



North Carolina Essential Standards
Social Studies Elective
Sociology

Note on Numbering: **H**—History, **C**—Culture

History			
	Essential Standard	Clarifying Objectives	
12.H.1	Understand the discipline of sociology using various perspectives and research methods.	12.H.1.1	Explain the development of sociology as a social science.
		12.H.1.2	Compare the theoretical perspectives of functionalism, conflict, and symbolic interactionism used to explain social phenomena.
		12.H.1.3	Use quantitative and qualitative studies and methods such as surveys, polls, and statistics to conduct sociological research.
		12.H.1.4	Evaluate various sociological research studies and methods in terms of sampling techniques, bias, validity, reliability, applicability and ethics.

Culture			
	Essential Standard	Clarifying Objectives	
12.C.1	Understand how culture and its diversity sustain humanity.	12.C.1.1	Compare various cultures using the sociological perspective.
		12.C.1.2	Exemplify various subcultures and how they distinguish themselves from the larger culture.
		12.C.1.3	Explain the influence of values, norms, folkways, and mores on people's behaviors within cultures and subcultures of the United States.
		12.C.1.4	Compare different types of societies, such as agrarian, industrial, and post-industrial.
12.C.2	Understand how socialization regulates individual behavior.	12.C.2.1	Analyze the theoretical development of perspectives on socialization.
		12.C.2.2	Analyze the roles of the family, school, peer groups, and media in socializing adolescents.
		12.C.2.3	Explain the impact of social organizations (such as families), social structures (such as marriage), and social institutions (such as schools) on individuals and groups within society.
		12.C.2.4	Compare the formal and informal social organizations, structures, and institutions of the United States with global societies.
		12.C.2.5	Use knowledge gained from research on socialization to manage daily problems and improve the quality of life.
12.C.3	Analyze human behavior in terms of conformity and	12.C.3.1	Analyze several sociological theories related to conformity and deviance according to the different theoretical perspectives.

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	deviance.	12.C.3.2	Analyze the development of conformity to standards in American society and how deviance develops in individuals or groups.
		12.C.3.3	Analyze ways in which society uses social control to discourage deviant behavior.
		12.C.3.4	Analyze countercultures in terms of their development and influence on society.
		12.C.3.5	Use knowledge gained from theoretical analysis on deviance and conformity to manage daily problems and improve the quality of life.
12.C.4	Analyze human relationships in terms of inequality and stratification.	12.C.4.1	Analyze the theoretical development of perspectives on social problems related to inequalities and stratification.
		12.C.4.2	Analyze how individuals and groups respond to and resolve issues of discrimination.
		12.C.4.3	Analyze how social inequalities and stratifications are perpetuated by social institutions.
		12.C.4.4	Analyze how socioeconomic class, race, ethnicity, gender and social standing impact relationships.
		12.C.4.5	Use sociological perspectives on inequality and stratification to solve problems and improve the quality of life.
12.C.5	Analyze the changing nature of society and the collective responses to change.	12.C.5.1	Analyze the theories that explain the changing nature of society and the collective responses to such change.
		12.C.5.2	Analyze social change in terms of the influences of technological and industrial development.
		12.C.5.3	Analyze social change in terms of the influences of governmental policy and laws.
		12.C.5.4	Analyze social change in terms of the influences of war and conflict.
		12.C.5.5	Analyze social change in terms of the influences of economic trends and choices.
		12.C.5.6	Use sociological perspectives on societal change to predict social issues and problems.