

# Sociology Syllabus

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**Course Description and Objectives:** This course will act as an introduction to sociology with a focus on helping students develop a greater understanding of the forces that impact human behavior and interactions in an ever changing world. A few of the more prominent topics explored will include the origins of sociology as a social science, culture, socialization, social structure, social deviance, social inequalities, family and marriage, religion, urbanization, and social change through collective behavior. Every effort will be made to use current events in the U.S. and abroad to further explore the concepts mentioned above. The past 2 years have produced some excellent opportunities to examine shifting societal norms and the establishment of new social parameters in which people all over the world are now interacting. This is a very exciting time to be enrolled in this course, and I'm glad you have chosen to be a part of it!

**Materials:** The majority of our work will take place via google classroom. We will have a classroom set of textbooks for use at school. Students will need to bring their fully charged school issued Chromebook to class every day along with pen/pencil, spiral notebook, and of course a positive attitude.

**Expectations:** Students are expected to interact respectfully and appropriately with each other both in class and online settings. Many of the topics discussed in this course may be of a sensitive nature to some students; this is why it is of the utmost importance that students remember to be respectful of the different points of view that may be present in the class.

**Grading:** There will be 2 categories for grades this year:

60% - Mastery of Content (tests & quizzes)

40% - Measure of Progress (classwork & activities)

**Absences & Late Work:** Students will need to make every effort to maintain good attendance and turn assignments in when they are due. Given the constraints that the pandemic has placed on the school system, some leniency will be given to students regarding assignment due dates.

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