

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC 101 Introduction to the Social Sciences (3 Credits)

Introduction to common and divergent perspectives of the social sciences, including the general methods and special techniques used by social scientists to acquire an understanding of how human beings behave. Emphasis on the United States and global context.

SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology (3 Credits)

Introduction to the basic perspectives, concepts, and principles of sociology, with emphasis on basic social processes such as social organization, culture, socialization, deviance, and inequality. Study of the functioning and influences of major social groups, such as the family and government. Application of the principles to understanding everyday life.

SOC 110H Introduction to Sociology Honors (3 Credits)

This course is designated as honors course and, will require additional coursework as assigned by, the, course professor. Introduction to Sociology (Honors), introduces the basic perspectives, concepts,, and principles of sociology, with emphasis on, basic social processes such as social, organization, culture, socialization, deviance,, and inequality. Study of the functioning and, influences of major social groups, such as the, family and government. Application of the, principles to understanding everydaylife.

SOC 205 Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

Examination of the sociocultural, psychological, and physiological factors related to human sexual behavior. A forum for a scientific examination of the various processes by which humans develop and manifest their sexual identity and sexual behavior.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-110.

SOC 228 Demographic Principles (3 Credits)

Study of the relationship between population and society; the historic growth of population and its causes; the composition and historic growth of population in terms of age, sex, race, occupation, education, and health; factors influencing birth and death rates; and trends and problems in world population.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-110.

SOC 228H Honors Demographic Principles (3 Credits)

This course is designated as honors course and, will require additional coursework as assigned by, the, course professor. This course exposes the, studentto the study of the relationship between, population and society; the historic growth of, population in terms of age, sex, race,, occupation, education, and health; factors, influencing births and death rates; and trends, and problemsin world population.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-110.

SOC 230 Social Problems (3 Credits)

Study of current social issues such as poverty, race and ethnic relations, unemployment, crime, drug use, the elderly population, and environmental problems. Examination of various explanations, consequences, and suggested solutions for each problem.

SOC 230H Honors Social Problems (3 Credits)

This course is designated as honors course and, will require additional coursework as assigned by, the, course professor. Social Problems (Honors) studies, current social issues such as poverty,, race and ethnic relations, unemployment, crime,, drug use, the elderly, population and, environmental problems. Examination of various, explanations, consequences, and, suggested solutions for each problem.

SOC 234 Urban Sociology (3 Credits)

Study of origin and development of urban life with emphasis on the family, housing, health, education, poverty and dependency, crime and the treatment of the criminal.

SOC 237 Racial & Ethnic Minorities (3 Credits)

Examination of problems and issues characterizing interaction patterns among different racial, ethnic, and religious groups. Study of the concepts of race, nationality, prejudice, and discrimination, including racism, intergroup conflict, segregation, unemployment, crime and juvenile delinquency, education, housing and instability, and poverty in contemporary industrial urban societies. Focus on psychological, social, and cultural factors that influence interaction between dominant and minority groups, as well as the issues and problems related to blacks in the United States.

SOC 325 Sociology of Business/Internationalism (3 Credits)

Study of relationship between businesses and society, including multicultural and international approaches, and impact of changes in society, business practices, and technology on societal structure. Emphasis on roles of industrial revolution, modern technology, and information science. Analysis of current international environment, interconnectedness of business, societies, and economic processes. Examination of effect of business practices on environmental problems and possible solutions.

SOC 325H Hnrs Socio Business & Internationalism (3 Credits)

This course is designated as honors course andwill, require additional coursework as assigned by the, course professor. International Business (Honors), - Honors presentation of: Study of the, relationship between businesses and society, which, involves multicultural and, international approaches and takes into account, the impact of changesin society, business, practices and technology on societal structure., Special emphasis on the roles of industrial, revolution, modern technology and information, science. Analysis of the current, international environment, the interconnectedness, of business, societies and economic, processes. Examination of the effect of business, practices on environmentalproblems, and possible solutions. Discussion on the ethical, issues and business practices that, contribute to the developmentof societies and, people's lives.

SOC 326 Native American Societies (3 Credits)

A sociological survey of Native American societies across the land mass that is now the United States of America from pre-Columbian times through the present. Cultures of nations and important events will be examined to illustrate broad social and historical dynamics and how those dynamics inform contemporary position and treatment of Native Americans. Explores the impact of Native Americans on U.S. politics, law, and culture, as well as the impact of the U.S. on indigenous nations.

SOC 331 Social Psychology (3 Credits)

Examination of human social behavior at the individual and interpersonal level. Discussion of socialization, power, attitude formation and change, conformity, and language to provide an understanding of how persons are influenced by interaction with other persons as members of social groups. The focus is primarily on basic social science, emphasizing major theoretical ideas and research findings. Applications to everyday life are also considered.

SOC 331H Honors Social Psychology (3 Credits)

Examination of human social behavior at the, individual and interpersonal level. Discussion of, socialization, power, attitude formation and, change, conformity, and language to provide an, understanding of how persons are influenced by, interaction with other persons as members of, social groups. The focus is primarily on basic, social science, emphasizing major theoretical, ideas and research findings. Applications to, everyday life are also considered.

