Sociology (SOC)

Courses

**SOC-101 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY 3.00 Credits**
An introduction to the basic concepts, principles and processes in sociology with materials relating to culture, social interaction, institutions and social change.

**SOC-102 CURRENT SOCIAL PROBLEMS 3.00 Credits**
Students develop a sociological frame of reference for understanding some of the complex problems of our society. Problems examined include poverty, environmental degradation, racism, sexism, crime, substance abuse, inadequate healthcare, etc. in the context of American society.

**SOC-275 PRIN OF INTERVIEWING AND CASE STUDIES 3.00 Credits**
Behavioral sciences theory as applied to interviewing and case studies is examined in this course in order to understand the effects of setting, interview stages, and levels of communication during the interviewing process.

**SOC-290 DIRECTED STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-3.00 Credits**
Graded P/F only.

**SOC-291 WORKSHOP IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-3.00 Credits**

**SOC-292 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-12.00 Credits**

**SOC-295 PRACTICUM IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-9.00 Credits**

**SOC-299 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1.00-12.00 Credits**

**SOC-310 RELIGION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY 3.00 Credits**
Students study religion as a social phenomenon by examining the functions and organization of religions. The reciprocal relationship between religion and other social institutions is illuminated by historical examples and current trends in religion.

**SOC-315 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY 3.00 Credits**
A study of the institutions of marriage and the family in a cross-cultural perspective, and an analysis of the various factors and forces at work in our time which are affecting relationships within the family.

**SOC-320 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY 3.00 Credits**
Theories of causation, prevention, control, and treatment of delinquency in contemporary society are presented. Modes of treatment, methods of diverting youth-related problems from juvenile courts to other community resources are studied along with factors in post-treatment adjustment. Cross-listed with JS 320.

**SOC-325 SOCIAL STRATIFICATION 3.00 Credits**
Students study the major dimensions of social stratification systems, including class, prestige and power and how inequalities manifest themselves in everyday life. Preerequisite: SOC 101.

**SOC-333 WHITE COLLAR CRIME 3.00 Credits**
The costs, causes, and control of crime by and against businesses and other organizations; the relationship between trust and white collar crime; and the impact of the media in shaping perceptions of white collar crime will be studied. Pre-requisites: JS 103 or SOC 101 or SOC 102 and ENGL 102 or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with JS 333.

**SOC-345 CRIMINOLOGY 3.00 Credits**
Issues related to crime and society, theories of criminality, types and trends of crime, characteristics of offenders, social control, criminological controversies. Pre-requisite: SOC 101. Cross-listed with JS 345.

**SOC-355 RURAL SOCIOLOGY 3.00 Credits**
This course introduces students to some of the most pressing issues facing rural peoples and areas today. Students learn about the historical and contemporary relationships of rural peoples and regions to urban areas and the global economy and the impact of these relationships on the well-being of rural people and their environments. Emerging forms of political, economic, and social organization in rural areas are examined in this context of the historical legacy. Prerequisites: SOC 101 or ENGL 102 or ENGL 109 or instructor permission.

**SOC-360 RACE AND ETHNICITY 3.00 Credits**
An introduction to the theoretical and substantive issues in the study of race and ethnicity. Students learn about the historical development of race and ethnicity as social categories and examine contemporary race and ethnic relations in the United States and other societies.

**SOC-366 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY 3.00 Credits**
Provides students with an overview of some of the major currents of thought in environmental sociology. Topics covered include such ecologically relevant social processes as the production of food, the use of forests, the disposal of so-called waste, and energy use, to name a few. Particular attention is paid to the present era of human history and the political economic aspects of societies’ relationships to the environment. By the end of class, students should be able to engage in discussions on the links between human societies and contemporary environmental problems in an informed and critical manner. Pre-requisite: ENGL 102.
SOC-375 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CONTROL 3.00 Credits
Students study the origins and functions of deviant behaviors and social control to learn of their affect on maintaining and/or changing society. Prerequisites: SOC 101 or 102 and Junior standing.

SOC-390 DIRECTED STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-3.00 Credits
SOC-392 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-12.00 Credits
SOC-399 RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP 1.00-12.00 Credits

SOC-403 SOCIAL CHANGE 3.00 Credits
This course provides an analysis of the political economic, ecological, and ideological sources and consequences of social change. Students critically examine historical and contemporary processes of societal development and change and the impact of such processes on individuals, communities, and societies in global context. Pre-requisite: SOC 101.

SOC-422 RACE, CLASS, GENDER & JUSTICE 3.00 Credits
This course explores the effects of race, class and gender on the criminal justice system. Patterns of offending and victimization associated with the categories of race, class and gender will be studied. Students will study topics such as profiling, disparities in sentencing and the death penalty, minority overrepresentation in prison, responses to battering, and criminal justice system employment practices. Pre-requisite: JS 103 or SOC 101 or instructor permission. Cross-listed with JS 422.

SOC-425 VIOLENCE TOWARD WOMEN 3.00 Credits
This course will provide an overview of violence directed toward women. Crimes such as domestic violence, stalking, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment will be analyzed within a broader social context. Special attention will be given to how these crimes affect women and men, and how societal institutions (e.g., the criminal justice system, the health care system, employers, and social service providers) may better address the needs of victims and offenders. The course will be based on information gathered through current research, guest lectures, and scholarly and media resources. Pre-requisite: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102. Cross-listed with JS 425.

SOC-490 DIRECTED STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-3.00 Credits
SOC-491 WORKSHOP IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-12.00 Credits
SOC-492 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-12.00 Credits
SOC-495 PRACTICUM IN SOCIOLOGY 1.00-9.00 Credits