



SOCIOLOGY

Insert Teacher Name

Insert Room Number

Insert Full Year/Semester

Insert Period

Insert Email Address

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. In this semester elective, students will investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts. Since all human behavior is social, the subject matter of sociology could range from the intimate family to the hostile mob; from organized crime to religious traditions; and from the divisions of race, gender, and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture. Sociology is a science that uses research methods to investigate the social world. Sociological inquiry must examine what meanings people give to the behaviors, objects, and interactions that are present in each culture and society. It uses the scientific method, is based on critical thinking, and requires students to examine how they are influenced by their social positions. In this way, students learn how to effectively participate in a diverse and multicultural society, and develop a sense of personal and social responsibility.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Understand the sociological perspective and interpret how it differs from other social sciences.
- Identify and analyze how social context influences individuals and how individuals influence society.
- Identify, utilize, and evaluate the four main methods of sociological research: surveys, experiments, observations, and content analysis.
- Identify, analyze, and evaluate the major components of culture and cite examples of how culture influences the individuals in it.
- Identify and analyze important social institutions in society, and the role of these institutions.
- Analyze how social structures and cultures change and persist over time.
- Analyze the influences of the primary agents of socialization and why they are influential.
- Identify characteristics of social groups, as well as the effects groups have on individuals and society, and the effects of individuals and societies on groups.
- Interpret the effects of inequality on groups and individuals and analyze why the distribution of power and inequalities can result in conflict.
- Analyze and interpret different types of primary and secondary sources of fundamental importance and relevance to topical inquiry.

UNITS OF STUDY

- The Sociological Perspective and Research Methods
- Culture and Socialization
- Social Organization and Social Institutions
- Social Inequalities
- Deviance and Conformity
- Social Change

COURSE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

GRADING

Summative Assessments: Insert % Here (Minimum of 70%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Papers – 30%)
Formative Assessments: Insert % Here (Maximum of 30%).
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Quizzes – 50%)
Behavioral Characteristics: Insert % Here (Maximum of 10%)
Insert Categories/Weighting (ie. Particip. - 90%)
Insert Additional Grading Information Here

MATERIALS

Insert Course Materials Here (ie. Textbook, Binder, Calculator, Highlighters)

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Insert Course Expectations Here

EXTRA HELP

Insert Course Expectations Here

Insert Additional Information Here