

SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The Social Sciences Department offers bachelor's degrees and minors in Anthropology-Geography and Sociology, as well as a minor in Latin American studies.

Within each major, students are required to choose a concentration relevant to their future career endeavors. The Anthropology-Geography major concentrations include environmental studies and sustainability, global studies and international development, and human ecology. Sociology majors can choose a concentration in criminal justice, organizations, or social services. Students in both majors may also design their own individualized concentration by selecting courses relevant to their future goals.

The strength of our department lies in its focus on practical training, critical thinking, and "Learn by Doing" experiences. Students are trained in applied technical skills including GIS, remote sensing, research design, social data collection, and qualitative/quantitative methodology.

Alongside these skills, students are encouraged to critically investigate contemporary issues, asking hard questions about society, behavior, and the environment in an increasingly diverse and global world. Finally, students are required to bridge classroom learning with the real world through hands-on practical experience such as internships, service learning, study abroad, and senior projects.

Undergraduate Programs

- Anthropology and Geography (BS) (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/anthropology-geography-bs/>)
- Sociology (BA) (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/sociology-ba/>)

Undergraduate Minors

- Anthropology and Geography Minor (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/anthropology-geography-minor/>)
- Latin American Studies Minor (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/latin-american-studies-minor/>)
- Social and Environmental Justice Minor (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/social-environmental-justice-minor/>)
- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/liberal-arts/social-sciences/sociology-minor/>)

ANT Courses

ANT 2200 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. Repeatable up to 8 units. Formerly ANT 200.

ANT 2201 Cultural Anthropology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Cultural patterns and divergence in language and communication, family organization, gender, adaptation to environment, economics and productivity, political organization, religion and ritual, ethnicity and race, illness and healing, globalization and culture change. Ethnographic analysis and cultural relativity skills emphasized. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ANT 201.

ANT 2202 World History Before Writing (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Long-term development of global biological and cultural diversity from emergence of the first human ancestors 6-7 million years ago to the advent of writing. Biological evolution, cultural development, emergent socio-political complexity and social inequality, migrations, adaptation to climate change, and sustainability. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ANT 202.

ANT 2250 Biological Anthropology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 5B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area B2

Biological aspects of human unity and diversity. Primate and human evolution, including anatomical, physiological and behavioral adaptations. Evolutionary ecological perspectives and theories on human behavior and biology. Field trip required. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 5B (GE Area B2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ANT 250.

ANT 2270 Special Topics (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures. Formerly ANT 270.

ANT 3309 Elements of Archaeology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: ANT 202 or ANT 2202.

Overview of archaeological method and theory covering the history and development of archaeological thought, approaches to data recovery, dating and analysis of artifacts and ecofacts, and the construction of theoretical models of prehistoric human behavior. Field trip required. 3 lectures. Formerly ANT 309.

ANT 3310 Archaeological Field Methods (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: ANT 202, ANT 2202, ANT 309, or ANT 3309.

Hands-on introduction to archaeological field methods emphasizing excavation. Artifact and ecofact identification, lithic technology. Practical experience with hand tools, and stratigraphic interpretation. Methodological approaches to research and management questions. Strenuous outdoor work in a rugged setting. Field trip required. 2 lectures, 1 activity. Formerly ANT 310.

ANT 3311 Archaeological Laboratory Methods (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: ANT 309, ANT 3309, ANT 310, or ANT 3310.

Hands-on introduction to the methods employed in post-field processing, classification, analysis, and preservation of archaeological materials. Compilation of quantitative and qualitative information in data base format to assist in the classification and interpretation of faunal remains and artifacts. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory. Field trip required. Formerly ANT 311.

ANT 3312 Introduction to Cultural Resources Management (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: GEOG 218 or GEOG 2218; and one of the following: ANT 310, ANT 3310, ANT 311, or 3311.

Introduction to international, federal, state, and local legislation pertinent to identification, evaluation, and treatment of cultural resources. Practical field experience in site recording, map-reading, and cartography using GPS, LIDAR, and drones. Rigorous field work in a rugged setting. Field trip required. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Formerly ANT 312.

