

Sociology
2023-2024 Syllabus
Mr. Wagner

Book: Sociology-The Study of Human Relationships

Overview: Sociology studies human society and societal behavior. By studying Sociology, one is able to acquire a perspective that permits a person to see beyond commonly held beliefs and notions, as well as the reasoning behind people's choices. Also, by studying sociology, one is able to apply the three major theoretical perspectives of functionalism, conflict, and interactionism throughout the course to understand how sociologists make conclusions as to why people do the things they do.

Objectives:

Define sociology by examining its history, various perspectives and the type of research conducted by these scientists.

Gain an understanding of cultural diversity and conformity by determining the meaning of culture, learning what variations are within a culture and through examining the American value system.

Identify why cultures have social structures by understanding the building blocks, types of social interaction, types of societies, groups within societies and the structure of formal organizations.

Acquire a sense of how individuals are socialized by looking at personal development, the societal self and the agents of socialization.

Understand the adolescent's roll in society by defining who an adolescent is and what milestones and challenges they face.

Analyze the adult's roll in society by defining early and middle adulthood, the importance of work and then the later years of adult life.

Examine social control and deviance by understanding what is behind people's choices and the importance of order in society.

Assignments and Grading:

Worksheets and Assignments: Students will be asked to complete worksheets and varied assignments (Including possible projects and labs) with the intention to reinforce and expand on content discussed in class. The points awarded for the assignments will be variable and will be worth a portion of their grade.

Writing Assignments and Presentations: There will be writing assignments and presentations that coincide with the curriculum being learned throughout the year. The writing assignments and presentations will be used to reinforce and apply the content that is being learned, as well as encouraging them to use critical thinking skills with their application of content. The different assignments and presentations will vary in length and will be a portion of their grade.

Assessments: Students will be asked to complete lesson quizzes and chapter tests throughout the course. This will be to assess the students' growth in the content being taught. Quizzes will be worth at least 10 points, while tests will be worth at least 50 points. The scores on the quizzes and tests will be a portion of their grade.

Test Corrections: There will be instances in which you may have an off day or forget to study for a test. With that said, if you happen to want credit back, I will allow for test corrections when the test is handed back, and reward half credit back for each corrected answer. Those wishing to receive credit back, must have the test corrections returned the next day.

Daily Expectations:

Cell phones should be placed in the caddy on the counter. If you do not have your cell phone in the caddy, and I see you with the cell phone or hear your cell phone; you will be asked to give me the phone to turn in to Mr. Grint until the end of the day. If you refuse to turn over your cell phone, you will be asked to go to Mr. Grint's office to turn your phone in to be picked up at the end of the day. Each offense will result in your parents being contacted about the issue and the incident will be referred to the principal.

Head phones will **NOT** to be used during class time, unless they are necessary for an assignment or assessment. In the case of using head phones, they will only be connected to the computer, not the cell phone. If there is independent work time, the teacher will have the discretion to play music for the students to listen to. If a student is using head phones, they will be asked to turn over their head phones and they will be turned into Mr. Grint to be picked up at the end of the day. If you refuse to turn over your head phones, you will be asked to go to Mr. Grint's office to turn your phone in to be picked up at the end of the day. Each offense will result in your parents being contacted and the incident will be referred to the principal.

Be on time. Arriving in class more than three minutes after the bell rings, unless there is passing time, you will be counted tardy. Accumulating **3 tardies** will result in a **15 minute detention**, your parents will be contacted and you will make up that time within 24 hours of obtaining the detention. If tardies become a regular occurrence, it will be reported to the principal.

Come to class everyday prepared with books, notebooks, and writing utensils, unless otherwise told.

Be prepared to participate and work hard in class.

Hand in homework, writing assignments or other projects on time unless other arrangements have been made with me. ****Without prior arrangements, late work will given a daily downgrade of two points per day after scoring and if it's late at the end of the week in which it was assigned, it will become a zero in the grade book.** Assignments handed in after the end of the week will have an opportunity to receive no more than ½ **Credit**, if the assignment is turned in before the **End of the Quarter** in which the assignment was given. If there is any reason that you are unable to complete an assignment or have any questions about the content or assignments, **PLEASE COME TALK TO ME.**

Always remain **respectful** and **polite** in class to everyone.

This may all sound like a lot of work and be slightly overwhelming, however, I can assure that you will most generally have ample time during class to complete a great deal of your daily assignments as well as writing assignments. I realize that most of you have lives outside of school and will respect this such as long as I feel that my time in class is equally respected. Of course, there will be times that we will have no other options than to send assignments home.

Assignments and points may change throughout the class if time or other factors become an issue. Any changes that I make will not be made without informing you, as well as not making any changes considered unfair to the students.

Please share this syllabus with your parents and have them sign the student/parent signature page stating that they have read it. Call, email or stop by with questions or concerns.

Phone-(402) 935-1121 / Email-awagner@ansleyps.org / Message on ParentSquare

This paper must be signed and returned by August 25th
(Worth 10 points upon return)

I have read the course syllabus for Sociology with Mr. Wagner and understand that is a basic model for what will occur in the 2023-2024 school year. I am also aware that unforeseen circumstances may cause areas of the curriculum to change. However, any changes will be announced in class and will be made fairly. Lastly, I understand that any concerns about structure or curriculum should be addressed directly with the instructor.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Contact Information:

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____