

Why should you take sociology? Here are a few reasons...

So pink is for girls and blue is for boys right? Actually, it wasn't so long ago that this was the reverse. Originally pink was thought of for boys and blue was for girls. So why the change? It was because society and people thought that it should be that way. Would you like another example? Sociology not only teaches you these things but also so much more about the world and how much people have shaped society. Here are some reasons for why sociology will benefit your life:

It is full of thought-provoking

discussions During each one of my Sociology classes, they have been driven by discussion. This class is very unique in that it is almost completely driven by discussion and debate. Students are encouraged to bring in their viewpoints and opinions as we discuss the following topics: Race, Gender, Class Systems, Socialization, Crime, and Family Dynamics.

It will open your eyes to different perspectives and help you understand people from cultures and background different than your own

If you think it is important to get along with the people around you and understand why others think the way that they do, then this is the class for you! We will discuss common stereotypes and strive to break cultural boundaries. Some new questions and perspectives we discuss include the following:

- Why do we think certain social behaviors are “weird” or “abnormal”?
- -Why are boys and girls expected to behave differently in society?
- -Is race biological, or is it completely socially constructed?
- -Do Disney movies affect the way that we view gender?
- -Is the “American Dream” a reality for all classes?

Every day we will do hands-on, engaging

activities This class is almost entirely focused on in-class activities. We will very rarely have homework, which means in-class time will be used to “do” sociology. Some of the projects we do are listed below:

- Partnership with GMU where we discuss real life applications for sociology.
- Social Norms Violation where we break some social “rule” and observe reactions.
- Analyze movies such as *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Napoleon Dynamite*, and *The Truman Show*
- Study incidents of crime in areas across the country.
- Interview someone from a different social class
- Examine old yearbooks to look at values and norms in past decades

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