SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC Courses

SOC 110. Comparative Societies. 4 units
GE Area D3
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Introduction to sociological theory and methods, emphasizing a comparative analysis of social institutions of contemporary societies in major world regions, including the family, religion, politics, and the economy. Direct comparisons made between American social institutions and those of other societies, their histories, social problems and social change. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D3.

SOC 111. Social Problems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
An introduction to sociology with an emphasis on problems inherent in selected social institutions. Instruction in social analysis, including theories of social problems, how those problems are studied, and a survey of possible solutions. 4 lectures.

SOC 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of department head.
Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter.

SOC 218. International Political Economy. 4 units
GE Area D2
Term Typically Offered: W, SP
Principles of international political economy in their social and cultural context. Sociological perspectives on the historical development of the world system and the current patterns of global inequality. Comparison of the political economy of major nations and their relation to the overall world system. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D2.

SOC 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Open to undergraduate students and consent of instructor.
Directed group study of selected topics. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

SOC 301. Social Work and Social Welfare Institutions. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: SOC 110. Recommended: Junior standing.
Introduction to the field of social welfare. Development of social work and social welfare services; major issues in social service policy. Scope and diversity of specific programs in the social services. Analysis of current programs and the recipients of welfare services. 4 lectures.

SOC 305. Social Movements. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing. Recommended: SOC 110, SOC 111.
Description and analysis of social movements in contemporary societies as they relate to major revolutionary changes historically and in the present. Analysis of variables producing social movements and political violence, including terrorism. Impact on society. 4 lectures.

SOC 306. Sociology of the Family. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: SOC 110. Recommended: Junior standing.
Description and analysis of family relationships; role of family in society, effects of society on family economy, structure and change. Other topics include courtship, marriage, parenting, divorce and alternative family forms. 4 lectures.

SOC 309. The World System and Its Problems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: SOC 110. Recommended: Junior standing.
Analysis of the historical background, structure, and dynamics of the world system; examines such issues as the origins of Third World poverty, colonialism, the changes in the world’s dominant economic powers, the fall of communism, the growing economic competition between Europe, North America, and Asia; and possible strategies for the economic development of the Third World. 4 lectures.

SOC 310. Self, Organizations and Society. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Analysis of the interactions relating to the development of self. Examination of the reciprocal interactions between biology, personal environment, and society. 4 lectures.

SOC 311. Sociology of Gender. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Analysis of social constructions of sex and gender. Explores how gender stereotypes are created and reproduced. Focus on media representations; intersections of gender, race, class, sexuality; and effects on individuals and structures of work, education, family, and abusive relationships. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as SOC/WGS 311.

SOC 313. Urban Sociology. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: SOC 110. Recommended: Junior standing.
Description of the context of urban development; analysis of various forces generating urbanization. Investigation of urban models and spatio-temporal relationships; urban processes; and problems. 4 lectures.

SOC 315. Global Race and Ethnic Relations. 4 units
GE Area D5
Term Typically Offered: F, SP
Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; GE Area D3; and junior standing.
Diverse structures of unequal relationships among racial and ethnic groups in several countries including the United States. Theories about sources of economic and social discrimination and colonialism. Focus on the concept of ethnicity. Evaluation methods to restructure race and ethnic relations. International case histories. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D5 except for Social Sciences or Sociology majors.
Exploration of the issues and problems facing the four major ethnic minorities in American society: Native Americans, Afro-Americans, Hispanics and Asian Americans. Dynamics of intergroup relations focusing on the concepts of ethnocentricism, stereotyping, pluralism and assimilation. Sources and manifestations of economic and social discrimination patterns and how they affect the individual’s life course. 4 lectures. Fulfills USCP.

Term Typically Offered: W, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

SOC 323. Social Stratification. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Social class and the distribution of income, wealth, status and power in society, with emphasis on contemporary United States; social mobility; race, gender, and ethnic inequalities; political power and the nature of welfare; the nature, causes and solutions to poverty. A comparative perspective also taken with a focus on Japan and Europe. 4 lectures.

Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; completion of one lower-division course in GE area D3.

Change and continuity of the self through the life course. Impact of aging on the physical, emotional, intellectual and social aspects of well being, and how this knowledge can be applied to enhance the quality of life. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D5 except for Social Sciences or Sociology majors.

