



DESK TOPIC CHECKLIST

Sociology

1 Examine methods used in sociological science.

Theoretical perspective

- Functionalism
- Conflict
- Symbolic interactionism

Research methods

- Methods and design
- Procedures and ethics
- Causation in science

2 Explore culture and social structure.

Cultural diversity and similarities

- Language
- Norms and Values
- Beliefs and material culture
- Cultural diversity and similarity

Processes of socialization

- Socialization and self
- Agents of socialization
- Processes of socialization

Social structures

- Status and roles in society
- Preindustrial, industrial and post-industrial societies

Groups and formal organizations

- Primary and secondary groups
- Styles of social interaction
- Determine deviance and social control

3 Investigate social inequalities.

Levels of discrimination

- Dimensions of stratification
- Social class in America
- Poverty in America

Issues of race, class, gender, age, ability, faith

- Theories of prejudice and discrimination
- Racial and ethnic relations
- Minority groups of the United States

- Sex and gender identity
- Theoretical perspectives of gender
- Gender inequalities
- Ageism

4 Analyze social institutions.

Family and marriage across cultures

- Perspectives on the family
- Changes in family and marriage

Education in many cultures

- Development and structure of education
- Theoretical perspectives on education

Political and economic institutions

- Power and authority
- Economic systems
- Effects of modern corporations on society

Effects of religion on society

- Theoretical perspectives on religion
- Religious organization

Sport in a variety of cultures

- Social issues related to sport
- Theoretical perspectives on sport

5 Examine social change.

Population and urbanization

- Dynamics of demography
- World population
- Urban transition
- Urban ecology

Social change and behavior

- Theoretical perspectives on social change
- Collective behavior
- Social movements