

# SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

The mission of the Sociology Program is to prepare and equip students with the necessary tools to enable them to secure admission into graduate school in sociology, public administration, law, criminal justice or social work and successfully compete and secure gainful employment. The Psychology Program is designed to prepare students for graduate studies and employment in a wide range of organizations, including social service agencies, mental health and allied health fields, and teaching fields.

In addition, minors are offered in Psychology and Sociology to enhance employment opportunities and/or preparation for graduate school. Each of the minors requires eighteen (18) semester hours of lower and upper level courses.

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- Sociology Minor (<http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/sociology-psychology/sociology-minor/>)
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### PSYC 1101. General Psychology. (3 Credits)

Introduction to the science of psychology. Major topics including learning, memory, motivation, personality, social behaviors, maturation, and development. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### PSYC 2103. Human Growth & Development. (3 Credits)

An introductory, non-laboratory based examination of human development across the lifespan with an emphasis on normal patterns of physical, cognitive, and social development. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### PSYC 2210. Professions of Psychology. (1 Credit)

The purpose of this one-credit, required course for psychology majors, is to provide you with information and skills that will help you select and pursue a career in psychology or a related field. Offered: Fall, Spring.

### PSYC 2225. Intro to Abnormal Psychology. (3 Credits)

A survey of the symptoms, causes and treatments of the various categories of mental disorders listed by the American Psychiatric Association in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM). Prerequisite: PSYC 1101. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### PSYC 2226. Introduction to Social Psychology. (3 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of social psychology. Included are topics such as: social judgments, the formation of attitudes, gender and diversity, the perception of other people, conformity and obedience, group influence, prejudice, aggression, and conflict and peacemaking. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### PSYC 2240. Psychology of Stress. (3 Credits)

Psychology of stress factors producing stress in one's daily life with attention to their physiological and psychological effects. Much of the course will deal with developing effective techniques for coping with stress. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed.

### PSYC 2250. Sensation and Perception. (3 Credits)

An introduction to sensory process and the psychology of perception. Topics include principles of sensation, organization of visual perception, motivation and perception. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101. Offered: As Needed.

### PSYC 2260. Humanistic Psychology. (3 Credits)

An introduction to the philosophy of humanism as treated by Allport, Rogers, Fromm, Maslow and others. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed.

### PSYC 2270. Psychology of Ethics. (3 Credits)

Special attention to the ethics of behavioral control, punishment and reward systems; the use of testing and physiological technology in such areas as advertising, propaganda and brainwashing. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

### PSYC 2271. Practicum I. (3 Credits)

This course provides an opportunity for students majoring in Psychology to gain practical experience in agency settings. It can be taken at any level between sophomore and senior status. Students spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in an agency which must be germane to the student's interest and approved by advisor. Students are expected to defray cost of transportation to and from agencies and other professional expenses incidental to this experience. Prerequisites: PSYC 2270 Offered: As Needed.

### PSYC 2272. Practicum II. (3 Credits)

This course provides an opportunity for students to continue in the agency and take a second practicum in an agency that differs from the one used for Practicum I. Students are expected to defray cost of transportation to and from agencies and other professional expenses incidental to this experience. Prerequisites: PSYC 2270, and PSYC 2271. Offered: Fall, Spring.

### PSYC 2275. Interviewing Practicum. (3 Credits)

The course provides an opportunity for students to acquire skills necessary for effective interviews with people seeking help. Extensive use is made of role plays by students which are videotaped and replayed for analysis. Course gives attention to interviewing families, as well as, individuals, securing needed information, handling racial difficulties, handling anger, and handling client requests. Prerequisite: PSYC 2270 Offered: As Needed.

**PSYC 2280. Psychology of Women. (3 Credits)**

The changing role of women with specific attention to economic, social and emotional independence goals of women; adjustment to new status by women and ways of the public on the role of the "new woman" Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed .

**PSYC 2282. Human Behavior and The Environment. (3 Credits)**

Examines the ecological approach to human behavior, enabling the student to identify the stages and characteristics of normal human growth and development within the context of the social environment. Covered is psycho-social development from before birth to old age, the impact of environment, family functioning and group functioning. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed .

**PSYC 2290. Foundations of Learning & Motivation. (3 Credits)**

Examines the critical impact of experience on human thought and behavior. Emphasis is placed on the process and principles which have been shown to underlie human learning, memory, and motivation. Social learning and cognitive approaches are discussed as well as behavioral approaches. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed .

**PSYC 2295. Psychology of Adjustment. (3 Credits)**

Focus on adjustment and personal growth. Topics include adjustment problems and psychotherapy, stress and defense coping, assertive and self-directed behaviors Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**PSYC 2296. Psychology of Human Sexuality. (3 Credits)**

Surveys the numerous psychological, social, and cultural factors affecting human sexual behavior. Topics include values and sexual decision-making, sexual anatomy and physiology, research methods, sexual diversity, sex education, reproduction, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual disorders and therapeutic techniques. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3000. Industrial Psychology. (3 Credits)**

A course designed to acquaint the student with the application of psychological principles of human interaction in industrial and business settings, personnel selection, job evaluation, advertising and other business management areas. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed .

**PSYC 3001. Child Psychology. (3 Credits)**

A concentration on the emerging self into adolescence. Focus on perceptual-motor, interpersonal and cognitive self systems. Topics include heredity, prenatal, physical, cognitive and emotional development. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall .

**PSYC 3002. Adolescent Psychology. (3 Credits)**

The mental, moral, emotional and social development of the adolescent young adult. A critical evaluation of the adolescent problems, needs, interests, and potentials. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Spring .

**PSYC 3302. Introduction to Exceptional Children. (3 Credits)**

A course designed to acquaint the student with the trends, etiology, growth and development, characteristics, needs and problems of exceptional children. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Spring.

**PSYC 3307. Physiological Psychology. (3 Credits)**

A course designed to familiarize the students with the physiological bases of behavior, the nervous system, the endocrine system, and research techniques in physiological psychology. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring.

**PSYC 3309. Introduction to Psychopharmacology. (3 Credits)**

The roles of psychotropic agents in society and the treatment of mental illness and behavioral disorders regarding psychotropic agents will be examined. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101, 2270, and 3307. Offered: Fall .

**PSYC 3310. Drug Physiology and Classification. (3 Credits)**

This course examines the principles of drug action and physiology. Drug classification, tolerance, dependence, and models of addiction will be topics that are emphasized. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101, PSYC3307 Offered: Fall .

**PSYC 3311. Substance Abuse and Treatment. (3 Credits)**

The course examines substance abuse and dependence, substance intervention techniques, and methods of treatment. Other topics will include impact of substance abuse on the family and the community and an analysis of rehabilitation methods. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101, PSYC 3310, PSYC 3307 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3312. Introduction to Group Process. (3 Credits)**

A review of the basic group concepts, treatment techniques, and empirical research that supports the clinical and counseling uses of group procedures with client populations. Ethical standards are also reviewed in this course. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3320. Psychology of Personality. (3 Credits)**

A systematic study of the natural development of personality. Emphasis is placed on empirical findings, concepts and theories derived from experimental and clinical research. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring.

**PSYC 3322. Abnormal Psychology. (3 Credits)**

An advanced study of various areas encompassed within the term "Abnormal behavior." Emphasis is placed upon the restrictive milieu of the mentally ill, therapy, techniques and the symptomatology of emotional disturbances. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3324. Culture and Personality Development. (3 Credits)**

A study of cultural focuses that influence the development of personality. Topics include socialization, nurture vs. nature, social differentiation, language and geographical variation. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 and SOCI 1101. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3329. Community Mental Health. (3 Credits)**

This course is designed to emphasize the effects of social systems on human adjustment and functioning. Social planning is considered as a means for promoting positive mental health. Topics include community resources, effective services, and delivery and utilization of human services and program evaluation. Observation and "laboratory"/ field experiences will be required Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3340. Psychology of Religion. (3 Credits)**

A course designed to examine the psychological aspect of religion. The topics include the impact of religious attitudes, perception and sensory activities of the individual. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3353. Counseling the Aged. (3 Credits)**

A survey of programs in later life and an overview of related counseling techniques. Prerequisites: SOCI 3350, PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3370. Introduction to Behavioral Modification. (3 Credits)**

Focuses on the application of operant conditioning and cognitive control techniques to improve behavior in a variety of therapeutic settings and everyday situations. Details on how to implement, use and evaluate various techniques are discussed along with related ethical issues. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 3371. Juvenile Delinquency. (3 Credits)**

The nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, analysis of patterns and sociological theories of causations, the role of the police and the courts. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4300. Behavioral Statistics. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to statistical concepts, methods and techniques used in behavioral sciences. Topics include: frequency distributions, graphs, measures of central tendency, variability, standard scores and the normal curve, correlational techniques, hypothesis testing, sampling, theory, and the significance of differences. Prerequisite: MATH 1111, MATH 2411, Grade of C or better Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4304. Behavioral Research. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to research procedures used in the behavioral sciences including experimental design, research methodology and scientific writing. Prerequisites: PSYC/SOCI/SOWK 4300 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4305. Introduction to Experimental Psychology. (3 Credits)**

Emphasis placed on the application of experimental methods to the study of psychological phenomena, especially in the areas of learning. Selected laboratory experiments, demonstrations and collateral reading of experiments. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring.