ANT 3320 California's Indigenous Past (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: ANT 202 or ANT 2202.

Overview of the paleoenvironment, prehistory, archaeology, and ethnography of Indigenous California. Last 12,000 years of California's past from the appearance of the first human beings to the establishment of Spanish settlements in 1769, and the decline and persistence of Indigenous societies. 3 lectures. Formerly ANT 320.

ANT 3330 Indigenous South Americans (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: ANT 201 or ANT 2201.

Indigenous peoples of South America from the past to the present. Cross-cultural study of small band societies, tribes, chiefdoms and large civilization states covering the continent. Traditional cultural focus, pre-colonization. Indigenous rights and issues in contemporary society. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures.

ANT 3345 Human Behavioral Ecology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Biological and cultural influences of natural and sexual selection on individual behavior. Ecological effects on human behavior to reproduce and acquire resources. Scientific method for understanding foraging, group living, sociality, kinship, parenting, religion, and mating. Cross-cultural, cross-sex, and cross-species comparisons. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ANT 345.

ANT 3360 Human Cultural Adaptations (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Social and cultural evolution from Paleolithic times to the present. Interactions of demographic, economic and ecological factors are emphasized. Main topics include human nature/culture, sex and gender, cooperation and conflict, the 'agricultural revolution', state formation, social inequality and globalization. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ANT 360.

ANT 3384 Professional Preparation for Anthropologists/Geographers (2 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

CR/NC

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 2201, GEOG 150, or GEOG 1150.

Preparation for professional advancement in the fields of anthropology and geography. 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. Credit/No Credit grading only. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 seminars. Crosslisted as ANT/GEOG 3384. Formerly ANT 384.

ANT 3393 Action-oriented Ethnography (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 2201, ANT 202, ANT 2202, ANT 250, ANT 2250, ISLA 123, ISLA 1123, any Ethnic Studies (ES) course, any Women's and Gender Studies (WGQS) course.

Development of knowledge and skills needed to conduct original action-oriented ethnographic research. Grounded in the reflexive 'turn' in anthropology and critical race, science, technology and society, queer and feminist studies, students will engage questions of authority, representation, critical consciousness and justice. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ANT/ISLA 3393. Formerly ANT/ISLA 393.

ANT 4400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems at the upper-division level. Repeatable up to 8 units. Formerly ANT 400.

ANT 4401 Culture and Health (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and ANT 201 or ANT 2201.

Global perspective on the relationship between culture and health. Ecological factors influencing health and illness. Social origins and impact of diseases. Relationship of gender, race, and reproduction to illness. Global health problems. Health-care needs of U.S. racial/ethnic groups. 4 lectures. Formerly ANT 401.

ANT 4415 Indigenous North Americans (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: ANT 201 or ANT 2201.

Survey of Indigenous North Americans from earliest times to present, emphasizing regional diversity in traditional lifeways. Origins of New World peoples, domestication, war, social organization, trade and gender roles. 3 lectures.

ANT 4425 Meaning, Gender, and Identity in Anthropological Theory (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: ANT 201 or ANT 2201.

Exploration of the intersection of anthropological theory with meaning, gender/sexuality, and identity formations within and between cultural contexts. Situate and analyze anthropological discourses regarding social meanings and cultural identities, emphasizing comparative cultural reflection and critique. 3 lectures. Formerly ANT 425.

ANT 4455 Anthropology-Geography Research Design and Methods (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 5B (GE Area B2 for the 2020-26 catalogs); STAT 218 or STAT 1110; and two upper-division ANT or GEOG courses.

Development of knowledge and skills needed to conduct original scientific anthropology-geography research and prepares students for senior projects. Various empirical methodologies highlighted, with a focus on quantitative design and measurement of human culture, biology, behavior, environment and ecology. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as ANT/GEOG 4455. Formerly ANT/GEOG 455.

ANT 4460 Queer Anthropology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area A with grades of C- or better; completion of GE Area D2; and one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 2201, ISLA 123, ISLA 1123, any Ethnic Studies (ES) course, or any Women's and Gender Studies (WGQS) course.

