

Sociology Course Overview Curriculum Document

Course Description			
Sociology is a one semester course that focuses on the basic concepts of the intercultural discipline of sociology. Emphasis is placed on culture, socialization and social stratification. The course also looks at five institutions: family, politics, economics, religion and education. Additional topics include demography, deviance, technology, environmental social issues, and social change and organization. This course is offered as a Fox Valley Technical College dual credit course where available.			
Credits	Prerequisites		
.5	Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Standing		
Board Approved	Revised		
May 2005	June 2016, April 2023		
Required Assessments			
District-wide, standards referenced common assessments			
Textbooks/Resources			
Sociology. University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing edition, 2016.			
Course Essential Understandings	Course Essential Question		
As a result of successfully completing this course students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe sociological perspectives related to current issues, problems and/or institutions. Analyze the importance of culture within societies. Apply deviance theories. Analyze the power of groups to influence behavior. Assess the consequences of social, racial, ethnic, gender, age, sexual orientation, and other inequities. Analyze how institutions (economy, family, religion, political systems, and education, etc.) function in society. Assess the impact of social stratification. 	How does an understanding of social patterns contribute to our ability to analyze and interpret social phenomena in the contemporary world?		
Unit Overviews			
Unit Name	Unit Description	Unit Essential Question	Instructional & Assessed Standards
Social Foundations	This unit will explore the theoretical and philosophical underpinnings that shape our understanding of society and human behavior. In addition, it will examine the historical, cultural, and societal factors that have shaped the development of sociology as a discipline, as well as its major theoretical frameworks and research methods.	How do social norms and values shape the process of deviance and conformity within groups, and how does an understanding of these processes contribute to our understanding of group formation, social control, and the dynamics of power and inequality in society?	Skill Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define Major Concepts (S.C.1): Define major concepts in written form to demonstrate mastery, depth, and interconnectedness of sociological terms. Applying Concepts (S.C.2): Apply all major concepts in written form to demonstrate mastery, depth, and interconnectedness of sociological terms. Content standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe sociological perspectives related to current issues, problems and/or institutions. (C.C.1) Analyze the importance of culture within societies. (C.C.2) Apply deviance theories. (C.C.3) Analyze the power of groups to influence behavior. (C.C.4)
Social Institutions and Stratification	This unit will explore different social institutions within society that reinforce the norms and values of the dominant social group. It will further explain how economic, gender, racial, and other forms of social stratification in society are created and maintained within society.	How do different social institutions pass along and reinforce the norms and values of the dominant social group and how does this cause and maintain economic, gender, racial, and other forms of social stratification in society?	Skill Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define Major Concepts (S.C.1): Define major concepts in written form to demonstrate mastery, depth, and interconnectedness of sociological terms. Applying Concepts (S.C.2): Apply all major concepts in written form to demonstrate mastery, depth, and interconnectedness of sociological terms. Content Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the consequences of social, racial, ethnic, gender, age, sexual orientation, and other inequities. (C.C. 5) Analyze how institutions (economy, family, religion, political systems, and education, etc.) function in society. (C.C.6) Assess the impact of social stratification. (C.C. 7)