

Social Sciences 12-15yrs





Rochester Ages: 12-15 Duration: 2 weeks English Level: B1+

At a Glance

Exploring the Fabric of Society

Our two-week Social Sciences course is ideal for students who are curious about the dynamics of human behaviour, social structures, and the forces that influence societal change. This programme offers an in-depth exploration of key disciplines within the social sciences, providing you with the tools to analyse and understand the world around you.

The course combines theoretical study with practical application. You'll engage in discussions, debates, and research projects that delve into topics such as social justice, political systems, economic theories, and the psychology of human behaviour. This approach ensures that you not only gain knowledge but also learn how to apply it to real-world situations.

Interdisciplinary learning is at the heart of this course. By examining the intersections between different social sciences, you will develop a comprehensive perspective on how various

aspects of society interact and influence one another. This holistic understanding is essential for those interested in careers in law, public policy, international relations, or any field that requires a deep understanding of human societies.

Critical thinking and research skills are heavily emphasized throughout the programme. You will be challenged to question assumptions, analyse data, and construct well-founded arguments on complex social issues. These skills are not only vital for academic success but are also crucial for becoming an informed and engaged global citizen.

By the end of the programme, you will have a deeper understanding of the social sciences and the ability to critically engage with the world's most pressing issues. Join us at SBC this summer, and embark on a journey that will equip you with the knowledge and skills to make a meaningful impact in society.

Sample Timetable

WEEK ONE TIMETABLE

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00-10:30	Lesson 1 What is Society?	Lesson 1 Understanding Social Justice	Lesson 1 How Countries are Run	Lesson 1 Exploring Economic Systems	Lesson 1 How Media Shapes Opinions
11.00-12.30	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Project Introduction	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Research and Data Analysis	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Group Project Discussion	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Project Development and Public Speaking Skills	Lesson 2 Time to Shine Ceremony

WEEK TWO TIMETABLE

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00-10:30	Lesson 1 Understanding Social Classes	Lesson 1 Why We Follow the Crowd	Lesson 1 How the World is Connected	Lesson 1 Power and Protests	Lesson 1 Solving Real-World Problems
11.00-12.30	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Project Introduction	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Research and Data Analysis	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Group Project Discussion	Lesson 2 Time to Shine – Project Development and Public Speaking Skills	Lesson 2 Time to Shine Ceremony





Course Objectives

Welcome to the Social Sciences programme at Rochester Independent College, designed for curious students aged 12-15 who are eager to explore the world around them. Our programme provides an engaging introduction to the key concepts in psychology, sociology, and anthropology, helping you understand how individuals and societies function. Through interactive lessons, discussions, and projects, you'll gain insights into human Behaviour, social structures, and cultural diversity, laying the groundwork for further study in the social sciences.

Module 1

Introduction to Psychology

Explore the fascinating world of psychology by learning about how the mind works and why people behave as they do, covering topics like perception, memory, and emotions, with simple experiments to demonstrate psychological principles.

Module 2

Understanding Society Through Sociology

Study society and social behaviour through sociology, examining how social structures, cultural norms, and institutions shape lives, and discussing topics like family, education, and social inequality to critically analyse social issues and consider solutions.

Module 3

Exploring Culture Through Anthropology

Journey into diverse cultures through anthropology, learning about customs, traditions, and belief systems, and exploring how anthropologists study cultures to appreciate cultural diversity and its importance in an interconnected world.





Time to Shine

Conduct an in-depth analysis or research project on a social issue or phenomenon that fascinates you. Apply theories and methods learned during the course, culminating in a presentation where you'll share insights and demonstrate understanding of complex social dynamics. Whether exploring social media's effects on youth, economic policies' impact on inequality, or culture's role in shaping identity, this project showcases your analytical and communication skills.

Previous projects include:

The Influence of Pop Culture on Social Movements

A project where students examined how music, film, and social media have influenced contemporary social movements, using sociological theories and data to support their analysis.

This project offers you the opportunity to delve into a topic of interest, engage in critical thinking, and present your conclusions in a clear and compelling manner, demonstrating your proficiency in the social sciences.



Our Approach to Your Learning

Designed to be interactive and thought-provoking. We encourage you to ask questions, think critically, and engage with real-world issues in a supportive environment. Our experienced teachers guide you through the key concepts of psychology, sociology, and anthropology, using a variety of teaching methods including discussions, projects, and handson activities. Whether you're Analysing a social issue, exploring a new culture, or understanding human Behaviour, our goal is to help you develop a deeper understanding of the social world and your place within it.



Academic Content

20 hours of subject-specific academic content per week with a subject tutor, delivered through interactive and hands-on lessons.



English Level

Students require a minimum English level of B1+ to enrol onto this programme.



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