentences free of grammatical and spelling errors.	Assignment is either entirely off topic and doesn't cite the required sources, is missing, or was plagiarized	7 points