

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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## **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 on a global

## **SOC 101H Honors Intro Social Sci (3 Credits)**

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## **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 g

## **SOC 137 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 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.

## **SOC 225 Social Science Research Skills (3 Credits)**

Development of knowledge of using a large number , of library resources to enhance skills in choosing, a research topic, making a bibliography, taking , notes, writing and outlining, collecting primary , data, interpreting tables and graphs, and , writing

## **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

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## **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, un

## **SOC 242 Introduction to Anthropology (3 Credits)**

Study of human evolution, racial origins, prehistoric cultures, modern races and their classifications, problems of race, nationality, language, mixture, and mental differences; growth and spread of religion and culture. Special emphasis on the nature and diversity of culture.

## **SOC 250 Societal Uses of Natural Resources (3 Credits)**

Study of social implications of environmental issues, including the current energy situation. Examination of how societies depend on and interact with the natural environment, how they distribute and use natural resources, and how they create and react to pollution problems. Emphasis on social behavior, attitudes, and public policy issues. Evaluation of alternative strategies for solving environmental and energy problems.

## **SOC 301 Demographic Methods I (3 Credits)**

Study of the measurement of population size, , distribution and age/sex structure, including , fertility, mortality, migration, nuptial patterns,, and population growth. Emphasis partly on , derivation of demographic measures and the , interpretation and real-world applications of , these measures.

## **SOC 302 Migration (3 Credits)**

Study of migration with emphasis on its measurement, causes and consequences. Discussion of internal and international migration, including the consequences of migration on the "donor" and "host" areas. Examination of migration patterns within the United States, with emphasis on the migration patterns of African-Americans since the turn of the twentieth century. Study of the United States immigration policy with particular reference to refugee and immigration legislation.

## **SOC 303 Fertility and Family Planning (3 Credits)**

Survey of fertility concepts, measurements, trends, levels, and explanations. Evaluation of the biological and social components of fertility. Fertility control is discussed with emphasis on intercourse, conception, and gestation variables. Social issues related to fertility are highlighted.

## **SOC 304 Mortality (3 Credits)**

Discussion of the components of mortality (life span and longevity). Examination of the causes of death and mortality differentials by gender, occupation, income/education, race/ethnicity, marital status, and urban/rural areas. Emphasis on infant mortality in developing societies and among the urban poor of industrialized societies.

## **SOC 325 Sociology of Business & Internationalism (3 Credits)**

Study of the relationship between businesses and society, which involves multicultural and international approaches and takes into account the impact of changes in society, business practices and technology on societal structure. Special emphasis on the

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## **SOC 326 Native American Societies (3 Credits)**

A sociological survey of Native American societies, across what is now the United States of America. , In this landmass, from pre-Columbian times through, the present. Cultures of nations and important, events will be examined in order to illustrate, bro

**SOC 331 Social Psychology (3 Credits)**

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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

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**SOC 344 Methods of Social Research (3 Credits)**

This course introduces students to the basic principles and procedures involved in social science research. The major purpose is to assist students in becoming competent consumers of research. Thus, emphasis is placed on understanding the research process

**SOC 355 Elementary Social Statistics (3 Credits)**

This course introduces students to the basic tools, of statistics and shows how these statistical, tools are used in the social science research. It, covers both descriptive statistics and inferential, statistics. In addition, this course will, introduce

**SOC 356 Intermediate Social Statistics (3 Credits)**

Study of solid statistical foundations necessary, to develop competence in the analysis and, interpretation of sociological data. It assumes, knowledge of basic statistical principles, including measures of central tendency, measures, of dispersion and normal curve probability, distribution. Emphasis on hypothesis testing, logic, application, and interpretation of test, statistics. Graphic and tabular presentation of, data are highlighted. Parametric and, nonparametric tests of significance and tests of, association are discussed. Special attention is, given to regression analysis, with emphasis placed, on the derivation and interpretation of, coefficients. Extensive use is made of, statistical packages, thereby enabling the student, to explore complex survey and demographic (Census), data.

**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

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**SOC 394 Internship Seminar (3 Credits)**

Opportunity to relate intern experiences to a systematic, theoretical body of knowledge. Identifies and discusses common problems and possible solutions.

**SOC 395 Extended Internship (6 Credits)**

The course is restricted to students who enroll, concurrently in additional SOC-393 - Internship., It is designed to provide students an additional, 240 hours of intensive agency experience, coupled, with systematically relating theoretical knowledge, to social application and research inquiries. The, major aim is to allow students to become, proficient in the social agency experience. It, can be used as free elective hours.

**SOC 401 Socio-Cybersecurity (3 Credits)**

This course examines the socio-culture aspects of cybersecurity and its accompanying social problems. Cybersecurity is as situated in social deviance theory framework in order to explain the role of policing and the judicial system. Cybersecurity position

**SOC 402 Family Demography (3 Credits)**

Examination of demographic views on nuptial patterns, fertility, marital formation, marital dissolution, family planning, and household formation. Emphasis on demographic factors facilitating male domination of women in the family. Related social issues of pertinence include female labor force participation, teenage motherhood, illegitimacy, female-headed households, and cohabitation. Focus on life-cycle changes.

**SOC 403 Population Growth, Food and Environment (3 Credits)**

Survey of the interrelationships within the environment, which examines the pattern of food production in the world, starting from the Agricultural Revolution to the Green Revolution, and looks closely at the relationship growth. Answers are sought to the often-asked question: Will there be enough food to feed the world's growing population? Emphasis on the harmful effects on the environment of attempting to increase agricultural yield.

**SOC 404 Population and 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 retarding

**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 for Aged (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 examine the impact of race and class on aging life cycle.

**SOC 411 Computer Crime (3 Credits)**

This course introduces students to the topics and, issues related to computer crimes. Students will, investigate the development of computer crimes and, review laws and sanctions designed to stem these, crimes. Despite the digital divide reflected in, unequal group access to computer resources in, America, access to computer resources has, increased for all social groups. The increased, use of computers, especially Internet, has been, accompanied by various acts of illegal computers, use, abuse, and crimes. The proliferation of, various computer "worms" and "viruses," and the, escalating trends in identity theft are a few of, the computer crimes that seem to pose a serious, social problem for society., This course will acquaint students with the, theoretical and methodological tools needed to, understand computer crimes, laws, investigation, techniques, and prevention methods.

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

This course examines the social production of, health, illness, mortality, and health care. It, offers a sociological, perspective on health, illness, and health care, and highlights the connection between social, justice, social, transformation, health,

**SOC 446 Sociological Theory (3 Credits)**

Survey and analysis of the main types of sociological theories and of 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 o

**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 comp

**SOC 485 Seminar in Sociology (3 Credits)**

Review and evaluation of major concepts, , literature, and methodology of social research.

**SOC 491 Readings in Sociology (1-3 Credits)**

Intensive directed reading course for exceptionally able students.

**SOC 495 Topics in Sociology (3 Credits)**

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

**SOC 499 Applied Sociology (3 Credits)**

Empirical investigation of a research problem under direction of the chair of the Department