Sociology

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New Milford’s Mission Statement

“The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.”
COURSE DESCRIPTION

This semester course is an introduction to the science and art of human relations, where the student gains knowledge of many different social problems and scientific ways of studying them. Among the topics covered are historical and cultural backgrounds of society and some of the major problems facing society today. A social service component may be required. Students may opt for honors credit by special arrangement with the instructor and teacher recommendation.
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RL = Reading Standards for Literature

RI = Reading Standards for Informational Text

SL = Speaking and Listening Standards

W = Writing Standards
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### Expected Performances

What students should know and be able to do

Students will know the following:
Students will be able to do the following:

- Understand the modes of thinking characteristic of different humanity and social science disciplines.
- Initiate questions and develop hypotheses about contemporary or historical problems.

### Character Attributes

- Integrity
- Honesty

### Technology Competencies

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**Learning Activities:**
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Role: Media Specialist  
Audience: Class members  
Product or Performance: A published info graph  
Standards for Success: Rubric

- Discussion Questions (DQ’s)  
- Class discussions  
- Class presentations  
- Weekly reflections

## Suggested Resources

[http://www.everydaysociologyblog.com/2013/03/cheating-a-sociological-perspective.html](http://www.everydaysociologyblog.com/2013/03/cheating-a-sociological-perspective.html)


https://youtu.be/iJnJz7RvDFA
Committee Member(s): Lisa Lee & Joshua Elliott, Ed.D.
Unit Title: Perspectives and Research
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- Sociology serves as a framework for viewing different societies and cultures.
- Sociology is a soft science.

## Essential Questions

Inquiry used to explore generalizations

- How does the science of sociology help us frame what we view in various societies and cultures?
- How do the three major perspectives approach the science of sociology?

## Expected Performances

What students should know and be able to do

Students will know the following:
- Key the individuals in sociology.
- The different research methods by which sociologists gather information.

Students will be able to do the following:
- Examine the contributions of key individuals to the development of sociology.
- Identify the different methods by which sociologists gather information and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- Conduct sociological research on a hypothesis and document the results in a precise manner.

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- Research method critique
- Research sample analysis
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**Role:** Sociologist

**Audience:** Class members

Students will complete research about New Milford High School using the research methods studied in this unit.

**Product or Performance:** Students will create a survey (but will not distribute), develop a hypothesis, and analyze and graph data from primary and secondary sources.

**Standards for Success:** Rubric

**Suggested Resources**


- History Learning Site. (n.d.). [http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/functionallsm.htm](http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/functionallsm.htm)


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• What variations exist within and between cultures? |

**Expected Performances**

What students should know and be able to do

Students will know the following:

• The components of culture
  - Material vs Nonmaterial culture
  - Symbols
  - Language
  - Values
  - Norms

• Cultural Variation
  - Variation within societies
  - Variation between societies

Students will be able to do the following:

• Describe how culture affects the characteristic of a place
• Describe the concept of culture and how different perspectives emerged from different cultures.
• Compare resources used by various cultures throughout the world
• Identify the components of culture and the role it plays in shaping society
• Compare and contrast various cultures based on predetermined criteria

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• Compassion
• Citizenship
• Respect

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**Role:** Sociologist  
**Audience:** Fellow sociologists  
**Situation:** Students will pick a social norm to break in public. Students will complete experiment 10 times and note people’s responses.  
**Product or Performance:** Video and presentation of data collected.  
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| Discussion Questions (DQ’s) | Class discussions | Class presentations | Weekly reflections |

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• What affect does conformity have on societies? |

**Expected Performances**  
What students should know and be able to do

Students will know the following:
- How people create rules and laws to regulate the dynamic relationships of individual rights and societal needs.
- How interaction of people of different cultures create change.

Students will be able to do the following:
- Explain how point of view influences a person’s perceptions of a place or time.
- Design appropriate graphs, diagrams, tables, and charts to organize current crime statistics.
- Explain the concepts of ethnocentrism, cultural lag, and vested interest

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Role: Expert on the organization

Audience: Community members

Situation: Informing the community of formal organizations in New Milford.

Product or Performance: Brochure

Standards for Success: Rubric

- Discussion Questions (DQ's)
- Class discussions
- Class presentations
- Weekly reflections

## Suggested Resources


Movie- Coach Carter
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## Enduring Understandings
Generalizations of desired understanding via essential questions
(Students will understand that …)

- Socialization is a complex and multifaceted process.

## Essential Questions
Inquiry used to explore generalizations

- What factors impact the process of socialization?
- How does socialization vary from culture to culture?

## Expected Performances
What students should know and be able to do

Students will know the following:
- How personal and cultural differences impact perception.
- The ways race, gender, ethnicity, and class issues affect individuals.

Students will be able to do the following:
- Describe the relationships among the individual, the groups, and the institutions which exist in any society and culture
- Critique impact of nature and nurture in shaping personality.
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- Integrity
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- All societies have a framework that affect their political, economic, and social systems.

### Essential Questions
Inquiry used to explore generalizations

- How do societies develop political, economic, and social systems?
- Why do societies classify people into different groups?

### Expected Performances
What students should know and be able to do

**Students will know the following:**
- the difference between your ascribed status and your achieved status
- your role important to the function of social structures
- some common types of social interaction- positive and negative
- the purpose of a bureaucracy

**Students will be able to do the following:**
- Identify and describe the two major components of social structure.
- Analyze how these two components of social structure affect human interaction.
- Identify the most common types of social interaction.
- Distinguish between types of interactions that stabilize social structure and those that can disrupt it.
- Identify and describe the types of societies that exist in the world today.
- Explain the types of roles individuals play in these models of group systems.
- Summarize the major features of primary and secondary groups.
- Explain the purposes that groups fulfill.
- Explain how bureaucracies are structured
- Evaluate the effectiveness of bureaucracies.

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Role: Sociologist

Audience: Class members

Situation: Compare/Contrast primary and secondary sources

Product or Performance: A pamphlet, chart, and or graph

Standards for Success: Rubric

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• Social inequality is the unequal sharing and/or access to the resources needed satisfy an individual’s wants and needs
• There are a multitude of dimensions on which individuals can be unequal
• America has a very well defined class system with fairly rigid criteria for entrance and exit.

Students will be able to do the following:

• Explain how such factors as physical endowment and capabilities, family, gender, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, attitudes, beliefs, work, and motivation contribute to individual identity and development
• Analyze the means by which and extent to which groups and institutions can influence people, events, and cultures in both historical and contemporary settings
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**Develop Teaching and Learning Plan**

**Teaching Strategies:**
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- Compare/Contrast Inequality in Society
- Debate- How do we end inequality between men and women?

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look like 50 years from now.

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| Audience: Class members |
| Situation: Use research methods to analyze data and predict future behaviors. |
| Product or Performance: Presentation to the class |
| Standards for Success: Rubric |

### Suggested Resources

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