

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3

Scientific study of social behavior including factors involved in functioning and development of human society such as culture, identity, social organization, institutions, stratification, social process, and social change.

GE Core: GSB

SOC 201 Social Problems 3

Analysis of contemporary social problems from a sociological perspective.

SOC 202 Social Problems in Global Context 3

This course examines causes of and responses to critical social problems in different world regions with a focus on the dimensions and impacts of globalization.

GE Core: GSB

GE Marker: GL

SOC 222 Sociology of Deviant Behavior 3

Social processes in the creation and maintenance of deviant populations: classification, objectification of social meanings, functions of subcultures and social outcomes of the deviance-ascription process. Includes core sociological concepts, methods, and theories.

GE Core: GSB

SOC 225 Race, Class, and Gender: Social Inequalities 3

Study of social inequalities, with a particular focus on race, class, and gender.

SOC 290 Thinking Sociologically-Classical Theory 3

A review of classical sociological theory, its foundations in modernity, and its place in the development of sociology as a social science discipline. First in the two-part sequence in theory.

Prerequisites: SOC 101.

SOC 300 Post Soviet Societies 3

Examination of major social institutions and social problems. Emphasis on assessing impact of ideology, modernization, and traditional cultural values on the evolution of the societies which formerly comprised the USSR. Particular emphasis on Russian society.

SOC 301 Introduction to Methods and Research 3

Topics include the function of theory in research, concept formation, study design, data collection, and analysis strategies.

Prerequisites: One sociology course or permission of instructor.

Notes: SOC majors only.

SOC 302 Introduction to Data Analysis 3

Application of statistical concepts and procedures to sociological inquiry. Topics include elementary descriptive and inferential procedures and use of computers in data analysis.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and SOC 301 (or PSC 301 for students double majoring in Sociology and Political Science) and one additional sociology course.

Notes: SOC majors only, except by permission of instructor.

SOC 311 Reading Culture and Society 3

Examines key sociocultural issues through classic literary and cinematic works, emphasizing notions of modernity, the contemporary world, and the relationship they entertain; provides foundational reading and critical thinking skills.

Notes: Same as ATY 311.

SOC 312 Exp Crs: Minorities and Music 3

Offers a critical perspective on representations of race, class, and gender in American popular music and uses music to examine and understand the impact of dominant ideologies. (Same as AFS 312)

SOC 314 Sociology of Popular Music 3

An introduction to the sociology of popular music; focuses on the roles music plays in society through an exploration of various popular music styles in the United States and the world.

SOC 317 Criminal Justice 3

Adjudication of criminal defendants from arrest through appellate process. Special attention given to current issues in administration of justice, e.g., the death penalty, plea bargaining, alternatives to incarceration.

SOC 323 Global Deviance 3

Explores and examines contemporary meaning and forms of deviant behavior using cross cultural and international perspectives.

GE Marker: GL

SOC 324 Criminology 3

Consideration of legal aspects of crime, its causation, patterns of criminal behavior, and victimization. Attention given to selected current issues in detection, apprehension, and adjudication of criminal offenders.

Prerequisites: SOC 222.

SOC 325 Sociology of Work Organizations 3

Analysis of relationships of individuals to work organizations and the relationships between individuals in organizations. Special attention to breakdowns in organizational functioning, satisfactions and dissatisfactions of individuals in work organizations, informal relationships and power within organizations, unionization and organizational conflict, and implications of increasing bureaucratization for citizens and society.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202, or permission of instructor.

SOC 326 The Community 3

Recent changes and current structure of communities, with special attention to urbanization, bureaucratization, industrialization, social class systems, land use, inter-organizational relationships, urban life styles, and community power.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202, or permission of instructor.

SOC 327 Race and Ethnic Relations 3

Interaction between peoples of differing racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, with comparison of American relationships to those in other parts of the world.

GE Core: GSB

SOC 328 Social Movements 3

Systematic study of such forms of collective social behavior as social movements and revolutions with a strong international and comparative focus.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202 or permission of instructor.

SOC 329 Sociological Perspectives on Gender 3

Inquiry into status of women in society with emphasis on socialization, structural and institutional relationships, and continuities and discontinuities in women's roles across the life cycle.

SOC 330 Urban Society 3

Analysis of emergence of urban society including formation and growth of urban centers and problems associated with ecological, social, and cultural differentiation within urban settlements.

SOC 332 Law and Society 3

Examines law as a social process that differs from case to case according to the social characteristics of the parties involved. Criminal and civil law are discussed.

