

Canyon Crest Academy: Sociology

Level of Difficulty	Estimated Homework	Prerequisites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very Difficult	30-60 minutes It is important to note that this serves as an estimate of the average nightly homework load. It is not intended to be a concrete value, and homework completion time will depend upon the nature of the assignment and the abilities and work habits of the student.	District Grades 9–12 Department <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reading and writing abilities that are at grade level (minimum 10th grade level recommended)▪ A strong interest in the Social Sciences or human behavior▪ While this course is available to 9th grade students, the department recommends that students have entered the 10th grade.

Course Description

Sociology is an academic social science elective course that is on the University of California's "a-g" college prep list, as well as being recognized as such by many other colleges and universities. To count for college entrance, a grade of "C" or higher is generally required. Sociology is the study of social groups, institutional structures, and social interaction. Sociology crosscuts cultural differences; all people sustain beliefs and values, conform in stylized relations, and construct institutions to support their culture. A central feature of the curriculum is a survey of the theories of prominent sociologists. These theories will be used to analyze some of the main sociological topics, as well as to help students formulate their own theories. The main topics will be chosen from the following, though others may be added as the course develops:

Social Interaction – Stereotyping, Race, Gender, Age, Sex/Dating

Culture – Geography, Economics, Education, Language, Children, Values & Beliefs, Charity, Religion

Social Organization – Institutions (i.e., Government, Family, Religion, Education), Social Classes

Social Dynamics – Media, the 1960s, 1960s vs. Present, Role Models

Grading

Teachers employ variations of either the weighted or the cumulative method for determining grades. However, the following scale is used to determine the final grade:

100% to 90% A; 89% to 80% B; 79% to 70% C; 69% to 60% D; 59% and below F

Syllabus Link

Refer to individual teacher websites.

Supplemental Information

This course frequently discusses mature content, such as human sexuality, gender stereotypes, racial and religious discrimination. This content can be uncomfortable for some students; thus, student maturity should be taken into consideration. Additionally, this course is college preparatory; some advanced reading is required.

10 credits

Meets high school graduation requirement for elective

Meets UC/CSU subject area "g" requirement