

# SOCIOLOGY

## **Essential Skills**

*The priority standards consist of the following skills:*

- **Concept Understanding:** Demonstrate understanding of concepts and processes in sociology.
- **Source Analysis:** Interpret and analyze primary and secondary sources.
- **Comparison:** Analyze similarities, differences, and connections between relevant concepts, topics, and processes.
- **Communication:** Demonstrate effective communication through speaking, writing, and listening.
- **Civic Engagement:** Engage in deliberative, collaborative, and civil dialogue regarding course-relevant and current issues.

## **Course Content**

*The priority standards/skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through the course content as outlined below.*

### Methods of sociological science

- Theoretical perspective
- Research methods

### Culture and social structure

- Cultural diversity and similarities
- Processes of socialization
- Social structures
- Groups and formal organizations

### Social inequalities

- Levels of discrimination
- Issues of race, class, gender, age, ability, faith

### Social institutions

- Family and marriage across cultures
- Education in many cultures
- Political and economic institutions
- Effects of religion on society
- Sport in a variety of cultures

### Social change

- Population and urbanization
- Social change and behavior

