

Grand Island Public Schools SOCIOLOGY

Course Length: One semester

Grade Levels: 11, 12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Course Description:

This course addresses the study of human development in the context of groups. The course focuses on the history of sociology, individual development of group dynamics, and the increasing complexities of interactions in the modern world.

Sociology Course Standards

As a result of their participation in this course, students will:

- Understand the history and development of sociology as an academic discipline within the context of the ideas of August Comte, Karl Marx, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber. Students will learn about current perspectives in sociology: functionalist, conflict, and interactionist.
- Understand the collection, use, and analysis of statistics.
- Learn decision-making skills and their importance in social development.
- Understand the structure and importance of culture in the larger social context.
- Critically analyze and understand the arguments in the nature v nurture perspective of individual development.
- Develop a world view of the problems of social inequality.
- Identify and evaluate the importance of social institutions in society.
- Understand the development and influence of urbanization.
- Understand how modernization impacts social development.
- Understand the application of sociology to real-life situations and occupations.
- Understand research methodology for sociology.