**The Definition of Sociology**

**so·ci·ol·o·gy**

[ˌsōsēˈäləjē]

NOUN

1. the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society.
	* the study of social problems.

#### ORIGIN

mid 19th cent.: from French sociologie (see socio-, -logy).

Reference: Oxford Dictionary

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**What is Sociology?**

**SOCIOLOGY is:**

* the study of society
* a social science involving the study of the social lives of people, groups, and societies
* the study of our behavior as social beings, covering everything from the analysis of short contacts between anonymous individuals on the street to the study of global social processes
* the scientific study of social aggregations, the entities through which humans move throughout their lives'
* an overarching unification of all studies of humankind, including history, psychology, and economics

 Reference: American Sociological Association