

SOCIOLOGY
GRADES 11 – 12
(1 Semester)

COURSE OVERVIEW:

This course in sociology was designed to meet the needs of older teens as they struggle with questions concerning individual identity, interpersonal relationships, and career goals. The emphasis is on sharing one's values and attitudes as they relate to questions modern teens constantly face. Through class discussion, seminars, and individual writing assignments, students are expected to gain insight into personal identity, family relationships, and future goals.

UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

- UNIT I - Personality
- UNIT II - Socialization
- UNIT III - Culture
- UNIT IV - Marriage / Family

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1. Students should gain insight into individual identity through preparation of a self-analysis. (18A, 18B, 14D)
2. Students should become familiar with the human life cycle and the demands of each stage in the cycle. (18B)
3. Students should understand the "culture concept" and the need to recognize and accept differences in individual and group identity. (18A, 18C)
4. Students should be able to identify some of the clues that suggest a couple is "in love" rather than just infatuated with each other. (17C)
5. Students should recognize the role of love in modern marriage and the need to marry the right person at the right time to enhance marriage success. (18B)
6. Students should understand the modern American family and the skills required to make the family successful and enduring. (17C, 18B, 18A)
7. Students will hear a variety of opinions expressed by classmates on critical issues facing modern teens.

MAJOR LEARNING EXPERIENCES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES:

1. Exposure to a wide variety of materials relating to sociology and adolescence.
2. A willingness to share values and attitudes as they relate to issues under discussion.
3. The preparation of a self-analysis.
4. A review of the human life cycle with an emphasis on adolescence.
5. Exposure to habits, values, and lifestyles different from their own.
6. A review of the history of “romantic love” and its modern components.
7. A study of the family today – profiles, problems, and formulas for success.

ADOPTED TEXT OR PRINCIPAL MATERIALS USED:

Thomas, W. Laverne, *Sociology: The Study of Human Relationships*. Holt, Reinhart, and Winston, 2003.

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