

Sociology

Course Number: EL1120

Grade level: 11, 12

Credits: 1.0

Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description

Providing insight into the human dynamics of our diverse society, EL1120 is an engaging two-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, e-mail, chat, and system announcements. Through this communication with your teacher, you will monitor your progress through the course and improve your learning by reviewing material that was challenging for you.

You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face-to-face, as you do the following:

- Collaborate on projects
- Ask and answer questions in your peer group
- 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.

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| 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

Unit 15: Science and the Mass Media

Unit 16: Population and Urbanization

Unit 17: Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Unit 18: Social Change and Modernization