

Sociology

Course Overview and Syllabus

Course Number: EL1120

Grade level: 11–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

Providing insight into the human dynamics of our diverse society, this is an engaging one-semester course that delves into the fundamental concepts of sociology. This interactive course, designed for high school students, covers cultural diversity and conformity, basic structures of society, individuals and socialization, stages of human development as they relate to sociology, deviance from social norms, social stratification, racial and ethnic interactions, gender roles, family structure, the economic and political aspects of sociology, the sociology of public institutions, and collective human behavior, both historically and in modern times.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Identify the factors that account for variations among and within cultures
- Outline the basic values that form the foundation of American culture and describe the new values that have developed in the United States since the 1970s
- Describe how the composition of the labor force in the United States has changed throughout history
- Identify the principal types of crime in the United States, and describe the characteristics of the American criminal-justice system
- Explain how different motivations and cultural values influence the American class system
- Describe the characteristics that distinguishes minority groups from one another
- Describe the characteristics of the capitalist and the socialist economic systems, and outline the developments that have transformed the American economic system
- Compare and contrast the views of sociologists concerning education, and identify some of the current issues in American education

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks

- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on project, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	10%
Essays	0%
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	50%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into the Virtual Classroom, you can view the entire course map, which provides a scope and sequence of all topics you will study. Clicking a lesson's link in the course map leads to a page listing instructional activities, assignments, and learning objectives specific to that lesson. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: The Sociological Point of View

Unit 2: Cultural Diversity

Unit 3: Cultural Conformity and Adaptation

Unit 4: Social Structure

Unit 5: Socializing the Individual

Unit 6: The Adolescent in Society

Unit 7: The Adult in Society

Unit 8: Deviance and Social Control

Unit 9: Social Stratification

Unit 10: Radical and Ethnic Relations

Unit 11: Gender, Age, and Health

Unit 12: The Family

Unit 13: The Economy and Politics

Unit 14: Education and Religion