

Sociology

Course Description: Students will explore the ways sociologists view society, and also how they study the social world. In addition, students will examine culture, socialization, deviance and the structure and impact of institutions and organizations. Also, students will study selected social problems and how change impacts individuals and societies.

The Sociological Point of View

The student will analyze what it means to take a sociological point of view.	
S.1 Describe the origins of sociology. (C, H)	1
S.2 Compare similarities and differences between sociology and the other social sciences. (H)	1
S.3 Identify the relationship between the study of sociology, society, and culture. (C)	1
S.4 Define and apply key concepts used in sociology to understand human society and interaction. (C)	1
S.5 Differentiate among the various sociological perspectives or theories on social life through an examination of textual evidence and formulate a personal perspective. (C, H)	1
S.6 Use research from informational text and primary sources to compare and contrast the various sociological research methods. (C, H)	1

The Role of Culture for Individuals and Society

The student will analyze the nature of culture and the role it plays for the individual and society.	
S.7 Identify and apply the elements of culture. (C)	1
S.8 Use diverse formats and media to compare and contrast various cultures of the world. (C, G)	1
S.9 Explain how the elements of culture form a whole culture. (C)	1
S.10 Write an expository piece using appropriate textual evidence to describe the relationship between language and the transmission of culture. (C)	1
S.11 Analyze the role that culture plays in determining personality. (C)	1

Social Interaction and Social Structure

The student will analyze the dynamics of social interaction and social structure.	
S.12 Define and evaluate the theoretical perspectives of social interaction. (C)	1
S.13 Explain the types of social interaction. (C)	1
S.14 Distinguish status from role and pose solutions to role conflicts. (C)	1
S.15 Describe how the social structure of a culture affects social interaction. (C)	1

Groups and Organizations in Society

The student will analyze the roles played by groups and organizations in society.	
S.16 Distinguish between social groups and formal organizations. (C)	1
S.17 Classify types of social groups that exist in society. (C)	1
S.18 Use research from informational texts and case studies to analyze group dynamics and assess its effects on group behavior. (C)	1
S.19 Evaluate the nature of bureaucracies and write an opinion piece that defends or criticizes their use. (C, P)	1

The Process of Socialization

The student will analyze the process of socialization.	
S.20 Define socialization. (C)	1
S.21 Identify and describe the agents of socialization. (C)	1
S.22 Describe how the process of socialization is culturally determined. (C, G)	1
S.23 Examine informational text to evaluate various explanations for theoretical perspectives on socialization. (C, H)	1
S.24 Explain how socialization is a life long process. (C)	1
S.25 Evaluate the functions and roles of socializing agents. (C, G)	1

Deviance

The student will analyze deviance as a social construct relative to time, place, and social circumstances.	
S.26 Distinguish between conformity with and deviation from cultural norms. (C)	2
S.27 Differentiate between various explanations or theories for deviant behavior. (C, H)	2
S.28 Analyze various social control techniques. (C)	2
S.29 Classify types of crime. (C)	1,2
S.30 Research evidence to write an opinion piece that evaluates the American criminal justice system's response to deviant behavior. (C, P)	2

Functions and Structures of Social Institutions

The student will analyze the functions and structures of social institutions.	
S.31 Determine how social institutions evolve. (C)	2
S.32 Identify and evaluate the functions of social institutions. (C, H)	2

S.33 Cite specific textual evidence from primary sources and informational text to evaluate the role and effectiveness of social institutions. (C, H)	2
S.34 Assess the social integration of social institutions. (C, H)	2

Major Social Problems

The student will analyze major social problems.	
S.35 Describe major social problems and social issues. (C, H)	2
S.36 Analyze causes and effects of social problems and issues. (C, H)	2
S.37 Construct possible solutions to given social problems and offer one solution in a presentation that integrates multiple sources of information from diverse formats and media.(C)	2

How Society Changes

The student will analyze the changes that occur in a society and their impact.	
S.38 Describe the theoretical approaches used to study social change. (C, H)	2
S.39 Analyze the differing points of view offered by sociologists to evaluate the causes and effects of social change. (C, H)	2
S.40 Describe ways groups resist and accommodate change. (C, H)	2