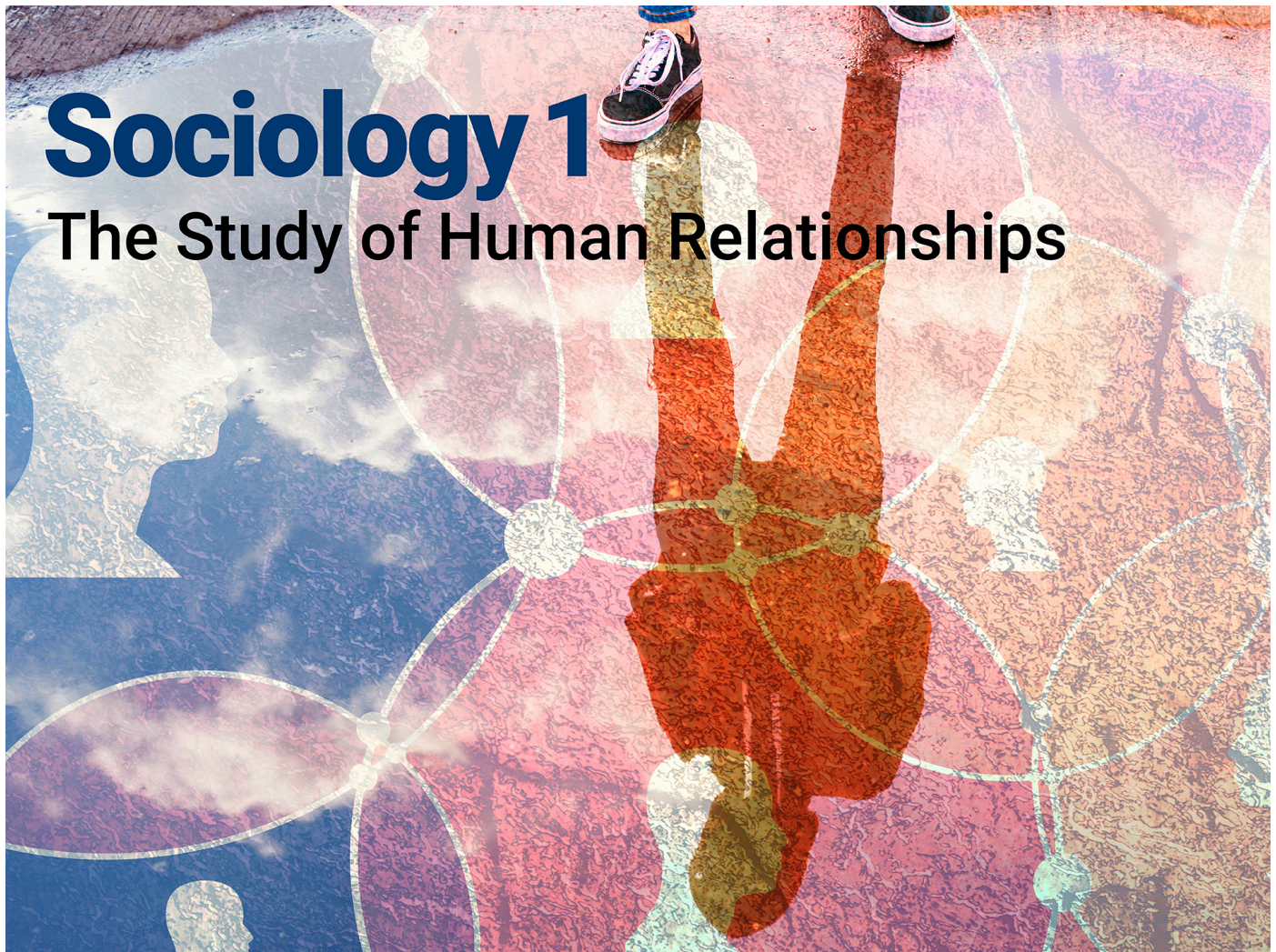


Course Syllabus

What you will learn in this course



Sociology 1

The Study of Human Relationships

Sociology 1: The Study of Human Relationships

Have you ever wondered why people act differently from one another or why some people act in more intriguing manners than others? When you view people's behaviors as distinctive and try to figure out why they act the way they do, you are beginning to think like a sociologist! Sociology is the study of human social relationships and how individuals interact with one another in groups. By studying sociology, you'll gain insight into the complexities of our society. If you're interested in understanding the world around you and making a positive difference, studying sociology is for you!