Intersections of queer identities and politics of race, gender, kinship, the body, class, and desire. How anthropology has been transformed by queer critique and knowledge production. Investigation of multi-scaled fields of power that articulate a cultural understanding of the body. 3 lectures. Formerly ANT 460.

ANT 4461 Senior Project I (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Senior standing and consent of instructor.

Selection and development of a project under faculty supervision. Projects focus on topics in anthropology relevant to post-baccalaureate employment, graduate education, and lifelong learning. Project results are presented in a formal report. Formerly ANT 461.

ANT 4462 Senior Project II (2 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Senior standing and consent of instructor. Corequisite: ANT 461 or ANT 4461.

Completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects focus on topics in anthropology relevant to post-baccalaureate employment, graduate education, and lifelong learning. Project results are presented in a formal report. Formerly ANT 462.

ANT 4465 Internship (2-6 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

CR/NC

Prerequisite: ANT/GEOG 384 or ANT/GEOG 3384.

Supervised training, research, and work in public and private organizations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Repeatable up to 12 units. Formerly ANT 465.

ANT 4470 Special Advanced Topics (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 12 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures. Formerly ANT 470.

ANT 4471 Special Advanced Laboratory (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group laboratory study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 laboratories. Formerly ANT 471.

GEOG Courses**GEOG 1150 Human Geography (3 units)**

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Interplay of cultures, places, and environments, with emphasis on diversity and globalization. Characteristics and patterns of human population, migration, ethnicity, agriculture, geopolitics, language, religion, urbanization, industry, international development, and human-environment relationships. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly GEOG 150.

GEOG 2200 Special Problems for Undergraduates (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems at the lower-division level. Repeatable up to 8 units. Formerly GEOG 200.

GEOG 2218 Applications in GIS (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS) computer software to explore environmental, natural resource, social and economic issues using spatial data. Principles of cartography and map interpretation. Development of data base and software management competencies. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory. Formerly GEOG 218.

GEOG 2250 Physical Geography (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Systems and processes responsible for the Earth's patterns of weather, climate, and landforms. Atmospheric circulation, severe weather, climate change, hydrologic cycle, tectonics, volcanism, and fluvial, coastal, and glacial landscapes. Emphasis on interactions between humans and the natural environment. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOG 2250. Formerly ERSC/GEOG 250.

GEOG 2270 Special Topics (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Open only to undergraduate students, and consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. Formerly GEOG 270.

GEOG 3308 Global Geography (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Sustainability Related

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Examination of the major world regions such as Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Focus on global political, economic, and environmental issues framed within a regional context. Emphasis on globalization, diversity, and sustainability in an interconnected world. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly GEOG 308.

GEOG 3325 Climate and Humanity (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Recommended: One of the following: ERSC 144, ERSC 1144, GEOG 250, or GEOG 2250.

Geographic perspective on the interrelationships between climate and human cultures. Effects of people on climate and the influence of climate and weather upon human activities and behavior. Focus on global human conditions which are responsible for the alteration of climate and in turn are vulnerable to climate change. Course may be offered in classroom-based or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOG 3325. Formerly ERSC/GEOG 3325.

GEOG 3328 Applications in Remote Sensing and GIS (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: GEOG 218, GEOG 2218, LA/NR 218, or LA/NR 2218.

Introduction to satellite imagery used to analyze natural and human features on the earth. Applications in geology, water, climate, vegetation, agriculture, and urban land use. Fundamentals of processing digital satellite images. Emphasis on bridging the earth and social sciences. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory. Formerly GEOG 328.

GEOG 3340 Geography of California (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Recommended: GEOG 150 or GEOG 1150.

Analysis of the land and people of California from a geographical perspective. Patterns of environment, history, settlement, water, agriculture, ethnicity, economy, politics, and urban growth. Current issues are examined in a national and global context. Course may be offered in classroom-based or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly GEOG 340.

