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VISUAL

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*GRAPHIC: SUPERNet CONSORTIUM LOGO
over state of Texas background*

SUPERNet homepage

CG: More information at www.sprnet.org

ADD TxVSN LOGO

GRAPHIC: "Sociology"

*CG: The scientific study of human social
interaction and organization*

*IMAGE MONTAGE of people in various social,
religious, political etc congregations*

CG: Influence on group dynamics:

- > *Government/politics*
- > *Religions/belief systems*
- > *Economics*
- > *Geography*

*IMAGE MONTAGE of cultural moments, pro- and
anti-war statements, TV talk programs, magazine
covers, etc.*

*IMAGE MONTAGE of prominent sociologists,
pulled from History module*

"SUPERNet CONSORTIUM - SOCIOLOGY"

AUDIO

Music: In full then fade under ...

NARRATOR: Founded in the year 2000, the SUPERNet Consortium was created for the purpose of developing courses for online learning.

Today, we offer a wide range of courses. Many of them are available through the Texas Virtual School Network.

As an example, let's take a look at our introductory course in Sociology.

Sociology can be defined as the scientific study of human social interaction in all its aspects, from small groups to national cultures to international movements.

In this course, you'll be introduced to the different facets of sociological study. Among other things, you'll study how people are collectively influenced by government, religion, economics and media.

We'll study such concepts as culture, citizenship, political systems, group-think, and propaganda, and the various roles we each play within our society.

We'll also look at the origins and development of

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SCREEN SHOT: Course homepage

sociology as a science, and the methods sociologists use to study human society.

SCREEN SHOT -- scroll down topic breakout

All SUPERNet courses follow essentially the same format. The course homepage is your virtual classroom.

SCREEN SHOTS of lesson pages

The course is divided into modules, and the modules into topics. Under each topic are links to the different elements of your coursework.

IMAGE (still or video) of STUDENT AT COMPUTER

Just as in a traditional classroom, your coursework will center on the lessons your teacher has prepared. Embedded in these online lessons will be links to additional resources, such as expert websites, streaming videos, and other types of presentations.

SCREEN SHOTS: WIKI example

And even though you'll be in classes with students from all over the state, you'll have plenty of opportunities to interact with them and your teacher.

One way is through extensive use of **wikis**. If you're not familiar with them, wikis are online documents that you and your classmates collectively write and edit.

You each may be assigned to research a different aspect of a topic, then combine the information you've

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SCREEN SHOTS: FORUM (discussion board)

SCREEN SHOTS of representative emails and IM's

IMAGE of representative assignment with teacher's comments

CG: Forums, email, and phone calls are also used for student-teacher interaction.

gathered into a wiki on the subject.

For example, this student-developed wiki deals with stereotypes. Each member of the class was assigned to find a picture that illustrated a stereotype and post it to the wiki -- along with their comments on why they thought their choice was valid. Other students then contributed their own comments and ideas on each other's wiki entries.

Online forums are also an integral part of SUPERNet courses. In the forums, you'll discuss the concepts you're studying with your classmates and teacher. It's a great way to share ideas and explore alternative viewpoints.

You can also communicate informally with each other through regular email and our online learning system's internal messaging function.

Your assignments will be the primary means of individual communication with your teacher. After reviewing and annotating your assignments, your teacher will return them with comments, suggestions, and encouragement. You can then refine your work and resubmit it for additional review.

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SHOTS of students in traditional classroom, cutting to ...

STOCK FOOTAGE of students working online in different settings

CG: All coursework must be completed by the assigned deadlines.

SCREEN CAPTURE: TxVSN catalog

*CG: www.sprnet.org
SHOW homepage*

STOCK FOOTAGE: Counselor-student meeting

GRAPHICS: SUPERNet and TxVSN logos

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In this and in other ways, you'll find that SUPERNet courses offer as much interactivity as you'd expect in a traditional classroom -- maybe more!

The difference is, it's all done online, which means you can do your coursework wherever you have Internet access, and whenever it fits your schedule.

For more information on this course, consult the Texas Virtual School Network catalog. To enroll, or to discuss any other questions you may have, please contact your academic counselor.

Music up to conclusion