Notes: Freshmen must have permission of instructor to register for this course.

SOC 333 Political Sociology 3

Influence of social values and social forces upon government policy and of government policy upon society. Examination of conflicting political sociological theories.

Prerequisites: One course in field of large-scale organization or permission of instructor .

SOC 335 Marriage and the Family 3

Analysis of marriage and family with particular attention to change and interrelationships with other institutions.

SOC 340 An Introduction to Cultural Sociology 3

An introduction to cultural sociology and exploration of cultural products and practices, the relationship between culture and society, and issues pertaining to meaning, interpretation, and representation.

SOC 341 Sociological Perspectives on Social Psychology 3

Conceptual frameworks of social psychology for selected topics: theories of social psychology, socialization, social perception, acquisition of self, gender, race and ethnicity, social interaction, and attitude and behavior change.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and one additional sociology course or permission of instructor.

Notes: May not be taken for credit if student has had SOC 571.

SOC 342 Global Inequalities 3

Examination of social stratification systems and theories, economic prestige, power inequalities, social mobility, and class consciousness.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and one additional sociology course or permission of instructor.

SOC 344 Global Society 3

Examines the interdependent development of formal organizations, communities, and societies as large scale social systems. Special attention is given to inter-societal relationships and the world system. Application to contemporary social issues is stressed.

GE Marker: GL

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and one additional sociology course or permission of instructor .

SOC 345 Social Change 3

Examination of nature, process, and consequences of social change with consideration of its control in all types of societies.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and one additional sociology course or permission of instructor.

SOC 346 Population Problems 3

Sociological study of basic population processes of fertility, migration, and mortality, including examination of problems associated with changing population size, composition, and distribution.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and one additional sociology course or permission of instructor .

SOC 350 Juvenile Delinquency 3

Course assesses the nature and extent of juvenile participation in unconventional behavior and identification with norms and values promoting delinquency.

Prerequisites: SOC 222 .

SOC 354 Work and Gender 3

Examination of gender in the U.S. labor force and work organizations with special attention to issues affecting women in professional careers.

Prerequisites: Junior standing, SOC 101 or MGT 300 or permission of instructor.

SOC 361 Health and Society 3

Analysis of socio-cultural aspects of health and illness. Consideration given to definitions of health, social distribution of illness, formal and informal organization of health professions and institutions, national health care systems.

SOC 362 Sociological Perspectives on Education 3

Introduction to sociological theories and research about how social forces influence schools, inequality and conflict in schools, how schools confer status on people, and how schools are organized and changed.

SOC 364 African American Social Thought 3

An introduction to perspectives advanced by black scholars concerning black power and pride, stratification, social order, culture, intraracial socialization, interaction, mate selection, and consequences of skin-tone variance.

SOC 365 Public Opinion and Mass Communication 3

The structure and functioning of the mass media with special attention to societal and individual effects. Examination of public opinion formation and its consequences and also selected policy issues.

SOC 366 Sociology of Religion 3

Sociological study in field of religion with emphasis on modern society and relation of religion to other institutions and functions of religious roles.

SOC 370 Environmental Sociology 3

Introduction to major sociological theories, perspectives and research useful for understanding environmental issues and environmentalism. Primary focus on the U.S., with some attention to Europe and developing countries.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202, or permission of instructor.

SOC 371 Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race in a Global Context 3

Examination of ethnic and racial relations and conflicts, especially in societies outside of the U.S. Special attention to the causes of international migration and its consequences for racial and ethnic relations.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202 or permission of instructor.

SOC 373 Green Criminology 3

Study of harms and crimes against the natural environment and the related impacts on human and non-human animals. Students will assess and analyze the causes and consequences of environmental crime.

SOC 375 International Field Research 4

Prepares students for the requirements of a global society by developing an international perspective on important issues and using social science field research techniques in an international setting.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 201 or SOC 202. or permission of instructor.

SOC 377 Disaster, Self, and Society 3

The anatomy of disasters examined from both anthropological and sociological perspectives. Case studies are presented through several conceptual lenses for clarifying individual, social, cultural, and political responses to catastrophic events.

SOC 390 African American Perspectives on Crime 3

An introduction to perspectives in criminology that focus on African American participation in crime and the significance of race for legal sanctioning.

Prerequisites: SOC 222 or SOC 324. SOCI major.

SOC 393 Drugs and Society 3

This course focuses on drug (mis)use as a social phenomenon. We discuss the history of drug (mis)use, causes of drug use, and the development and enforcement of drug laws.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 or SOC 222 or SOC 324.

