

SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

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.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or (SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011 and SOCI 1160

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 2271

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 2340 - Psychology of Religion (3 Credits)

An examination of psychosocial components of various world religions will be covered. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 3001 - Culture and Global Citizenship (3 Credits)

This course explores various cultures, globalization and global citizenship. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 and SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101) or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

SOCI 3340 - Intergroup Relations (3 Credits)

A study of sociocultural, psychological and ecological factors that influence behavior patterns of various social groups. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101) or SOCI 2011 and SOCI 1160 or SOCI 2601

Lecture hours: 3

SOCI 3341 - Sociology of Education (3 Credits)

A study of education as a social institution, include school and community relations. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011 and SOCI 1160 or SOCI 2601)

Lecture hours: 3

SOCI 3342 - Social Stratification (3 Credits)

An analysis of normative techniques for stratifying social groups and institutionalized inequality engendered by this process. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011) and SOCI 1160 or SOCI 2601

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 3350 - Social Gerontology (3 Credits)

A survey of cross-cultural views on aging, social implications of aging population, social adjustment to the process of aging, and societal reactions to and provisions for persons in later life. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101) or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 3353 - Counseling and the Aged (3 Credits)

A survey of problems in later life and an overview of related counseling techniques. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 3366 - Social Change (3 Credits)

An analysis of theories, processes and implications of recent social changes. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

SOCI 3367 - Sociology of Occupations (3 Credits)

A study of occupational differentiation, institutions of work and relation of workers. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101 and (MATH 2411 or MATH 1401)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

SOCI 4304 - Behavioral Research (3 Credits)

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

Prerequisites: SOCI 4300

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: SOCI 1101

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: As Needed.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Spring.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Prerequisites: (SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011)

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Junior or Senior.

Lecture hours: 3

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. Offered: Fall, Spring.

Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 or SOCI 2011

Lecture hours: 3