GEOG 3350 The Global Environment (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 2/5

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area B

Sustainability Focused

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 5 (GE Areas B1 to B3 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Interdisciplinary investigation of how human activities impact the Earth's environment on a global scale. Examination of population, resource use, climate change, and biodiversity from scientific/technical and social/economic/ historical/political perspectives. Use of remote sensing maps. Sustainable solutions. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as AG/EDES/ENGR/GEOG/ISLA/SCM/UNIV 3350. Fulfills GE Areas Upper-Division 2 or Upper-Division 5 (GE Area Upper-Division B for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly AG/EDES/ENGR/GEOG/ISLA/SCM/UNIV 350.

GEOG 3370 Geography of Latin America (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Sustainability Related

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Geographic analysis of the lands and peoples of Mexico, Central America, and South America. Patterns of environment, culture, politics, economy, and development. Local, regional, and global issues shaping Latin America today, with emphasis on United States-Latin America relations, diversity, and sustainability. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly GEOG 370.

GEOG 3380 Geography of the Caribbean (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Sustainability Related

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Geographic analysis of the Caribbean investigating patterns and relationships between the physical and cultural geographies from local, regional, and global perspectives with an emphasis on sustainability and diversity. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly GEOG 380.

GEOG 3384 Professional Preparation for Anthropologists/Geographers (2 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

CR/NC

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; one of the following: ANT 201, ANT 2201, GEOG 150, or GEOG 1150.

Preparation for professional advancement in the fields of anthropology and geography. 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. Credit/No Credit grading only. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 seminars. Crosslisted as ANT/GEOG 3384. Formerly ANT 384.

GEOG 4400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems at the upper-division level. Repeatable up to 8 units. Formerly GEOG 400.

GEOG 4408 Geography of International Development (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: GEOG 308 or GEOG 3308.

Detailed analysis of international development from a geographical perspective. Survey of various theories of development and their cultural and ecological components at multiple geographic scales, including institutions and actors involved. Applicable skills for development research and practice, emphasizing sustainability. 3 lectures. Course may be offered in classroom-based or hybrid format. Formerly GEOG 408.

GEOG 4414 Global and Regional Climatology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: ERSC/GEOG 250, ERSC/GEOG 2250, ERSC 144, or ERSC 1144.

Earth's pattern of climates and the physical processes that account for them. Interrelationships between climate and the physical/biological and cultural environments. Modern climate changes and their consequences. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOG 4414. Formerly ERSC/GEOG 414.

GEOG 4415 Applied Meteorology and Climatology (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: ERSC/GEOG 250, ERSC/GEOG 2250, ERSC 144, or ERSC 1144.

Physical processes in the atmosphere that determine regional weather, climate and climate variability. Surface and satellite systems for weather observation, and weather/climate modeling. Dynamics of weather systems, including thunderstorms and hurricanes. Emphases on weather/climate affecting agriculture and other human activities. 2 lectures, 1 activity. Crosslisted as ERSC/GEOG 4415. Formerly ERSC/GEOG 415.

GEOG 4435 Biodiversity and Biogeography Methods (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: ERSC/GEOG 250 or ERSC/GEOG 2250.

Origins and spatial patterns of the earth's flora and fauna across gradients of climate, landforms, geology and time. History of biogeography and new applications of geospatial technology such as GIS and remote sensing. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory. Formerly GEOG 435.

GEOG 4441 Advanced Applications in Geospatial Technologies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: One of the following: GEOG 218, GEOG 2218, LA/NR 218 or LA/NR 2218.

Advanced applications in geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, and other geospatial technologies. Emphasizing research, methodologies, and career fields in geography, earth sciences, and the social sciences. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 12 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 2 lectures, 1 laboratory. Formerly GEOG 441.

GEOG 4455 Anthropology-Geography Research Design and Methods (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 5B (GE Area B2 for the 2020-26 catalogs); STAT 218 or STAT 1110; and two upper-division ANT or GEOG courses.

Development of knowledge and skills needed to conduct original scientific anthropology-geography research and prepares students for senior projects. Various empirical methodologies highlighted, with a focus on quantitative design and measurement of human culture, biology, behavior, environment and ecology. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as ANT/GEOG 4455. Formerly ANT/GEOG 455.

