

**FAME Public Charter School  
Course Description**

**Sociology**

**Description:**

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of the intercultural discipline of sociology. The course will focus on culture, socialization, social stratification and the institutions of family, politics, economics, religion, and education. Additional topics include how society and self influence choice, the consequences of prejudice and discrimination, the importance of the family, and coping with death and bereavement. This is a Social Studies Elective course. This is a year long course, 5 credits each semester will be awarded with a passing grade.

**Objectives:**

Students will gain an understanding of the following:

- \*What is Sociology and what it means to the individual
- \*Socialization of the self
- \*Cultures and cultural diversity
- \*Social Stratification and change
- \*Social organizations; socialization, family and religion
- \*Interaction among individuals, groups, and institutions

**Methods of Assessment:**

Assessment tools include the following but are not limited to:

- \* Periodic review of work by independent study teacher
- \* Portfolios
- \* Parent facilitator and observation
- \* Graded assignments
- \* Written examinations
- \* Research projects
- \* Oral presentation

**Suggested Curriculum:**

May be selected from the following:

- \*Textbook: Henslin, James, Essentials of Sociology; A Down to Earth Approach, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.  
ISBN: 0-205-33713-9
- \*North Dakota Independent Study, Sociology, Course #HSS 1201
- \*University Nebraska-Lincoln, I.S.H.S., Sociology, Course # 003
- \*BYU I.S.H.S., Introduction to Sociology, Course # SOCSC 51, CP UC