

**Welcome to Intro to the Real World**  
**Mrs. Hampson**

This is a semester course which highlights skills that are important for young people as they look toward living independently and making decisions regarding their future. The following activities will be completed through a variety of lectures, discussions, videos, guest speakers, and real life simulations.

**Classroom Activities**

1. Becoming an Adult
  - A. Self Concept
  - B. Personal Interactions
    1. Communication
    2. Building relationships
  - C. Coping with stress, crises, and change
  
2. Changing Lifestyles
  - A. Career Considerations
    1. Educational and career options
    2. Career research
    3. Cover letters, resumes, and interviewing
  
  - B. Family concepts and relationships
  - C. Decision-making for parenting
  - D. Managing work and family
  
3. Managing Finances
  - A. Consumer Skills
  - B. Budgeting Skills
  - C. Financial Planning
  - D. Understanding and using credit
  - E. Insurance
  - F. Housing
  - G. Financial Simulation

**Grading**

Grades will be based on tests, quizzes, assignments, labs, and participation. Your participation and involvement will enhance the learning that takes place.

**Semester grades** – A semester test will be given at the end of the eighteen weeks, and will count 20% toward your semester grade. The remaining 80% will be the quarter grades.

**Daily Participation** –The success of a student in this class will depend largely on participation. This includes participation and behavior during classroom discussion, lectures, and simulations.

**Homework** – handouts and worksheets may require some additional time to complete. Five points will be deducted for late assignments and a zero will be given after three days.