

Final Presentations: Sociology 201

Organize a group: Your presentation is to be given as a group, and thus, your first task is to decide on a group of students with whom you will present. Your group should comprise of three individuals (2 + you). I will pass out a sign-up sheet for groups in class. Once groups are established I will negotiate presentation days with groups. (Remember, it's easiest to present first!)

Decide on a Topic: Your next step is to meet as a group and begin mulling over potential topics that you can present on. Sociology is a very large field of study and thus you should have no problems coming up with an issue of interest. In short, I would like your presentation to accomplish three things: (1) present a sociological issue, (2) discuss potential factors that influence the issue, and (3) provide a brief series of policy recommendations that are *based on your research*. In addition to these three factors I take into account: organization, teamwork, content, visual aids, and individual participation. (See presentation grading rubric on website for details.) Finally, it is worth noting that credit will be given where credit is due. I will grade each team as a group but I retain the right to give out grades on an individual basis if I think that one or more members clearly did all of the work.

Prepare in Advance: Your group is REQUIRED to send me a copy of your final presentation at least one week (7 days) before you actually present. (This may be a PPT, a Prezi, or a detailed outline.) If you do not do this, your group will not present and you will automatically receive a 0 for your presentation grade.

Other things to keep in mind:

- Show up early, upload your presentation onto the computer and make sure it is working as intended.
- Practice makes perfect! Practice your presentation frequently in the days leading up to your presentation. Run through it once or twice out loud but also review it in your head from time to time.
- Time your presentation and cut out unnecessary information.

Present: Your group will be allotted 20 minutes to present. I suggest leaving at least 3 minutes for questions and answers. I highly recommend practicing your presentation prior to giving it in class. Also, it is extremely important that each team member participate in the presentation of material.

Attend: In addition to presenting, you must support your fellow classmates by attending their presentations.