Unit 1: Sociology Foundations

Have you ever asked yourself why people act the way they do? Think about a time you were at a store and saw someone acting in a unique way. Perhaps you had some questions about what they were doing and wanted to learn more. When you view people's behaviors as different and try to figure out why they act the way they do, you are asking some of the same questions sociologists ask.

Sociology is the study of human social relationships and how individuals interact with one another in groups. By studying sociology, you can gain insights into the complexities of our society, including issues related to race, gender, class, and power. Sociology also provides a framework for understanding social change and the impact of globalization. If you're interested in understanding the world around you and making a positive difference, studying sociology can be a rewarding and enriching experience.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Explain the origins and history of sociology, the sociological perspective, and the contributions of leading sociologists
2. Apply a variety of sociological theories to present-day society
3. Identify important components of sociology as a social science
4. Analyze the different methods of experimentation in sociology

Unit 1 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: The History of Sociology	Lesson
Lesson 02: Sociology's Major Theories	Lesson
Lesson 03: Sociology As a Science	Lesson
Lesson 04: Evaluating Experiments	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: What Do I Want to Learn?	Submission
Activity 2: How Do We Decide What Makes Someone Influential?	Submission
Activity 3: How Can We Use Math to Answer Sociology Questions?	Submission
Unit 1 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 1 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 1 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 2: Culture and Society

How do you define the terms culture and society? Do you feel like you are a member of a specific culture? Do you belong to a society? What makes a group like the music, fashion, or art that it does? How do people determine how to navigate their way through society and its many groups? So many questions! Society and culture surround us every day, but many people don't stop to explore these concepts. Fortunately, sociologists have been researching these ideas for a long time. In this Unit, you will learn about cultures and social structures: how they form and how these institutions affect the way that people behave and live.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze the factors, norms, values, language, and symbols that make a culture and a society different from others

2. Compare different cultures and societies around the world
3. Determine how culture is shaped by subcultures and countercultures
4. Discuss roles as an individual within groups and subgroups within a society and the idea of nurture versus nature

Unit 2 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: What is Culture?	Lesson
Lesson 02: Society Versus Culture	Lesson
Lesson 03: Are You In or Out?	Lesson
Lesson 04: Individual and Group Development	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: How Have Countercultures Changed American Society?	Submission
Activity 2: How Are Subcultures Similar and Different?	Submission
Cumulative Project 1: How Are Societies Both Similar and Different?	Submission
Unit 2 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 2 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 2 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 3: Socialization

How do you develop into the person you are? What impacts your personality and ways of thinking? Do you have control over who you become? In this unit, we will discuss exactly how a person evolves into who they are and what factors impact this development. The way people learn how to act and interact is the process of socialization, and it strongly impacts who you develop into over time. Your family, your peers, your school, and many other social groups help shape you into the person you are.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe different agents of socialization
2. Explain the stages in the socialization process
3. Apply theoretical perspectives on socialization to the real world
4. Evaluate how different demographic factors impact a person's socialization
5. Compare informal and formal social institutions and structure

Unit 3 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: What is Socialization?	Lesson
Lesson 02: Stages of Socialization	Lesson
Lesson 03: Theoretical Perspectives	Lesson
Lesson 04: Individual Socialization	Lesson
Lesson 05: Organizations	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: How Do We See Socialization Throughout Our Life?	Submission
Cumulative Project 2: How Are Societies Both Similar and Different?	Submission
Unit 3 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 3 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 3 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 4: Society and the Individual

How does society affect individuals? Groups, culture, demographics, and more affect how an individual develops their own sense of self. Biological development also has an impact on the individual. In this unit, we will explore how many aspects of society influence a person's identity, with a special focus on adolescence and adulthood.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Discuss how the five characteristics of the adolescent stage affect socialization
2. Explain what makes the adolescent stage of development unique
3. Compare the "I" and "Me" and their effects on socialization
4. Describe what makes the adulthood stage of development unique
5. Evaluate how gender, race/ethnicity, and age impact socialization and society

Unit 4 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: Defining Adolescence	Lesson
Lesson 02: Adolescents and Society	Lesson
Lesson 03: A Sense of Self	Lesson
Lesson 04: Adulthood	Lesson
Lesson 05: Roles	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: What Have I Learned So Far?	Submission
Activity 2: How Do I Define Myself?	Submission
Activity 3: How Does Sociology Evolve with Technology?	Submission
Unit 4 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 4 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 4 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Midterm Exam

1. Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
2. Take a course exam based on material from the **first half** of the course (**Note:** You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Midterm Exam Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Midterm Exam	Multiple Choice
Midterm Discussion	Discussion

Unit 5: Social Institutions

What groups and organizations have the most influence on your life? Social institutions include the groups and organizations that affect socialization, or the way you learn to act around others. Think about how your family, your school, your clubs or sports teams, and even your government play a role in shaping your identity. Where do you fit into these groups? In this unit, you will examine social institutions and how they impact your overall life.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe various types of social institutions
2. Evaluate the impact of family and religious organizations on individuals and society
3. Explain the impact of the media and education on individuals and society
4. Identify formal organizations and their functions

5. Discuss types of groups and group dynamics

Unit 5 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: Institutions and Socialization	Lesson
Lesson 02: Family and Religion	Lesson
Lesson 03: Education and Media	Lesson
Lesson 04: Formal Organizations	Lesson
Lesson 05: Societies and Groups	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: How are Our Families a Reflection of Society?	Submission
Activity 2: How Has Mass Media Shaped American Society?	Submission
Activity 3: How Can Groups Change the World?	Submission
Cumulative Project 3: How Does Religion Impact Societies?	Submission
Unit 5 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 5 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 5 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 6: Rules of Society

Society has to regulate a vast amount of people and, to do so, rules and laws are created. Establishing law and order helps prevent people from causing dangerous situations for everyone. Many people conform to society's rules and laws for the greater good, but some deny these rules. What happens to those who break the laws of society?

Are any laws unfair? Do they need to be challenged? Sometimes groups organize to protest unjust societal rules, and this collective behavior can cause positive change. Throughout this unit, you will study rules and their impact on people and societies.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Examine how human behavior is affected by rules
2. Discuss conformity and deviance
3. Compare and contrast social control and social problems
4. Evaluate the positive and negative impacts of collective behavior

Unit 6 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: Societal Influence on Behavior	Lesson
Lesson 02: Conformity and Deviance	Lesson
Lesson 03: Social Control and Social Problems	Lesson
Lesson 04: The Power of Many	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: How Do Different Social Categories Experience Deviance?	Submission
Activity 2: How Can You Resolve a Social Problem in Your Community?	Submission
Unit 6 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 6 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 6 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 7: Social Change

People often ask what impact they can make as just one person. But individuals are the initial drivers of overall transformation. To inspire change, an idea often starts with one person and then grows and expands to make a larger difference. In this unit, you will explore how people, their culture, their leadership, and their ideas can transform a society. You have previously read about social change, but now let's examine it through the lens of the people who create it.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Define social change as it applies to individuals and society
2. Evaluate the impact of innovation on culture
3. Analyze how people's behaviors and cultures influence society
4. Discuss social movements and their effects

Unit 7 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: What is Social Change?	Lesson
Lesson 02: Social Change and Innovation	Lesson
Lesson 03: Effects of Change	Lesson
Lesson 04: Uniting for Change	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: How Can We Study Demographics Through Population Pyramids?	Submission
Activity 2: How Can We Learn from Social Movements?	Submission
Unit 7 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 7 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 7 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Unit 8: Social Stratification

Why are people treated differently? People in society are often judged based on physical features, social status, and economic status. While some can be treated in positive ways based on who they are, like getting special treatment, many others are treated negatively. This difference in treatment is a problem that society has struggled with throughout history. It affects society by keeping certain people in a position of power while leaving others without power and rights.

What will you learn in this unit?

After studying this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe how a person's status and role relates to society's treatment of them
2. Discuss how gender stratification and an aging population impact society
3. Explain class stratification and its effect on society
4. Summarize how race and ethnicity stratification affect society

Unit 8 Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Lesson 01: Status and Equality	Lesson
Lesson 02: Gender, Aging, & Health Care	Lesson
Lesson 03: Class Inequality and Social Problems	Lesson
Lesson 04: Race, Ethnicity, and Society	Lesson
Critical Thinking Questions	Submission
Activity 1: Can Stereotypes Ever Be Good?	Submission
Final Cumulative Project: How Do Social Classes Impact Societies?	Submission
Activity 2: What Did I Get from This Course?	Submission
Unit 8 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 8 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 8 Quiz	Multiple Choice

Final Exam

1. Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
2. Take a course exam based on material from the **second half** of the course (**Note:** You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

Final Exam Assignments	
Assignment	Type
Final Exam	Multiple Choice
Final Discussion	Discussion

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