

## Sociology

Text:	<i>Introduction to Sociology, 9<sup>th</sup> edition.</i> Henry L. Tischler
Supplemental Materials:	Web based surveys that have to do with social issues, TED.com (lecture website) that has social scientists who speak on a variety of topics related to society and culture
Course Description:	Broad overview of the field of sociology and its methods of research. How the research is applied to various segments of society. We look at how society shapes our individual behavior, the symbolism of specific actions, culture of different groups, how we are socialized by institutions such as the family, school and peers. We discuss behavior and control, social class and it's impact on our development. We study how gender, race, marriage, religion, education, political systems affect us as individuals and a society.
Methods of Evaluation:	Testing, Quizzes and projects. Homework is assigned as a supplement to the materials covered and includes current events in the news and how they are reported upon and the agenda of the persons reporting it.
Pace of Instruction:	Typically we cover approximately 1 to 1.5 chapters per week.
Course Objectives:	To give students a broad understanding of how sociology impacts their daily lives. Sociology's application in modern society with an emphasis on research methods, Culture, socialization, influence of groups on behavior. Influence of gender, race and socioeconomic status on behavior.
Date Completed	9/30/11 by TRC