GEOG 4461 Senior Project I (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Senior standing; and consent of the instructor.

Selection and development of a project under faculty supervision. Projects focus on topics in geography relevant to post-baccalaureate employment, graduate education, and lifelong learning. Project results are presented in a formal report. Formerly GEOG 461.

GEOG 4462 Senior Project II (2 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Prerequisite: Senior standing; and consent of the instructor. Corequisite: GEOG 461 or GEOG 4461.

Completion of a project under faculty supervision. Projects focus on topics in geography relevant to post-baccalaureate employment, graduate education, and lifelong learning. Project results are presented in a formal report. Formerly GEOG 462.

GEOG 4465 Internship (2-6 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

CR/NC

Prerequisite: ANT/GEOG 384 or ANT/GEOG 3384.

Supervised training, research, and work in public and private organizations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Repeatable up to 12 units. Formerly GEOG 465.

GEOG 4470 Special Advanced Topics (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 12 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures.

SOC Courses**SOC 1101 Orientation to the Sociology Major (1 unit)**

Term Typically Offered: F

CR/NC

Prerequisite: Sociology major or minor.

Orientation to the sociology major and tools for academic success. Introduction to requirements of the major, available university resources, strategies for academic success, and future career options in sociology and related fields. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Credit/No Credit grading only. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 lecture. Formerly SOC 101.

SOC 1110 Comparative Societies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Introduction to sociological theory and methods, emphasizing a comparative analysis of social institutions of contemporary societies in major world regions, including the family, politics, and the economy. Direct comparisons made between United States social institutions and those of other societies. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SOC 110.

SOC 1111 Social Problems (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Recommended: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

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. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SOC 111.

SOC 2200 Special Problems for Undergraduates (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One SOC class and consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of special problems. Repeatable up to 6 units. Formerly SOC 200.

SOC 2201 Foundational Sociological Perspectives on Society (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Corequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, SOC 1111, SOC 218, SOC 2218, SOC 222, or SOC 2222.

Directed, in-depth study of a specialized topic of sociological inquiry. Skills development in methods, empirical applications of theory, and oral and/or written communication of sociological ideas and findings. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 4 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 lecture.

SOC 2216 U.S. Race and Ethnic Relations (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

USCP

Recommended: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Exploration of U.S. ethnic minorities' experiences and related contemporary issues. Sources and manifestations of economic and social discrimination patterns and how they affect individual and group life chances. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills USCP. Formerly SOC 216.

SOC 2218 International Political Economy (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Sociological perspectives on the history of global political economy and why inequality perpetuates within/between countries. Comparison of nations with an emphasis on the Global South. Examining power relations that underpin modern political economy which caused planet-threatening socioecological crises worldwide. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SOC 218.

SOC 2222 Classical Social Theory (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Overview of classical sociological theory. How classical theorists developed and delimited sociology. Dialogue of modern and contemporary theorists with classical theory. Application of classical social theory to contemporary social life. Examination of basic assumptions and comparison of different perspectives. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Formerly SOC 222.

SOC 2270 Special Topics (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: one SOC class and consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 3 lectures. Formerly SOC 270.

SOC 3301 Sociological Perspectives on Society (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

Corequisite: One of the following: SOC 315, SOC 3315, SOC 321, SOC 3321, SOC 326, SOC 3326, SOC 343, or SOC 3343.

Directed, in-depth study of a specialized topic of sociological inquiry. Skills development in methods, empirical applications of theory, and oral and/or written communication of sociological ideas and findings. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 4 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 lecture.

SOC 3302 Criminology (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Sociological theory and research on crime, criminality, and victimization. Critical analysis of crime, including how we define, study, and try to reduce and stop crime in our communities. Classic and contemporary perspectives on punishment, deterrence, and restorative justice are covered. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 302.

SOC 3303 Social Work, Social Advocacy, and Social Service Agencies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: Any lower-division SOC course. Recommended: Junior standing.

Introduction to social work, advocacy in social services agencies, and issues of social justice in policy. History and development of social work and services in the U.S. including major issues in social service policy. Scope and diversity of specific programs in the social services. Field trip may be required. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 301.