SOC 326. Sociology of the Life Cycle. 4 units
GE Area D5
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; and GE Area D3.

Comparative and contrasts social change strategies over time and across diverse social problems, focusing mainly on the U.S., but not exclusively. Theoretical and critical examination of contemporary efforts to address restricted opportunities by groups who have been historically marginalized due to race/ethnicity, lower socioeconomic status, sexuality, or other social identities. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D5 except for Sociology majors. Fulfills USCP.

SOC 327. Social Change. 4 units
GE Area D5; USCP
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE area A with a grade of C- or better; completion of one lower-division course in GE area D. Recommended: HIST 216 or SOC 305.

The basics of how to do quantitative social research. Includes topics on data collection techniques such as surveys, experiments, and the use of existing data. Also includes topics on univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analysis and the use of SPSS for data analysis. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SOC 354. Qualitative Research Methods. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: STAT 217 with a C- or better and two sociology courses, or consent of instructor.

Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; and two courses from two categories in Area D.

Religion from a sociological perspective. Topics may include the nature of religious experience, the role of religion in politics, economics, and social change, and the role that social forces have in influencing religious beliefs and practices. 4 lectures. Fulfills GE D5 except for Social Sciences or Sociology majors.

SOC 377. Sociology of Religion. 4 units
GE Area D5
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with a grade of C- or better; and two courses from two categories in Area D.

Bureaucracies and informal organizations from a sociological perspective. Organizational networks within and between organizations, relationship between organizations and their environment, and organizational socialization and career patterns, and gender and race or ethnic differences in organizational patterns. 4 lectures.

SOC 395. Sociology of Complex Organizations. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

SOC 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter.

SOC 402. Crime and Violence. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Criminal behavior of individuals and groups; special categories include drug use, sex offenders, property crime, syndicated crime, interpersonal violence, and white-collar criminality. Legal definitions of crime and their implications, theories of causation, the sources of criminological data, and possible responses to the problems posed by criminal behavior. 4 lectures.
SOC 406. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: One course in sociology.

Sociological examination of juvenile delinquency as a social and legal concept, covering the nature, volume and social distribution of juvenile crime; the formal structure of juvenile justice; and how justice for juveniles is applied in practice. 4 lectures.

SOC 412. Criminology & Criminal Justice. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing.

A sociological perspective of contemporary crime and criminal justice issues, such as racial profiling, drug enforcement, and mass incarceration. Incorporates criminological theory to examine the nature, function, and causes of crime in society. Focuses on the control and treatment strategies of adult offenders. 4 lectures.

SOC 413. Methods of Social Work. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: SOC 301 and junior standing.

Skills, values and knowledge emphasized in social work. The generic perspective. Methods in social case work, group work, community organization, and social action. Alternative models. Settings of social work practice. Discussion of case material and professional literature. Case work management. Traditional and innovative therapy techniques. 4 seminars.

SOC 421. Social Theory. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: SOC 111.


SOC 431. World Population Processes and Problems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: SOC 110 or ANT 201. Recommended: SOC 354; SOC 355; or ANT/GEOG 455.

Introduction to demography, emphasizing historical patterns and impacts of population change. Is population a problem? Topics include fertility, mortality, the demographic transition, food security, environmental degradation, population control, population aging, intergenerational transfers, and migration. 4 lectures.

SOC 440. Internship. 2-8 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Senior standing and/or consent of instructor.

Supervised training, research, and work in public and private organizations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 12 units.

SOC 444. Incarceration and Society: Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Junior standing, SOC 402 or SOC 412, and consent of instructor.

Compares and contrasts perspectives on the criminal justice system in dialogue with inmates. Examination of the social construction of deviance and inequality in the life course that may lead to incarceration. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

SOC 461. Senior Project I. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project results are presented in a formal report. Minimum 120 hours total time.

SOC 462. Senior Project II. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project results are presented in a formal report. Minimum 120 hours total time.

SOC 464. Professional Development for Sociologists. 1 unit
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: SOC 110 and Junior standing.

Preparation for professional advancement in the field of Sociology. Supervised career planning emphasizing resume development, selection of an internship or international experience, exploration of career options and graduate programs. Lectures from outside, practicing professionals. 1 lecture. Credit/No Credit grading only.

SOC 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.