Sociology (SOC)

Courses

SOC 1101 Introduction to Sociology: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to the scientific point of view in the study of group life, social
institutions, and processes. Partially satisfies Objective 6 of the General
Education Requirements. F, S

SOC 1102 Social Problems: 3 semester hours.
Theoretical analyses and application of research to selected current social issues
and social institutions such as politics, economics, education, medicine, families,
the military, crime and corrections, religion and related major social forces.
Partially satisfies Objective 6 of the General Education Requirements. F, S

SOC 2201 Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies: 3 semester hours.
This course will examine gender and sexuality from a sociological perspective.
It will focus on the socio-cultural meanings of femininity and masculinity and
how these intersect with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, age and other aspects of
identity. This course will also consider how incorporating the concept of gender
into theories of human life can help explain broader social processes, and the
ways in which our social conceptualization of gender change over time.
Satisfies Objective 9 of the General Education Requirements. F, S

SOC 2231 Juvenile Delinquency: 3 semester hours.
Theories of delinquency, criminal behavior, and law enforcement in relation to
the modern social institutions in American culture. F, S

SOC 2248 Critical Analysis of Social Diversity: 3 semester hours.
Critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues and debates surrounding
social categories such as race, class, gender, ethnicity, religion, and sexuality.
Students will utilize and assess various sociological theories and will critically
examine how social diversity affects and is affected by other social and cultural
dynamics. Satisfies Objective 7 of the General Education Requirements. F, S

SOC 2295 Criminal Justice Internship: 1-4 semester hours.
Required reading assignments and daily journal to be completed. Maximum
of four credits per semester. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ:
Permission of instructor. F, S, Su

SOC 2299 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 3301 Classical Social Theory: 3 semester hours.
A survey of the foundation of sociological thought from the Enlightenment to
1945. The focus is on the recurring themes in sociology and the importance of
classical theory to understanding contemporary sociological theory and current
social issues. PREREQ: SOC 1101. D

SOC 3308 Sociological Methods and Social Work Research: 3 semester hours.
Introduces the principles and procedures of scientific research and includes a
variety of strategies and tools for studying social phenomena. Equivalent to
SOWK 3308. PREREQ: C in SOC 1101. F

SOC 3309 Social Statistics: 3 semester hours.
A survey of statistical techniques focusing on descriptive statistics, hypothesis
testing and correlations. Students work in computer labs and use software for
statistical analysis commonly used in the social sciences to produce descriptive
and summary statistics for large data sets. PREREQ: C in MATH 1153. S

SOC 3310 Introduction to Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours.
Introduction to Criminal Justice will introduce students to the historical
background, important trends, and emerging issues in criminal justice. Students
will learn about core topics in criminal justice—including policing, corrections,
and criminal law and courts, as well as special topics such as hate crimes, sex
offenders, and domestic violence—while learning how to solve problems they are
likely to face in a variety of criminal justice career paths. F

SOC 3321 Sociology of the Family: 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.
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SOC 3330 Sociology of Health and Illness: 3 semester hours.
Sociological examination of health and illness including historical and cultural
variations, health care and physician-patient issues. S

SOC 3335 Environmental Sociology: 3 semester hours.
The scientific study of how human societies interact with, shape, and perceive
their physical environments. D

SOC 3366 The Community: 3 semester hours.
Examines selected theories of community origins, characteristics, structures,
boundaries, and change. Analyze methods of studying various aspects of
communities. F

SOC 3368 The Sociology of Religion: 3 semester hours.
Contemporary issues they relate to religion. The relationship of religion to
other social institutions. Religious experience and mysticism. Prophecy and its
routinization. Cults and religious dissent. F

SOC 3399 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
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SOC 4402 Professional Development for Sociologists: 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. PREREQ: Permission of
instructor. D

SOC 4403 Contemporary Social Theory: 3 semester hours.
Survey and appraisal of sociological theories since 1945: structural functionalism,
rational choice, conflict, symbolic interactionism, and phenomenology.
PREREQ: SOC 3301. S

SOC 4408 Advanced Sociological Methods: 3 semester hours.
Emphasizes advanced techniques in research design, data measurement,
and multivariate analysis utilizing computer application. PREREQ:
SOC/SOWK 3308 and SOC 3309. AS

SOC 4412 Sexuality and the Body: 3 semester hours.
This course explores the social construction of sexuality and the body.
Students will examine how sexuality and the body function as both literal and
symbolic sites of political discourse and how sexuality and the body illuminate,
accommodate, resist, and transform the machinations of social power. S

SOC 4413 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. D
SOC 4431 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 relations. S

SOC 4436 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. Equivalent to POLS 4436 and SOWK 4436. F

SOC 4438 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. Equivalent to SOWK 4438. S

SOC 4462 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: SOC 1101 or permission of instructor. S

SOC 4482 Sociology Internship: 1-3 semester hours.
Apply sociological principles in such ways as assisting the supervising professor with a lower-level course, conducting study groups, or small group instruction. Credits not applicable toward the major. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: Permission of instructor; junior status; minimum of 12 hours and 3.0 GPA in Sociology. D

SOC 4483 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 for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: Permission of the instructor; advanced junior status; minimum of 12 hours and 3.0 GPA in Sociology. D

SOC 4491 Topics in Sociology: 3 semester hours.
Readings, discussion, and preparation of reports on selected topics. May be repeated with different content. D

SOC 4492 Topics in Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours.
Readings, discussion, and preparation of reports on selected topics. May be repeated with different content. D

SOC 4499 Experimental Course: 1-3 semester hours.
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