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|  | 2019-2020  Sociology |

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**Sociology At A Glance**

1 semester – .5 credit

This course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the society in which they live by analyzing and evaluating the function of major social institutions, the effects of social change, and the origin and impact of prejudice, discrimination, stereotyping, and social stratification. This course will help students develop a broad understanding of culture and the ability to think objectively as they seek solutions to current social problems.

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| SEMESTER | **Unit 1: Origins and Methods** | **Unit 2: Culture** | **Unit 3: Social Structures** | **Unit 4: Deviance and Criminal Behavior** | **Unit 5: Social Stratification and Collective Behavior** |
| Topic Scales to be reported in IC | Origins and Methods | Culture | Social Structures | Deviance and Criminal Behavior | Social Stratification and Collective Behavior |
| Reporting frequency of topic scores | **3 weeks** | **4.5 weeks** | **4.5 weeks** | **3 weeks** | **3 weeks** |
| *Approximate beginning and end dates for the topics* | 8/23 – 9/13 | 9/16 – 10/11 | 10/14 – 11/15 | 11/18 – 12/12 | 12/16 – 1/15 |
| *Standards Addressed* |  |  |  |  |  |

**Standards-Referenced Grading Basics**

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| **Evidence shows the student can...** | **Topic Score** |
| Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3 and Level 4 | 4.0 |
| Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3 with partial success at Level 4 | 3.5 |
| Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 3 | 3.0 |
| Demonstrate at least half of the Level 3 learning targets | 2.5 |
| Demonstrate all learning targets from Level 2 but fewer than half of the learning targets from Level 3 | 2.0 |
| Demonstrate at least half of the Level 2 learning targets and none of the Level 3 learning targets | 1.5 |
| Demonstrate fewer than half of the learning targets from Level 2 and none of the Level 3 learning targets | 1.0 |
| Produce no evidence appropriate to the learning targets at any level | 0 |

**Our purpose in collecting a body of evidence is to:**

• Allow teachers to determine a defensible and credible topic score based on a representation of student learning over time.

• Clearly communicate where a student’s learning is based on a topic scale to inform instructional decisions and push student growth.

• Show student learning of Level 3 targets through multiple and varying points of data

• Provide opportunities for feedback between student and teacher.

**Scoring**

A collaborative scoring process is encouraged to align expectations of the scale to artifacts collected. Routine use of a collaborative planning and scoring protocol results in calibration and a collective understanding of evidence of mastery. Enough evidence should be collected to accurately represent a progression of student learning as measured by the topic scale. Teachers look at all available evidence to determine a topic score. All topic scores should be defensible and credible through a body of evidence.

**Guiding Practices of**

**Standards-Referenced Grading**

1. A consistent 4-point grading scale will be used.
2. Student achievement and behavior will be reported separately.
3. Scores will be based on a body of evidence.
4. Achievement will be organized by learning topic and converted to a grade at semester’s end.
5. Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency.
6. Accommodations and modifications will be provided for exceptional learners.

**\*\*\*Only scores of 4, 3.5, 3, 2.5, 2, 1.5, 1, and 0 can be entered as Topic Scores**.

**Multiple Opportunities**

Philosophically, there are two forms of multiple opportunities, both of which require backwards design and intentional planning. One form is opportunities planned by the teacher throughout the unit of study and/or throughout the semester. The other form is reassessment of learning which happens after completing assessment of learning at the end of a unit or chunk of learning (see information in [SRG Handbook](http://gradingsecondary.dmschools.org/uploads/1/3/2/2/13224522/2018-19_dmps_srg_handbook_for_printing_forrest_yes_asof_4-9-19.pdf))

Students will be allowed multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency. Teachers need reliable pieces of evidence to be confident students have a good grasp of the learning topics before deciding a final topic score. To make standards-referenced grading work, the idea of “multiple opportunities” is emphasized. If after these opportunities students still have not mastered Level 3, they may then be afforded the chance to reassess.

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| Unit 1: Origins and Methods |
| **Essential Question: How did sociology develop? What are the instruments used to conduct sociological research? 3 weeks**  **Big Idea:** *In this unit, students will explore pioneers in the field of sociology as well as major perspectives such as functionalism, conflict, and interactionist.*  *Students also understand the approaches used by these social scientists to conduct research and answer complex questions about the world around them* |
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| Unit 2: Culture |
| **Essential Question: How are we influenced by culture and society? 4.5 weeks**  **Big Idea:** *In this unit, students will explore the meaning of culture and cultural variations. Culture is made up of all the shared products, both physical and abstract, of human groups. While specific products differ between cultures, all cultures are made up of the same five basic components. Cultural variations exist, however, and cultures change over time. Students learn about values, norms, folkways, etc.* |
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| Unit 3: Social Structures |
| **Essential Question: How do social forces and structures shape who we are and what we do? 4.5 weeks**  **Big Idea:** *In this unit, students develop an understanding of social structures, types of social interaction, types of societies, etc. Students will identify five common forms of social interaction and understand how societies are classified by sociologists. From a look at society, students will drill down to understanding the development of someone’s personality, theories regarding one’s self, and agents of socialization.* |
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| Unit 4: Deviance and Criminal Behavior |
| **Essential Question: What is deviance? Why do some people behave deviantly? 3 weeks**  **Big Idea:** *In this unit, students explore social control, deviance, and crime. Norms must be followed for a society to run smoothly, and they are enforced through internalization and sanctions. Deviance, which is behavior that violates social norms, serves a purpose in society. Students learn to distinguish between deviance and crime. Students examine different types of crime, the concept of recidivism, and the methods used by the justice system in the U.S.* |
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| Unit 5: Social Stratification and Collective Behavior |
| **Essential Question: How does our society influence our ability to move on the social ladder? 3 weeks**  **Big Idea:** *In this unit, teachers have an opportunity to focus on different types of social behavior: social stratification or collective behavior.*  *Social Stratification: With this focus, students explore the six class divisions used when describing the American class system and dive deep into understanding poverty. Race, ethnicity, and minority groups are studied so that students might understand the concepts and causes of discrimination and prejudice.*  *Collective Behavior: Collective behavior is divided into three broad categories: crowds, collective preoccupations, and public opinion. Students explore these categories, the explanations provided by sociologists, social movements, and the concept of social change.* |
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