

## Sociology

### Course Overview

This one-semester elective course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to introduce you to the field of sociology. You will explore the evolution of sociology as a distinct social science, learn about sociological concepts and processes, and discuss how the individual relates to society. You will also learn about the influence of culture, social structure, socialization, and social change in today's society.

This course is structured into lessons and Course Activities as follows:

- The first lesson introduces students to the field of sociology and its development as a distinct discipline. You'll learn some important sociological concepts and processes in the second lesson. The third lesson describes different types of societies.
- In the fourth lesson, you'll learn about the contributions of pioneering sociologists to the field.
- The next three lessons discuss important sociological topics such as culture, social groups, socialization, and the various life stages. You will understand the role of culture, groups, and socialization in society.
- In the next three lessons, you will learn about diverse topics such as deviance, social stratification, and inequality. You'll explore the causes and consequences of stratification and inequality in society.
- The next four lessons describe the roles of various social institutions such as family, polity, economy, education, religion, science and technology, and media in society.
- In the penultimate lesson, you will learn about various demographic concepts and theories of population growth. The last lesson delves into factors affecting social change. You will learn about various theories of social change and social movements.

You will submit the Course Activity documents to your teacher, and you will grade your work in the Lesson Activities by comparing them with sample responses. Each lesson also has a multiple-choice mastery test. A multiple-choice end-of-semester test completes the course.

The Course Activities (submitted to the teacher) and the Lesson Activities (self-checked) are major components of this course. They will guide your learning as you work through this course. The last of the eight course activities will help you identify possible career paths and key skills required for a career in sociology.

## Course Goals

By the end of this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Describe the development of sociology as a distinct discipline and compare the different schools of thought in sociology.
- Explain sociological concepts and processes, and analyze the effects of industrialization.
- Identify and describe different types of societies.
- Identify leading sociologists and describe their contributions to the field of sociology.
- Identify the elements of culture, compare cultural norms, and analyze the relationship between culture and society.
- Explain the process of socialization and describe the various life stages.
- Explain the influence of the social institution of family on society.

## General Skills

To participate in this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Perform basic operations with word processing software, such as Microsoft Word, or Google Docs.
- Perform basic operations with presentation software, such as Microsoft PowerPoint
- Perform online research using various search engines and library databases.
- Communicate through email and participate in discussion boards.

*For a complete list of general skills that are required for participation in online courses, refer to the Prerequisites section of the Student Orientation document, found at the beginning of this course.*

## Credit Value

Sociology is a 0.5-credit course.

## Course Materials

- Notebook
- Computer with internet connection and speakers or headphones
- Microsoft Word or equivalent
- Microsoft PowerPoint or equivalent

## Course Pacing Guide

This course description and pacing guide is intended to help you stay on schedule with your work. Note that your course instructor may modify the schedule to meet the specific needs of your class.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity /Objective</b>	<b>Type</b>
1 day:	<b>Syllabus and Course Orientation</b> <i>Review the Student Orientation and Course Syllabus at the beginning of this course.</i>	Course Orientation
3 days: 2-4	<b>Introduction to Sociology</b> <i>Describe the development of sociology as a distinct discipline and compare the different schools of thought in sociology.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 5-7	<b>Sociological Concepts and Processes</b> <i>Explain sociological concepts and processes, and analyze the effects of industrialization</i>	Lesson
3 days: 8-10	<b>Types of Societies</b> <i>Identify and describe different types of societies.</i>	Lesson
6 days: 11-16	<b>Course Activity and Discussion—1</b>	Course Activity Discussion
4 day: 17-20	<b>Sociological Thinkers</b> <i>Identify leading sociologists and describe their contributions to the field of sociology.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 21-24	<b>Culture and Society</b> <i>Identify the elements of culture, compare cultural norms, and analyze the relationship between culture and society.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 25-28	<b>Social Groups</b> <i>Describe the different types of social groups and explain their functions.</i>	Lesson
6 days: 29-34	<b>Course Activity and Discussion—2</b>	Course Activity Discussion
1 day: 35	<b>Game</b>	Activity
3 days: 36-38	<b>Individual and Society</b> <i>Explain the process of socialization and describe the various life stages.</i>	Lesson

3 days: 39-41	<b>Deviance</b> <i>Compare different theories of deviance and explain its effects on society.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 42-44	<b>Social Stratification</b> <i>Compare different theories of social stratification and analyze the impact of poverty on the individual and on society.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 45-47	<b>Social Inequality</b> <i>Recognize the characteristics and elements of various forms of social inequality.</i>	Lesson
6 days: 48-53	<b>Course Activity and Discussion—3</b>	Course Activity Discussion
1 day: 54	<b>Game</b>	Activity
4 days: 55-58	<b>Family</b> <i>Explain the influence of the social institution of family on society.</i>	Lesson
4 days: 59-62	<b>Politics and Society</b> <i>Explain the influence of the social institution of politics on society.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 63-65	<b>Economy and Society</b> <i>Explain the influence of the social institution of economics on society.</i>	Lesson
6 days: 66-71	<b>Course Activity and Discussion—4</b>	Course Activity Discussion
1 day: 72	<b>Game</b>	Activity
3 days: 73-75	<b>Education, Religion, and Science</b> <i>Explain the influence of the social institutions of education, religion, and science on society.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 76-78	<b>Population Dynamics</b> <i>Explain the concepts of demography and compare various theories of population growth.</i>	Lesson
3 days: 79-81	<b>Social Change</b> <i>Identify and explain the factors affecting social change.</i>	Lesson
6 days: 82-87	<b>Course Activity and Discussion—5</b>	Course Activity Discussion

1 day: 88	<b>Game</b>	Activity
1 day: 89	<b>Course Review</b>	
1 day: 90	<b>End of Semester</b>	Assessment

## Course Map

You will achieve course level objectives by completing each lesson’s instruction, assignments, and assessments. For a detailed look at how the materials meet these objectives, review the [course map](#).