SOC 410 Experimental Course: Sociology of the Body 3

This course examines how the senses, emotions, gestures, habits, body image, and prosthetic technologies are attuned to social interaction, reproduce and change social inequalities, and shape social experiences.

Prerequisites: SOC 101 and SOC 225.

SOC 419 Gender, Crime, and Deviance 3

Examines key questions in scholarly literature on gender, crime, and deviance: how gender socialization, gender roles, and institutions affect males' and females' offending, deviant behavior, and victimization.

Prerequisites: SOCI major.

Notes: Same as WGS 419. Students cannot receive credit for both SOC 419 and WGS 311.

SOC 420 Family Violence 3

Examines the forms, causes, incidence, and prevention of violence within the family and other intimate relationships.

Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing and sociology major. or permission of instructor.

SOC 422 Crimes of the Powerful 3

Study of the types, causes, consequences, and control of white-collar crime.

Prerequisites: SOC 222 or SOC 324, or permission of the instructor.

SOC 425 Contemporary Gangs in America 3

Examines the nature and extent of gang membership in America: activities of cliques, near groups, cultural gangs, and established gangs.

SOC 429 Collective Violence and Nonviolence in Global Perspective 3

Study of social dynamics underlying events of collective violence and collective nonviolence globally and historically. Explores why contentious politics take a violent turn sometimes and a nonviolent turn at other times.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor .

SOC 430 Miscarriages of Justice 3

Examines the causes and consequences of the wrongful conviction of innocent individuals within the American criminal justice system.

Prerequisites: SOCI major. Pr. or Coreq.: SOC 317 or SOC 324 or SOC 332 or SOC 420.

SOC 434 Considering Ourselves as Offenders, Victims and Survivors 3

Using biographical history, the course will highlight connections between individual identity, ideologies and socio-political context, especially as they relate to the labels of offenders, victims and survivors.

Prerequisites: SOC 290 and SOC 324, and 3 hours of additional Sociology course credit or permission from instructor. Sociology majors and minors.

SOC 441 The Real You 3

Study of the social factors that impact contemporary culture and the individual's sense of self and identity.

Prerequisites: SOC 101, SSC 301, or permission or the instructor.

SOC 490 Seeing Society-Contemporary Theory 3

Introduction to contemporary social and sociological theories and their places in postindustrial/postmodern society. Second of a two-part sequence in theory.

Prerequisites: SOC 101, SOC 290, and SOC 301.

SOC 493 Honors Work 3-6

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor; 3.30 GPA in the major, 12 s.h. in the major

Notes: May be repeated for credit if the topic of study changes.

SOC 497 Special Problems in Sociology 2-3

Opportunity for students to have directed instruction on problems of special interest.

Prerequisites: Permission of faculty member with whom student wishes to work.

SOC 498 Special Problems in Sociology 2-3

Opportunity for students to have directed instruction on problems of special interest.

Prerequisites: Permission of faculty member with whom student wishes to work.

SOC 522 Seminar in Population and Urban Studies 3

Advanced study of population processes and urban concepts from an interdisciplinary viewpoint. Emphasis on accessing and interpreting data from the U.S. census and other sources.

SOC 526 Comparative Minority Relations 3

Comparative study of ethnic, class, and cultural conflict in developing and developed societies. Attention is given to the impact of ethnicity and class conflict upon societal development and change in the international setting.

SOC 552 Sociology of Science and Technology 3

Nature and origins of modern science; relations of science and technology; science in democratic and authoritarian societies; images of scientists; origins and recruitment of scientists; career patterns; the organizational setting.

Prerequisites: 6 s.h. of sociology at 300 level or above or permission of instructor.

SOC 571 Advanced Topics in Social Psychology 3

Social impact, exchange, equity, and attribution theories intensively examined as basic in understanding specific substantive problems of reciprocal influences of groups and individuals in socio-cultural context.

Prerequisites: 3 s.h. in sociology and 3 s.h. in psychology, or permission of instructor.

SOC 589 Experimental Course 3

This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

SOC 589A ExpCrS: Applied Sociology 3

This is an overview of the application of sociology to problem solving and social change. Sociological practice with a variety of approaches/ techniques will be examined in different settings.

SOC 593 Thesis Proposal Seminar 3

Provides an overview of sociological theory, epistemological issues, and research design; leads to a written thesis proposal.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing, senior in disciplinary honors, or permission of instructor.