SOC 338 Sociology of Families (3 Credits)

Study of the family and its functions among primitive peoples; the different types of family organizations; history of marriage and divorce in Europe and the United States; changing idea of family life; the functions of the family in the modern world; and contemporary problems.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-110.

SOC 338H Honors Sociology of Families (3 Credits)

Study of the family and its function among primitive peoples; the different types of family organizations; history of marriage and divorce in Europe and the United States; changing idea of family life; the functions of the family in the modern world; and contemporary problems.

SOC 344 Methods of Social Research (3 Credits)

Introduction to basic principles and procedures of social science research to assist students in becoming competent consumers of research. Emphasis on understanding the research process, noting the reasons for particular procedures and the errors and limitations inherent in research. Topics include the scientific method, conceptualization, formulation of hypotheses, research design, analysis and interpretation of findings, theoretical basis of research, application and evaluation of research, and the nature of science.

Prerequisites: TAKE SOC-110. TAKE MTH-103. TAKE SOC-230.

SOC 355 Social Statistics (3 Credits)

Introduction to the basic tools of statistics and how statistical tools are used in social science research. Covers both descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. Introduction to data analysis and data visualization methods in Excel, SPSS, SAS, R, and other statistical packages.

Prerequisites: TAKE SOC-110. TAKE SOC-101.

SOC 356 Intermediate Social Statistics (3 Credits)

Study of statistical foundations necessary to develop competence in the analysis and interpretation of sociological data. Assumes knowledge of basic statistical principles. Emphasis on hypothesis testing, logic, application, and interpretation of test statistics; graphic and tabular presentation of data; parametric and nonparametric tests of significance and tests of association; and regression analysis, with emphasis on the derivation and interpretation of coefficients. Extensive use of statistical packages to explore complex survey and demographic data.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-355.

SOC 393 Internship (6-12 Credits)

Various duties in agencies and organizations active in the fields of gerontology, urban affairs, and criminal justice. An agency supervisor and the internship supervisor direct each student in mastering relevant skills to complete the tasks associated with a significant position in the internship agency.

SOC 401 Socio-Cybersecurity (3 Credits)

Examination of the sociocultural aspects of cybersecurity and its accompanying social problems. Cybersecurity is situated in social deviance theory framework in order to explain the role of policing and the judicial system. Examination of cybersecurity position in pivotal social institutions. Application of sociological research to cybersecurity and managerial best practices for handling big data.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-301.

SOC 404 Population & Socioeconomic Development (3 Credits)

Study of the relationship between population growth and socioeconomic change, especially in regard to the developing societies of Africa, Latin America, and South-East Asia. Examination of the debate as to whether population growth is stimulative or retardative to economic development. Assessment of cross-cultural data on population growth and development indicators. Utilization of country case studies.

SOC 405 Readings in Urban Demography (3 Credits)

Intensive directed reading course for exceptionally able.

SOC 406 Topics in Urban Demography (3 Credits)

Examination of trends and emerging issues in the field of urban demography.

SOC 410 Seminar on Social Problems of Aging (3 Credits)

This course is designed to provide understanding and insight regarding the nature of many of the social problems of aging, including perspectives on defining aging and the aged. Also examines the impact of race and class on aging life cycle.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-101.

SOC 415 Sociology of Health & Health Care (3 Credits)

This course examines and offers a sociological perspective on the social production of health, illness, mortality, and health care. It highlights the connection between social justice, social transformation, health, illness, mortality, and health care. While this course focuses on health and health care within the U.S., it also examines the global challenges in health and health care.

SOC 446 Sociological Theory (3 Credits)

Survey and analysis of the main types of sociological theories and the major theoretical concepts in Sociology. Special emphasis on outstanding theorists, past and present, and their works.

SOC 458 Social Stratification (3 Credits)

Evaluation of the pervasive phenomenon of social inequality in society. Discussion of the various theoretical explanations offered by Karl Marx and other social scientists. Exploration of some of the current and classic research findings. Description of the different kinds of inequality and social structural forms that occur. Examination of the international and American stratification systems is included.

SOC 462 Complex Organizations (3 Credits)

Survey of the evolution and dynamics of bureaucratic organization and administration. Analysis of classical writings and findings from empirical research to provide students with broad perspectives of the structure and functions of organizations in a complex industrial-urban society. Special emphasis on unique characteristics of different kinds of organizations. Study of alternative techniques for the assessment of the effectiveness of complex organizations.

SOC 495 Topics in Sociology (3 Credits)

Examination of trends and emerging issues in a dynamic social world.

SOC 499 Sr Project (4 Credits)

Students will be guided through the systematic, sociology research process based on knowledge from, research methods, statistics, and sociological, theory into a capstone project. Students will be, groomed to write critically and analytically and, will be introduced to quantitative or qualitative, software for laboratory data analysis.

Prerequisites: Take SOC-344. Take SOC-355.