



Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Sociology II
(SO 2501)

One-half elective credit, one semester

Grades 10-12

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Sociology II expands on the knowledge skills, values and social participation components acquired in Sociology I. Emphasis is placed on the study of contemporary social problems like stereotypes, crime, poverty, gerontology and mass media.

Sociology II is a one-semester elective offered to students in grades ten through twelve and carries one-half unit of credit.

PREREQUISITE

Sociology I

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Any other semester elective

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK

Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships (Holt McDougal, 2010)

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The teacher may choose to supplement the textbooks with materials to extend and enrich the student's understanding of course topics. These materials will be drawn from daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and online resources.

VIRGINIA BEACH STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES

SOCIOLOGY II

Unit 1: Social Institution: The Family

- SOCII.1.1 Describe the needs of society and the organizational structures designed to meet those needs.
- SOCII.1.2 Describe the theoretical perspectives on the family.
- SOCII.1.3 Explain variations in family and marriage structures across cultures.
- SOCII.1.4 Investigate trends in marriage and family.
- SOCII.1.5 Identify and assess current issues facing the institution of the family.

Unit 2: Social Institution: Education

- SOCII.2.1 Explain the evolution of education in the United States.
- SOCII.2.2 Describe the theoretical views of education.
- SOCII.2.3 Identify and assess current issues associated with education.
- SOCII.2.4 Evaluate the role of education in shaping society.
- SOCII.2.5 Evaluate the relationship between education and social mobility.

Unit 3: Social Institution: Sports

- SOCII.3.1 Describe the evolution of sports in society.
- SOCII.3.2 Identify and assess current issues facing the institution of sport.
- SOCII.3.3 Describe the theoretical perspective on sports.
- SOCII.3.4 Explain the relationship between sports, society and culture.

Unit 4: Social Institution: Religion

- SOCII.4.1 Define the sociological meaning of religion.
- SOCII.4.2 Describe the functions of religion.
- SOCII.4.3 Describe the theoretical perspectives on religion.
- SOCII.4.4 Describe the characteristics of a religion.
- SOCII.4.5 Investigate current issues in religion.

Unit 5: Social Change and Collective Behavior

- SOCII.5.1 Describe the theories of how societies change.
- SOCII.5.2 Describe the processes that lead to societal change.
- SOCII.5.3 Describe the factors that influence the rate of societal change.
- SOCII.5.4 Describe how the sociological perspectives interpret social change.
- SOCII.5.5 Identify the characteristics of collective behavior.
- SOCII.5.6 Evaluate specific social movements for theoretical view, casual agents and model characteristics.

Unit 6: Social Issue: Population and Urbanization

SOCII.6.1 Describe current population issues.

SOCII.6.2 Define urbanization.

SOCII.6.3 Describe the various models of urban land use.

SOCII.6.4 Identify reasons for urban decay.

SOCII.6.5 Describe the advantages and challenges faced by urban, rural and suburban areas.

CITIZENSHIP GOALS

- Accepting responsibility for completing assignments and tasks
- Valuing the worth and dignity of all individuals
- Respecting the rights, property, beliefs and opinions of others
- Resolving conflicts through compromise or consensus
- Accepting the rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Developing a positive self-image
- Appreciating one's place in society
- Appreciating the American culture and valuing its principles, beliefs and freedoms

SKILLS

- **Study Skills**
 - Organizing and maintaining class notes
 - Locating information in a variety of sources
 - Selecting appropriate or relevant information from sources
- **Chart/Graph Skills**
 - Making and using charts and graphs to organize and classify information
 - Identifying the symbols and devices used in editorial cartoons
 - Interpreting and drawing inferences from charts, tables, graphs and cartoons
 - Drawing conclusions and making generalizations about data
- **Map/Globe Skills**
 - Locating political, economic and sociological features on maps and globes
 - Identifying regional patterns
 - Describing location in relative terms
 - Making and interpreting special purpose maps
- **Problem-Solving/Decision-Making Skills**
 - Identifying the steps in the decision-making/problem-solving process
 - Applying the process to seek solutions and make decisions
- **Critical Thinking Skills**
 - Distinguishing between fact and opinion
 - Identifying differing points of view
 - Recognizing biased statements and stereotypes
 - Recognizing inconsistencies in a line of reasoning
 - Using facts to support a position or opinion
 - Distinguishing important from unimportant information
 - Interpreting data and predicting outcomes
 - Evaluating data to make informed judgments

- **Communication Skills**

- Preparing reports, projects and presentations
- Listening actively to the ideas and thoughts of others
- Contributing ideas and suggestions to class discussion
- Reading for information and enjoyment
- Communicating ideas and knowledge in oral, written and visual forms
- Interviewing and conducting polls to gather data
- Participating in role-playing and socio-drama to demonstrate sociological principles

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