

## HS: Sociology II (E)

Below is the syllabus for your course.

### **Description:**

Sociology is the study of people, social life and society. The development of a sociological imagination will enable students to examine how society shapes human actions and beliefs, and how such actions and beliefs in turn shape society. Exciting online video journeys to different areas of the sociological world are also presented in the course.

### **Unit 1: Marriage & Family**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Learn about different family arrangements around the world.
- Think about the different functions that families provide for individuals and society.
- Examine the patterns in mate selection for marriage.
- Investigate the factors that have led to an increase in divorce.

### **Unit 2: Religion & Education**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Learn what functions religion provides for individuals and society.
- Examine different types of religious organizations.
- Investigate the functions of education in society.
- Examine the relationship between education and social inequality.
- Discuss the growth on online education.

### **Unit 3: The Economy & Politics**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Learn the differences between capitalism and socialism.
- Discuss several recent trends in the economy.
- Examine the three types of authority.
- Investigate the differences between totalitarianism, authoritarianism, and democracy.
- Discuss several models of power to explain the political system.

### **Unit 4: Sport & Entertainment**

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Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Learn how sports reinforce social inequality in society.
- Discuss how sports contribute to socialization into North American culture.
- Investigate the functions that the mass media provide.
- Consider how the concentration of the media and gatekeeping activities influence what we are exposed to.
- Examine the controversy over violence in the media and how individuals receive messages in the media.

### **Sociology II Midterm Exam**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

### **Unit 5: Population & Environment**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts used in the study of population.
- Investigate several theories of population growth.
- Examine some trends in population growth and the effects that these may have on society and the environment.
- Discuss how the culture of North America contributes to environmental problems.
- Understand what environmental racism is and how it reinforces social inequality.

### **Unit 6: Cities & Urban Life**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand some of the factors that led to the development of cities.
- Learn what urbanization is and how it affects society, individuals, and the environment.
- Examine how cities may affect those who live in them.
- Investigate the trends of urban decline, the growth of Sunbelt cities, and sprawl.
- Understand some of the effects that urban decline and sprawl have on society, cities, and individuals.

### **Unit 7: Collective Behavior & Social Movements**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

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- Understand the forms of collective behavior.
- Examine explanations for collective behavior in society.
- Investigate the difference categories of social movements and how they change society.
- Discuss why social movements develop and the stages that they go through.

### **Unit 8: Social Change**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Understand what social change in society is and what causes it.
- Examine how theorists have explained social change.
- Discuss how society has changed since the Industrial Revolution.
- Learn the common characteristics of postmodern societies.

### **Sociology II Final Exam**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)