

Sociology

Prerequisites: 12th grade enrollment

Level: 12th grade

Credits: 1.0 – social studies

Additional: This course is accepted as a social studies credit for h.s. graduation

This course is accepted as a social studies credit for college admission

This course is accepted as a social studies credit by the NCAA

Course Description

Sociology is an elective for seniors. The class is taught in a circle and discussion is the main method of instruction. All topics are discussed openly. Occasionally, due to the increased numbers in the class, the students now write for a while to help formalize their opinions and thinking process before the actual discussion begins. This is done to help stem the tide of peer pressure, which can influence the course of a discussion.

The sociology class begins with the individual and progresses through the stages of human interaction and how man acts and reacts to the group.

Course Outline

What is Sociology? Learning the difference between the various social sciences

The “Book of Me”

Human Nature, Nature vs. Nurture

Cultural influences on human development

Social Institutions

Aging and the Elderly

Inequality

The Civil Rights Movement

The Gay Rights Movement

Juveniles within our Prison System

Deviance

Teaching Methods

Students are encouraged to discuss a wide range of topics relating to man and his interaction with others. We will also have some projects.

Assessment

Each student will receive a copy of The New York Times Upfront. Students will receive a copy of the magazine each month and will then answer questions and discuss with their peers the various topics being discussed that month.

The students do many writing assignments relating to their opinions on a variety of topics. Not all students are comfortable with discussion and this is a way to give all students a chance to express themselves.