

## Melrose High School Syllabus

**Department:** Social Studies

**Course Title:** 314 Anthropology/Sociology

**Course Description:** Curriculum for this course involves a study of the principles of anthropology and sociology and will help students to better understand the individual in relation to his or her culture. Students are expected to focus on prehistoric human evolution in both the physical and cultural sense, Old World archaeology, and New World, pre-Columbian Native cultures. Students are expected to also study contemporary American culture, its values, and taboos, and other cultures in order to observe the variety of ways in which people structure their institutions. Using the principles of sociology, the students will have the opportunity to pursue in-depth analyses of certain social problems, such as violence, prejudice, and poverty. Students are expected to complete 3-5 hours per week of independent practice such as homework, reading and projects.

### **MHS Learning Expectations:**

- Write effectively using standard written English.
- Demonstrate the ability to read effectively.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.
- Demonstrate good citizenship.
- Demonstrate an understanding of tolerance and diversity, and respect for themselves, others and their school.
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### **Essential Questions:**

- What is anthropology?
- What are some of the disciplines within anthropology? What do they do?
- What is sociology?
- What are the major theoretical perspectives? What do they argue?

<p><b><u>Students will know:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The basic concepts of various disciplines/perspectives in anthropology and sociology..</li><li>● Students will understand the relevance of anthropology, sociology and culture.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Students will be able to:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Think critically about the world around us.</li><li>● Understand the influence of culture/society on the individual and vice/versa.</li><li>● Demonstrate a working knowledge of some of the research methods employed in the disciplines.</li></ul>
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**Course Outline:**

<b>Quarter I</b>	<b>Quarter II</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Physical and Cultural Anthropology</b></li><li>● <b>Archaeology</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Intro to sociology; the thinkers and the theoretical perspectives</b></li><li>● <b>Stratification</b></li><li>● <b>Research paper</b></li></ul>
<b>Quarter III</b>	<b>Quarter IV</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Race, ethnicity and gender</b></li><li>● <b>Family and religion</b></li><li>● <b>Deviance</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Sociology survey research project</b></li></ul>

**Primary Course Materials:**

**Textbook:** *Society: The Basics*, Macionis, 2013. Students may sign out a copy of the textbook to use at home, in addition to the class set provided for use in school. All students will receive access to an online textbook. All borrowed textbooks are due back in school on the day of the final exam.

Other materials: various articles, readings, videos/films, case study, field work, etc.

**Student Materials:** a notebook dedicated to anthro/soc. And a pocket folder or binder to save classwork/homework/handouts.

**Grade Determination:** The grades for each term will be determined using a weighted point system. Grades are based on class participation, homework assignments and assessments which may include: projects, tests, quizzes, and essays.

**Major Assignments:** The major assignments for this course include : a research paper, survey project, unit assessments as well as the midyear and final exam.

**Midyear & Final Exams:** Midyear and Final Exams will be given. These exams count as 10% of the respective semester grade. The average of the first and second quarter grades will count 90% in determining the first semester average. Similarly, the second semester average will include the average of third and fourth quarter grades at 90% and final exam at 10%. The average for the entire year will be the average of both semesters. Senior students will be asked to complete a final assessment at the end of both the third and fourth quarter.

Q1 = 22.5%    Q2 = 22.5%    Midterm = 5%    Q3 = 22.5%    Q4 = 22.5%    Final = 5%