Sociology (SOC)

Courses

SOC 5502 Proseminar in Sociology: 3 semester hours.
An overview of the field of sociology, with emphasis on the teaching of sociology, orientation to graduate education, major sociological theories, issues, research approaches, and ethical problems in the field today. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.

SOC 5503 Contemporary Sociological Theory: 3 semester hours.
Survey and appraisal of sociological theories since 1945: structural functionalism, rational choice, conflict, symbolic interactionism, and phenomenology.

SOC 5508 Statistical Analysis: 3 semester hours.
Emphasizes advanced techniques in research design, data measurement, and multivariate analysis utilizing computer application.

SOC 5513 Mind Body and Society: 3 semester hours.
Symbolic interaction and its relation to selfhood, sympathy, illness, sexuality, and addiction; and to groupings like enemies, communities, and associations.

SOC 5521 Families in Social Context: 3 semester hours.
Examination of the family as a social institution shaped by larger social structures. The course introduces students to basic concepts and theories, historical perspectives, facts, and processes of family formation and dissolution. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. F, S

SOC 5531 Criminology: 3 semester hours.
Analysis of criminal law, law enforcement, judicial roles and processes, correctional approaches, the criminal offender and societal reactions. Theory and research as applicable to behavior and institutional relationships.

SOC 5536 Elite Deviance and Crime: 3 semester hours.
Explores the types of criminal behaviors engaged in by the American socioeconomic and corporate elite. The course first explores and identifies who this elite is and then examines their ideological and economic history in American society. Specific examples of elite and corporate crime are presented and discussed in class. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

SOC 5538 Sexual Crimes: 3 semester hours.
Complex relationships of human sexuality to law and crime. A range of sexual attitudes, practices and lifestyles will be discussed in the context of cultural norms, legal parameters and personal expression. Students will be introduced to cultural variations in defining and addressing sexuality and crime. Current theoretical explanations of sexual offending and U.S. social policies and clinical interventions for sexual offenders. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

SOC 5539 MA Sociology Internship: 1-3 semester hours.
The MA sociology internship will give eligible graduate students the opportunity to explore the applied work of sociology in public and private agencies and organizations, private firms and foundations. Students will be placed in supervised internship positions commensurate with their skills, abilities and career goals. Only classified students with satisfactory academic progress are eligible for this course. May be repeated for a total of 6 credits. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.

SOC 5562 Power Class and Prestige: 3 semester hours.
Theories and methodology of status systems; the relation of class to the social structure; analysis of class in different societies, with emphasis upon the class system and power. PREREQ: Permission of instructor.

SOC 5567 Community Networking; Cultivating the Sociological Imagination: 3 semester hours.
Advanced study of the sociology of community through readings, class discussions, lectures, and a community networking internship.

SOC 5583 Independent Problems in Sociology: 1-4 semester hours.
Readings, observations, applied work, or data analysis in content area not offered in our curriculum. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

SOC 5591 Topics in Sociology: 3 semester hours.
Readings, discussion, and preparation of reports on selected topics. May be repeated with different content.

SOC 5592 Topics in Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours.
Readings, discussion, and preparation of reports on selected topics. May be repeated with different content. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

SOC 5599 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
The content of this course is not described in the catalog. Title and number of credits are announced in the Class Schedule. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times with the same title and content. May be repeated.

SOC 6600 Comparative Sociological Theories: 3 semester hours.
Comparative analysis of various theoretical perspectives in sociology with special emphasis on structural functionalism, symbolic interactionism, exchange theory, conflict theories, phenomenology, and ethnomethodology. Primary emphasis will be placed on the major propositions of each perspective and the significant contributions of scholarship in each area. PREREQ: SOC 4403 or SOC 5503 or equivalent.

SOC 6601 Sociological Theories: 3 semester hours.
A seminar in selected topics in theory which will focus on either historical, comparative or contemporary theories. May be repeated for up to 9 credits.

SOC 6603 Qualitative Methods: 3 semester hours.
A course in qualitative methods with varying topics. May be repeated up to 6 credits with different topics.

SOC 6605 Social Organization: 3 semester hours.
A seminar in selected topics of social organization and disorganization which will include such themes as complex organization, industrial sociology, community, and urban studies. May be repeated for up to 6 credits.

SOC 6607 Topics in Diversity: 3 semester hours.
A seminar in selected topics of social differentiation such as stratification, minorities, etc. May be repeated for up to 6 credits.

SOC 6613 Social Behavior: 3 semester hours.
A seminar in social interaction which will consider such themes as collective behavior, social psychology, deviance, ethnography, and neo-positive approaches to behavioral analysis. May be repeated up to 6 credits.

SOC 6615 Social Institutions: 3 semester hours.
A seminar in selected aspects of medicine, law and crime, media, corporations, sports, religion, family, education, and political society. May be repeated up to 9 credits.

SOC 6620 Seminar Philosophy of Social Science: 3 semester hours.
The application of mathematical and scientific methods to the study of social, economic, and political life will be considered through the reading of certain seminal writings. Attention will be given to the fundamental assumptions about the nature of scientific rationality. Required of all D.A. students.
SOC 6621 Seminar Interdisciplinary Topics in Social Science: 3 semester hours.
Examination of selected topics in the social sciences from the analytic orientations and perspectives common and peculiar to the disciplines of political science, economics and sociology. Required of all D.A. students.

SOC 6649 Independent Studies: 1-4 semester hours.
Consultation course consisting of independent student effort under the guidance of the instructor. Students are assigned to, or request assignment to, specific independent problems on the basis of interest and preparation. This may include preparation and presentation of a major research project, directed readings, or tutorial study. May be repeated.

SOC 6650 Thesis: 1-6 semester hours.
Research, analysis, and writing of master's thesis. 6 credits of SOC 6650 are required for graduation. Continuous enrollment at a minimum of 1 credit must be maintained until the thesis is defended. May be repeated. Graded S/U.

SOC 6699 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
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