SOC 3305 Social Movements (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Recommended: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Description and analysis of social movements in contemporary societies as they relate to significant societal changes historically and in the present. Analysis of factors and forces producing social movements worldwide, including actions to resist changes springing from market calculus. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 305.

SOC 3306 Sociology of the Family (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, or SOC 1111.

Family stages, relationships and strengths. Alternative and diverse forms of families. Courtship, marriage, parenting, launching children and aging. Horizontal stressors (trauma and divorce) vs. vertical stressors (racism and poverty). Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 306.

SOC 3308 Sociology of the Environment (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, GEOG 150, or GEOG 1150.

Complex interactions between society and environment. Cultural relationships with nature. Environmental movements, food security, population growth. Local and global inequities regarding consumption, toxins, sea level rise, and natural disasters. Emphasis on environmental justice: race, class, and gender. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 308.

SOC 3310 Self, Organizations, and Society (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Examine socialization, the formation and changing of attitudes, social perception, role strain, collective behavior, intergroup and intragroup relations, and generic social processes that reproduce inequality by studying how thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by macro and micro-processes. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 310.

SOC 3311 Sociology of Gender and Sexuality (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, WGQS 201, or WGQS 2201.

Analysis of social constructions of sex, gender, sexuality. Explores how gender stereotypes are created and reproduced. Focus on media representations, intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality. Effects on individuals and structures of work, education, family, and abusive relationships. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as SOC/WGQS 3311. Formerly SOC/WGQS 311.

SOC 3315 Global Race and Ethnic Relations (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

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. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SOC 315.

SOC 3321 Migration (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

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Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Critical examination of migration, with emphasis on migration to and within the United States. Social and economic impacts on sending communities, receiving communities, and migrants themselves. Grounded in migration theory. Comparisons between current and historical migration trends and policies. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly SOC 321.

SOC 3323 Social Stratification (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

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. Nature, causes and solutions to poverty. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 323.

SOC 3326 Sociology of the Life Course (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

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, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SOC 326.

SOC 3327 Social Change (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Compares social change strategies over time, across diverse social problems, and at different organizational scales. Critically examines how social change is implemented, especially by groups historically marginalized due to race/ethnicity, lower socioeconomic status, sexuality, and other social identities. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

SOC 3343 Sociology of the Global South (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Investigation of societies in the Global South. Gender, race, education, health, aging, families, inequality, and resilience. Analysis of the historical background, structure, and dynamics of the world system. Emphasis on voices from within the focal communities. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly SOC 343.

SOC 3350 Identity and Equity in American Schools (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of one course in GE Area 1 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Interdisciplinary examination of school, family, and community relationships, at the school and classroom level. Role of teachers' and students' intersectional identities in school achievement, disciplinary, and life-course outcomes. The school-to-prison-to-deportation pipeline. Educational equity and related issues. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly LS 350.

SOC 3353 Research Methods for Sociology (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: STAT 217 or STAT 1110; and two SOC courses.

Methods of social research. Logic of scientific inquiry, research design, sampling and measurement, data collection, and data analysis. Quantitative and qualitative techniques including surveys, interviews, ethnographic methods, and the use of existing data. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Formerly SOC 355.

SOC 3354 Qualitative Research Methods (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, or SOC 1111.

Principles and tools of qualitative data collection and analysis for social research. Strengths/limits of qualitative approaches. Research design based on specific, testable questions about the social world. Research techniques: observation, interview, focus group data collection, and qualitative coding and analysis. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 354.

SOC 3395 Sociology of Complex Organizations (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

Bureaucratic, collectivist, and other organizations from a sociological perspective. Organizational authority, structure, and culture. Organizational crises and relations to and within their environments. Inequality within organizations, and as a result of organizations. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 395.

SOC 4400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One SOC class and consent of department chair.

Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of special problems. Repeatable up to 8 units. Formerly SOC 400.

SOC 4402 Gender, Crime, and Violence (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 311, SOC 3311, WGQS 201, or WGQS 2201.

