

Options EHS Sociology		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
An Introduction to Sociology: Exploring Culture and Social Control		
Examining Social Life		
		Define sociology and explain what it means to have a sociological imagination.
		Describe how sociology is similar and different from other social sciences.
Sociology: Then and Now		
		Explain how the field of sociology developed.
		Describe the ways the three main theoretical perspectives in sociology differ in their focus.
The Meaning of Culture		
		Define meaning of the term culture, and how material culture and nonmaterial culture differ.
		Outline the basic components of culture.
Cultural Variation		
		Define cultural universals and explain why they exist.
		Define ethnocentrism and cultural relativism.
		Identify the factors that account for variations among and within cultures.
The American Value System		
		Outline the basic values that form the foundation of American culture.
		Describe the new values that have developed in the United States since the 1970s.
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Social Structure and Socializing the Individual		
Building Blocks of Social Structure		
		Describe the two major components of social structure.
		Explain how these two components of social structure affect human interaction.

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	Types of Social Interaction	Describe the common types of social interaction. Identify the types of interactions that stabilize social structure and those that can disrupt it.
	Types of Societies	Identify the types of societies that exist in the world today. Describe the roles that individuals play in the these models of group systems.
	Groups Within Society	Outline the major features of primary and secondary groups. Explain the purposes that groups fulfill.
	The Structure of Formal Organizations	Describe how bureaucracies are structured. Explain how bureaucracies are effective.
	Personality Development	Outline the four main factors that affect the development of personality. Describe how isolation in childhood affects development.
	The Social Self	Explain how a person's sense of self emerges. Identify the theories that have been put forth to explain the process of socialization.
	Agents of Socialization	Identify the most important agents of socialization in the United States. Explain why family and education are important social institutions.
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Adolescents, Adults, and Families in Society	
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Adolescence in Our Society	
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	Summarize how adolescence developed as a distinct stage of the life cycle in the United States.
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	Identify the five general characteristics of adolescence.
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Teenagers and Dating	
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	Summarize how dating developed as a form of social interaction.
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	Outline the functions that dating fulfills.
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Early and Middle Adulthood	
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	Summarize Daniel Levinson's theory of male development.
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	Summarize the stages of adult female development.
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The World of Work	
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	Describe how the nature of work in the United States has changed.
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	Describe how the composition of the labor force in the United States has changed.
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The Later Years	
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	Describe the characteristics of life during late adulthood.
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	Identify the new challenges that older Americans face.
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Deviance, Social Control, Social Stratification, and Social Institutions	
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Deviance	
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	Summarize the nature and social functions of deviance.
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	Compare the theories that have been proposed to explain deviance.
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Crime	
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		Identify the principle types of crime in the United States.
		Describe the characteristics of the American criminal-justice system.
	Systems of Stratification	
		Describe the characteristics of caste systems and class systems.
		Compare and contrast the major theories of social stratification.
	The American Class Systems	
		Describe the characteristics of the American class system.
		Explain how different motivations and cultural values influence the American class system.
	Poverty	
		Identify the groups of Americans that are affected by poverty.
		Analyze the steps that have been taken by the federal government to lessen the effects of poverty.
	The Political Institution	
		Describe how the exercise of power varies by type of government.
		Describe the major characteristics of the U.S. political system.
	The Sociology of Education	
		Compare and contrast the views of the functionalist, conflict, and interactionist sociologists concerning education.
		Identify some of the current issues in American education.
	The Sociology of Religion	
		Describe the basic societal needs that religion serves.
		Identify the distinctive features of religion in American Society.
	Mass Media as a Social Institution	
		Summarize the major developments in the history of mass media.

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		Identify the types of mass media in the United States.
		Outline some of the contemporary mass-media issues.
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Exploring our Differences, Social Structure, and Change		
	Race, Ethnicity, and the Social Structure	Explain how sociologists define the terms race, ethnicity, and minority group.
		Describe the characteristics that distinguishes minority groups from one another.
	Patterns of Intergroup Relations	Describe how discrimination and prejudice differ.
		Identify the most common patterns of minority-group treatment.
	Minority Groups in the United States	Identify the conditions under which minority groups in the United States live.
		Summarize the government policies that have affected the lives of minority groups in the United States.
	Gender	Describe how gender roles affect the opportunities available to men and women in society.
		Explain how gender roles are affected by socialization.
	Population Change	Identify the factors that affect the size and structure of populations and how sociologists measure these factors.
		Describe how sociologists explain population change.
		Outline the programs that have been instituted to control population growth.
	Urban Life	Explain how cities evolve and why urbanization is such a recent event.

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		Outline the models that have been proposed to explain the structure of cities.
		Summarize the theories that have been put forth to explain city life.
	Collective Behavior	
		Describe the differences between various types of collectivities.
		Summarize the explanations that have been proposed to explain collective behavior.
		Summarize the preconditions that are necessary for collective behavior to occur and explain how they build on one another.
	Social Movements	
		Describe the types of social movements that exist and explain how they differ.
		Identify the stages of the life cycle of social movements.
		Explain the existence of social movements.
	Explaining Social Change	
		Summarize the theories that social scientists have offered to explain the process of social change.
		Explain how the theories on social change have evolved.
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	Cumulative Exam	
	Cumulative Exam Review	
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