SOC 599 Internship in Sociology 3-6

Undergraduate students will complete at least 120 internship hours (graduate students, at least 300 hours) with a local public sector agency, and through the application of sociological concepts, will examine interpersonal, organizational, and public policy issues.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing, junior or senior standing; Sociology major; minimum 2.80 GPA; 3 letters of recommendation (at least one must be from the Sociology faculty).

SOC 601 Seminar in Sociological or Criminological Analysis 3

Intensive work at an advanced level on a selected topic in sociology or criminology.

Prerequisites: SOC 618 or permission of instructor.

SOC 605 Sociology of Organizations 3

Organization theory and structure. Construction of organizational models.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

SOC 614 Contemporary Sociological Theory 3

Selected major theoretical perspectives: functionalism, conflict, and alternative models.

SOC 615 The Logic of Social Inquiry 3

Logical bases of conceptualization and theory formulation. Both sociological theory and methods of research will be considered from the perspectives of philosophies of sciences.

SOC 616 Advanced Research Methods 3

The function of theory in research, concept formation, study design, data collection and analysis.

SOC 617 Ethnography 3

Provides students with the tools necessary to use ethnographic methods, including practical training, epistemological and ethical issues, and the history of ethnography in sociology.

Notes: Graduate standing.

SOC 618 Advanced Data Analysis 3

Application of advanced statistical concepts and procedures in multivariate analyses of discrete and continuous data.

Prerequisites: SOC 302 or permission of instructor.

SOC 619 Practicum in Evaluative Research 3

Organizations and social action programs. Students prepare, organize, and carry out evaluative research of their own interest under the guidance of the instructor.

SOC 621 Advanced Topics in Juvenile Delinquency 3

Social dimensions of juvenile delinquency; causation, prevalence, current trends. Legal processing of delinquents by police, courts, and correctional agencies, including diversion from the courts and alternatives to incarceration.

SOC 628 Social Movements 3

Sociological approaches to social movements and social conflict emphasizing their genesis, structure, resources, and consequences for simple and complex societies.

SOC 632 Advanced Study of Gender, Crime, and Deviance 3

Explore key questions in scholarly literature on gender, crime, and deviance. Primarily concerned with how gender socialization, gender roles, and institutions affect males' and females' offending, deviant behavior and victimization.

SOC 636 Seminar in Social Inequalities: Theory and Research 3

Basic systems of social stratification. Theoretical and methodological trends.

SOC 640 Cultural Sociology 3

Graduate seminar in cultural sociology; an exploration of cultural products and practices, the relationship between culture and society, theories of culture, and issues pertaining to meaning, interpretation, and representation.

SOC 643 Urban Sociology 3

Contemporary theory and research on urban social structure, conflict, and change.

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and background in sociology or other social or behavior science.

SOC 644 Sociology of Globalization 3

Sociological perspectives on globalization and its effects. Trends in theory and research.

SOC 646 Teaching and Learning Sociological Concepts 3

Goals, methods, and evaluation in teaching and learning sociology at the college level. Students prepare course objectives and outlines, select instructional materials, and present demonstration lectures and discussions.

SOC 651 Criminology 3

Critical examination of central sociological formulations of criminal behavior and victimization, and societal responses to each; integration of theories of criminal behavior with appropriate research strategies for theory advancement.

Prerequisites: Six hours of sociology at 300-level or permission of instructor.

SOC 653 Social Control 3

Comparative examination of societal responses to deviance. Theoretical and empirical analysis of institutions of social control.

Prerequisites: Six hours of sociology at 300-level or permission of instructor.

SOC 655 The Sociology of Law 3

Social influences on the legal system are analyzed. Attention given to: social organization of law; legal and extra-legal considerations; and law as a means of social control and change.

SOC 686 Social Aspects of Aging 3

Structural and social psychological theories of aging. Substantive topics determined by students. Focus on critical review of current research.

SOC 695 Internship 3-6

Directed practical experience in a professional setting in the student's area of interest. Includes written paper(s) applying sociological theories and methodologies to analysis of the setting.

Prerequisites: 21 hours in sociology at 500-level or above.

SOC 697 Special Problems in Sociology 3

Independent study or research.

SOC 698 Special Problems in Sociology 3

Independent study or research.

Prerequisites: Permission of faculty member with whom students wish to work.

SOC 699 Thesis 1-6**SOC 711 Experimental Course 3**

This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

SOC 801 Thesis Extension 1-3

Thesis Extension.

SOC 803 Research Extension 1-3