Criminal behavior of individuals and groups, including intimate partner violence, gender & power based violence, gun violence, police violence, white-collar criminality, hate crimes, and state violence. Intersectional examination of theories of causation, sources of data, and policing, punishment, and rehabilitation practices. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 402.

SOC 4406 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: SOC 302 or SOC 3302.

Sociological examination of juvenile delinquency as a social and legal concept, covering the nature, volume and social distribution of juvenile crime. Formal structure of juvenile justice and how justice for juveniles is applied in practice. Field trip may be required. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 406.

SOC 4412 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and SOC 302 or SOC 3302.

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. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 412.

SOC 4414 Theories of Social Work in Counseling Agencies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, or SOC 1111.

Focus on social workers as counselors and case managers. Counseling theories, skills, values and knowledge, using the bio-psychological-social/strengths perspective. Traditional and innovative therapy techniques. Choosing career paths/agency settings. Field trip may be required. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 seminars. Formerly SOC 414.

SOC 4420 Practical Interviewing and Counseling Skills in Social Work (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

Prerequisite: SOC 414 or SOC 4414.

Practical skills for interviewing, assessing and counseling clients. Hands-on practice and role play. Techniques to establish rapport, evaluate mental status and develop appropriate goals. Required documentation standards in social work agencies. Useful skill sets for medical or research interviewing. Course may be offered in classroom-based or online format. 4 seminars. Formerly SOC 420.

SOC 4423 Gender and Work (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Relationship between social institutions of gender and work. Extent, causes, and intersectional nature of workplace gender inequality. Individual, organizational, and social strategies to create more egalitarian organizations and challenge gender and work norms and underlying assumptions. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as SOC/WGQS 4423. Fulfills USCP. Formerly SOC/WGQS 423.

SOC 4431 World Population Processes and Problems (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, ANT 201, or ANT 2201. Recommended: SOC 355, SOC 3353, ANT/GEOG 455, or ANT/GEOG 4455.

Introduction to demography, emphasizing historical patterns and impacts of population change. Is population a problem? Fertility, mortality, the demographic transition, food security, environmental degradation, population control, population aging, intergenerational transfers, migration, and sustainability. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 431.

SOC 4433 Global Climate Justice (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Analysis of climate change actions' impact on the global South's vulnerable populations, considering business-as-usual effects on class, racial, gender, and global inequality. Examining climate justice movements and localized adaptation, exploring justice concepts and potential interventions in climate change contexts. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures.

SOC 4435 Sociology of Health and Illness (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: ANT 201, ANT 2201, ES112, ES 1112, ES/WGQS 350, ES/WGQS 3350, HLTH 255, HLTH 1155, HLT 260, HLTH 1160, ISLA 123, ISLA 1123, PSY 3320, SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, SOC 1111, WGQS 210, or WGQS 2301.

Provides a sociological examination of health and illness. Includes an introduction to sociological theories related to health, illness, and medicine. Focuses on how race, class, and gender influence illness experiences, health care, and health social movements. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 435.

SOC 4440 Internship (2-12 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

CR/NC

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Recommended: Junior standing.

Supervised training, research, and work in public and private organizations. Credit/No Credit grading only. Repeatable up to 12 units. Formerly SOC 440.

SOC 4444 Incarceration and Society: Perspectives on the Criminal Justice System (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, SOC 111, or SOC 1111; and consent of instructor. Recommended: SOC 402, SOC 4402, SOC 406, SOC 4406, SOC 412, or SOC 4412.

Meet with stakeholders in the criminal justice system. Examination of impact of incarceration on individuals and families. Service-learning course. Field trip may be required. Course may be offered in classroom-based or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 444.

SOC 4461 Senior Project I (2 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

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. Formerly SOC 461.

SOC 4462 Senior Project II (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: SP

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. Formerly SOC 462.

SOC 4464 Professional Development for Sociologists (1 unit)

Term Typically Offered: SP

CR/NC

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; and SOC 110 or SOC 1110.

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. Credit/No Credit grading only. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 lecture. Formerly SOC 464.

SOC 4470 Special Advanced Topics (1-4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One SOC course and consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 8 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 4 lectures. Formerly SOC 470.