**PSYC 4400. Health Psychology. (3 Credits)**

The educational, scientific and professional contributions of the discipline of psychology to the promotion and maintenance of mental and physical health. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4401. Psychology of Aging. (3 Credits)**

Examines the psychological aspects of aging with the emphasis on the sensory processes, learning psychomotor performance, mental functioning, motivation and interactions in health-behavior relations during the latter Years of the life cycle. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4411. Seminar in Family Dynamics. (3 Credits)**

An examination of the socio-cultural and social psychological forces that influence family. Topics will include mobility aspirations, Social stratification, religion, education, and geographical location. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4421. Principles of Psychological Testing. (3 Credits)**

Emphasis on the empirical scientific approach to the construction, standardization, validation and interpretation of the psychological tests. Critical examination of the more important types of and measurements. Special attention is given to the problem of testing minority groups. Laboratory exercises are required. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: As Needed .

**PSYC 4425. Introduction to Counseling. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to the principles and techniques of counseling with emphasis on counseling approaches. Major topics include the counselor's viewpoints and practices, conditions which influence counseling and contemporary issues in counseling. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**PSYC 4464. Social Psychology. (3 Credits)**

This course integrates the theories of both classic and contemporary interest in social psychology with real world experiences. Topics include but are not limited to; multiple forms of social influence; intergroup processes; stereotyping, prejudice, and stigma; attribution theory; social cognition; cognitive dissonance theory; core social and self-motives; the social self; attitudes and persuasion; and attraction and close relationships. This upper level course is intended for juniors and seniors who have some background in social or cultural psychology and wish to gain a deeper understanding of major issues in the field. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring.

**PSYC 4465. History and Systems of Psychology. (3 Credits)**

A course designed to deal with the systems and historical background of modern psychology with emphasis on the development of scientific and behavioral approaches. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring.

**PSYC 4492. Independent Study. (3 Credits)**

Offers opportunities for students to design and pursue a course of study via contractual arrangements with a sponsoring faculty member. Detailed information and description of requirements can be obtained from the department office. Offered: As needed .

**PSYC 4499. Psychological Seminar. (3 Credits)**

Psychological Seminar is designed to be the culminating experience of the Bachelor of Arts program in Psychology. It provides psychology majors with opportunities to reflect on the science and profession of psychology as a whole and to consider their future interests and direction. All students complete a research project that reflects an in-depth investigation of a topic of interest in current psychological research. For students continuing their education, the course addresses a number of best practices as it relates to graduate school preparation and success, as well as projecting a positive and professional image. For students pursuing their professional careers, this course provides helpful tools and tips for developing proper business etiquette and interpersonal skills; writing competitive letters, resumes and e-portfolios. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 1101. Introduction to Sociology. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the discipline of sociology. Topics include sociological theory, group formation, deviance and major social institutions. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 1160. Introduction to Social Problems. (3 Credits)**

A theoretical and empirical analysis of selected major social problems confronting American society. Students who choose this option are required to volunteer 50 hours during the semester as well as attend the SOCI 1160 class. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 2031. Intro to Anthropology. (3 Credits)**

A survey of the concepts, methods and procedures used to study primitive and non-western cultures. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 2060. Medical Sociology. (3 Credits)**

This course examines how health, illness, disease and healing are related to social structure and social processes. We will investigate how the social organization of American society influences, not only the types and distribution of disease and illness, but also how the health care system responds to these contingencies. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 2271. Practicum I. (3 Credits)**

This course provides an opportunity for students majoring in sociology to gain practical experience in agency settings. It can be taken at any level between sophomore and senior status. Students spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in an agency which must be relevant to student interest and approved by adviser. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) and SOCI 1160 OR SOCI 2601.(Urban Social Problems ASU) Offered: Spring.

**SOCI 2272. Practicum II. (3 Credits)**

This course provides an opportunity for students to continue in the agency and take a second practicum in an agency. Students are expected to defray costs of transportation to and from agencies and other professional expenses incidental to this experience. Prerequisite: SOCI 2271 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 2275. Interviewing Practicum. (3 Credits)**

This course provides training in interviewing people who seek help in solving problems. Video recordings are made as students practice interviews and these are analyzed. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 OR SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .

**SOCI 2282. Social Basis of Human Behavior. (3 Credits)**

This course covers the ecological approach to human behavior. The purpose of this course is to enable the student to identify the stages and characteristics of normal human growth and development within the context of the social environment. Topics include psychosocial development, family functioning and group functioning. Observational and laboratory/field experiences required. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 OR SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 2291. The Sociology of Gender Roles. (3 Credits)**

An investigation of traditional sex roles in various organizations, institutions; alternatives to these roles, sexism and sexuality. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 2293. Introduction to Marriage and Family. (3 Credits)**

This course will examine contemporary marriage and family in American society. Topics include gender roles, sexual values, dating and mate selection, alternative families and lifestyles, communication and conflict, domestic violence and dysfunctional families. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring.

**SOCI 2340. Psychology of Religion. (3 Credits)**

An examination of psychosocial components of various world religions will be covered. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 OR SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 2637. Sociology of the Body & Health. (3 Credits)**

This course will examine the body as central to public policy. Its contents include health and social care, covering a range of issues such as disability, old age, sexuality, consumption, food and public space, constructions of the body and different social groups. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall.

**SOCI 3001. Culture and Global Citizenship. (3 Credits)**

This course explores various cultures, globalization and global citizenship. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3241. Culture and Personality. (3 Credits)**

This course will examine various ways in which sociocultural forces impact individual personality traits. Specifically, how social location influences micro level processes. Pre-requisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3311. The Family. (3 Credits)**

The study of family as a basic social institution, with emphasis on academic, structural, functional and historical approaches through which the family may be analyzed. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 3312. The Black Family. (3 Credits)**

An examination of the Black family in America, with special emphasis on historical development of this family from slavery through current time. Prerequisite: Pre-requisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 3318. Comparative Ethnology. (3 Credits)**

An intensive study of the culture of selected areas of the world, such as Japan, Philippines, Caribbean and South America. Particular attention will be given to such topics as kinship, religion, politics, law and economics. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) and SOCI 2031. Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3320. Global Health Disparities. (3 Credits)**

This course provides students with an understanding of global health issues with an emphasis on low and middle income countries and the health issues facing these countries. The course will cover topics such as child and maternal health, nutrition, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, environmental issues, health systems, and improving global health. The link between health, social and economic factors will also be addressed, in addition to how these factors can be assessed. This course will be an online course, providing students with additional opportunities to view videos, movies and online related material. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 3321. Population Problems. (3 Credits)**

An analysis of the growth, composition, distribution and future trends of population with particular reference to the United States. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring.

**SOCI 3322. Social Institutions. (3 Credits)**

The development and change of basic social institutions: family, government, economy, education and religion. Also, an analysis of the role of social institutions in creating and sustaining the sociologist. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .

**SOCI 3323. Social Movements. (3 Credits)**

A study of social confrontations and alienation generating social movements, and the impact of movements on the social order. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101; SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer .

**SOCI 3324. Culture and Personality Development. (3 Credits)**

A study of cultural forces that influence the development of personality. Topics will include socialization, nature vs. nurture, social differentiation, language and geographical variation. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall .

**SOCI 3329. Community Mental Health. (3 Credits)**

This course is designed to critically examine mental healthcare in the United States while focusing on misconceptions of mental illness. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall .

**SOCI 3330. Drug Physiology & Classification. (3 Credits)**

The course examines the principles of drug action and physiology. Drug classification, tolerance, dependence, and models of addiction will be topics that are emphasized. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .

**SOCI 3331. Substance Abuse & Treatment. (3 Credits)**

This course examines substance abuse and dependence, substance intervention techniques, and methods of treatment. Other topics will include impact of substance abuse on the family and the community and an analysis of rehabilitation methods. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .



**SOCI 3340. Intergroup Relations. (3 Credits)**

A study of sociocultural, psychological and ecological factors that influence behavior patterns of various social groups. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) and SOCI 1160 OR SOCI 2601.(Urban Social Problems ASU) Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3341. Sociology of Education. (3 Credits)**

A study of education as a social institution, include school and community relations. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) and SOCI 1160 OR SOCI 2601.(Urban Social Problems ASU) Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3342. Social Stratification. (3 Credits)**

An analysis of normative techniques for stratifying social groups and institutionalized inequality engendered by this process. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) and SOCI 1160 OR SOCI 2601.(Urban Social Problems ASU) Offered: Fall .

**SOCI 3350. Social Gerontology. (3 Credits)**

A survey of cross-cultural views on aging, social implications of again population, social adjustment to the process of aging, and societal reactions to and provisions for persons in later life. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 OR SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) Offered: Fall.

**SOCI 3353. Counseling and the Aged. (3 Credits)**

A survey of problems in later life and an overview of related counseling techniques. Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 OR SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU) Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3354. Aging & Social Policy. (3 Credits)**

This course focuses on societal responses to needs of the elderly with emphasis on the evolution and implementation of laws, initiatives, and elderly services. Special attention will be given to topics that include Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Action, the Living Will, Major Health directives, Health Care Reform, and other codes that impact on the welfare of elderly persons. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .

**SOCI 3360. Urban Sociology. (3 Credits)**

A study of the processes and patterns of urban development along with impact of urbanism of social Interaction and societal organization. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall.

**SOCI 3362. Political Sociology. (3 Credits)**

A survey of major issues and problems in the field of Political Sociology, political power structures, and elitist and pluralist approaches to community power structures. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring .

**SOCI 3366. Social Change. (3 Credits)**

An analysis of theories, processes and implications of recent social changes. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring.

**SOCI 3367. Sociology of Occupations. (3 Credits)**

A study of occupational differentiation, institutions of work and relation of workers. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall.

**SOCI 3368. Sociology of Housing. (3 Credits)**

A study of housing as influenced by spatial distribution, socio-economic factors, demographic differentiation, governmental regulations and funding priorities. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring.

**SOCI 3371. Juvenile Delinquency. (3 Credits)**

The nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, analysis of patterns and sociological theories of causation, role of the police and courts. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3381. Sociology of Religion. (3 Credits)**

A study of the ways in which society, culture and personality influence religion and, conversely, how religion affects these sociocultural determinants of human behavior. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3386. Poverty & Welfare. (3 Credits)**

The course is designed to acquaint the student with the nature, scope and effects of poverty. Emphasis is placed on historical social problems and the response of the welfare system to these problems. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 3456. Women of Health. (3 Credits)**

This course focuses on the health issues of women living in United States of America from a critical sociological perspective. This course emphasizes health concerns that are distinctive to women or that compare women to men. A major analytic focus will be an exploration of how lay, medical and research assumptions about women have developed and influenced the existing relationships between women, health and illness and health care systems. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 4300. Behavioral Statistics. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to statistical concepts, methods and techniques used in behavioral sciences. Topics include frequency distributions, graphs, and measures of tendency, variability, standard scores and the normal curve, correlational techniques, hypothesis testing, sampling theory and significance differences. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 and Math 2411, Grade of C or better. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 4304. Behavioral Research. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to research procedures used in the behavioral sciences including experimental design, research methodology, and scientific writing. Prerequisite: SOCI 4300 Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 4308. Health Disparities. (3 Credits)**

This is a survey course of health disparities in the United States. This course explores the multi-faceted origins of health disparities as they exist in the U.S. Social injustice and inequality create conditions that lead to health inequities according to race, ethnicity, childhood experiences, gender, income, nationality and many other factors. This course highlights the real potential, vital importance and urgent need for solutions: health policies, systems, and programs that are culturally competent and relevant. We will explore research related to the origins of health disparities and then consider specific promising community based approaches to eliminating health disparities in the U.S. Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 Offered: Fall.

**SOCI 4401. Psychology of Aging. (3 Credits)**

This course examines the psychological aspects of aging with emphasis on the sensory processes, learning, psycho- motor performance, mental functioning, motivation, and interactions in health-behavior relations during the latter years of the life cycle. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: As Needed .

**SOCI 4411. Seminars in Family Dynamics. (3 Credits)**

An examination of socio-cultural and socio-psychological forces that influence family. Topics include mobility aspirations, social stratification, religion, education, and geographical location. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 4425. Introduction to Counseling. (3 Credits)**

An introduction to the principles and techniques of counseling approaches. Major topics include the counselor's role and functions, counseling viewpoints and practices, conditions which influence counseling and contemporary issues in counseling. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101. Offered: Fall, Spring .

**SOCI 4435. Death & Dying. (3 Credits)**

This course will focus on death, society, and human experience and several issues regarding treatment and nontreatment of the dying or those who wish to die. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Spring.

**SOCI 4451. Social Theory. (3 Credits)**

The development of sociology as influenced by scholars in Europe and the United States, with greater emphasis on the American Writers. Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall .

**SOCI 4454. Sociology Seminar. (3 Credits)**

A course designed especially for senior sociology majors. Emphasis is placed upon synthesizing concepts, principles, theories and methodology of sociology via lectures, student reports, group discussions and closely supervised investigation. Prerequisite: Sociology Juniors or Seniors Offered: Fall .

**SOCI 4464. Social Psychology. (3 Credits)**

Scientific study of the experience and behavior of individuals in relation to other individuals, groups and cultures. Views individuals in foreground against a background of social forces with emphasis on the relationship between social interaction and the behavior of individuals. Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 OR SOCI 2011 (Principles of Sociology ASU). Offered: Fall, Spring.