Sociology Courses (SOC)

Courses

SOC 1000 (980:001). Introduction to Sociology — 3 hrs.
Scientific approach to analysis and understanding of culture, human groups and institutions, personality, self, and social control. (Fall and Spring)

Analysis of nature and range of social problems arising in modern industrial society. Consideration given to conditions creating them and methods by which society seeks to cope with them. (Variable)

This course helps students prepare for sociology careers. Students will: Explore skill sets in this major; View sociology in multiple career areas; Visit with alumni; Engage with students in the Sociology Club; Prepare job search materials; Utilize career resources on campus. (Fall)

Introduction to basic research methods used in social research. Conceptualization and operationalization of research problems. Examination of various research designs used to collect data. Introduction to sampling, instrumentation, data processing, data analysis, and report production. Priority to Sociology and Criminology majors and minors. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Fall and Spring)

Levels of measurement, frequency distributions, graphic representations, measures of average, measures of dispersion, cross-tabulation and measures of association, Pearson correlation, bivariate regression analysis, probability and hypothesis testing, inferences involving single sample and two samples, and analysis of variance. Prerequisite(s): completion of mathematics requirement for the Liberal Arts Core. (Fall and Spring)

SOC 2030 (980:105g). Sociology of Families — 3 hrs.
Examination of social aspects of families by reviewing research on topics such as mate selection, marital quality, work and families, parenthood, divorce and remarriage, and family diversity. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Spring)

SOC 2040 (980:156g). Social Movements — 3 hrs.
Explores sociological and social psychological theories and concepts of the genesis, dynamics, and demise of modern social movements. Students also experience social movement dynamics first-hand by participating in a local social movement organization. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Variable)

SOC 2075 (980:100g). Social Psychology — 3 hrs.
Analysis of how people's thoughts, feelings, actions, and identities are influenced by social processes, interactions, and structures. Special attention to how people acquire, construct, and negotiate identities and how they are influenced by social realities of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation in these processes. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Variable)

SOC 3001 (980:177). Language and Culture — 3 hrs.
Examination of how language use shapes and expresses cultural identity. Implications of linguistic diversity for world view, gender and ethnic identity, education, and cross-cultural communication. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011). (Same as ANTH 3001 (990:177)) (Spring)

SOC 3035/5035 (980:125g). Social Gerontology — 3 hrs.
Personal, interpersonal, and societal factors in the human aging process; emphasis on family, community, and governmental responsibility in defining and resolving problems of the aged in modern industrial society. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Fall)

SOC 3037/5037 (980:045g). Race, Ethnicity and Social Justice — 3 hrs.
The nature, origin, and consequences of race and ethnicity as sources of differentiation and inequality. Examines competing theories, the distribution of resources across groups, and social processes related to race, ethnicity, and social justice. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Variable)

SOC 3045/5045 (980:135g). Social Inequality — 3 hrs.
The nature, origins, and reproduction of social inequalities. Examines the distribution of resources across groups and the processes that create it. Covers class, race, gender, and sexuality, and their relationship to each other. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Spring)

SOC 3050/5050 (980:129g). Men and Masculinities — 3 hrs.
Examination of men’s lives from boys to men in such roles as friends, lovers, co-workers, family members, students, athletes, consumers, and soldiers. Consideration of diversities of male experiences through such categories as race, ethnicity, religion, class, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and appearance. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

SOC 3060/5060 (980:138g). Sociology of Culture — 3 hrs.
Culture permeates our lives, as a powerful and everyday force in society. Covers classical and contemporary theory, the high and popular culture debate, and the production and reception/consumption of culture. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SOC 2010 (980:108). (Spring)

SOC 3070/5070 (980:170g). Sociological Theory — 3 hrs.
An overview of classical and contemporary social theory. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Spring)

SOC 3080/5080 (980:120g). Immigration and Transnationalism — 3 hrs.
Comparative multi-disciplinary perspective on international migration and immigrant settlement strategies, with a focus on Western Europe and the United States. Topics cover the main theoretical and contemporary debates within the field of international migration. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as ANTH 3080/5080 (990:120g)) (Variable)

SOC 3085/5085 (980:172g). Sociology of Religion — 3 hrs.
Examination of social bases of religious institutions; factors in religious evolution and change; comparative analysis of religious organizations and religious behavior; functions of religion in the social structure. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Fall)

Survey of social science theory and research in conflict resolution with emphasis on development of less destructive modes of problem solving in social formations. Prerequisite(s): SW 1001
or PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or consent of instructor; junior standing. [Same as ANTH 3470 (990:102) and SW 3102 (450:102)] (Fall and Spring)

SOC 3102/5102 (980:168g). Culture, Disease, and Healing — 3 hrs. Introduction to medical anthropology through examination of the interactions among culture, disease, and healing. Emphasis on non-Western medical systems. Topics include development of medical anthropology; the social fabric of health; the cultural context of health, illness, and disease. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as ANTH 3102/5102 (990:168g)) (Variable)

SOC 3151. Money, Sex and Power: Theories of Race, Class and Gender — 3 hrs.
Examination of social and ethical aspects of oppression and privilege in personal and political life. Study of concepts and meaning of categories such as race, ethnicity, class, gender and sexuality, and evaluation of strategies of resistance and/or accommodation. Prerequisite(s): Junior Standing. [Same as CAP 3151 (CAP:151)] (Variable)

SOC 3175/5175. Environmental Sociology — 3 hrs.
This course is an overview of the human-environment interactions from a social science perspective. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

SOC 3179 (980:179). Cooperative Education — 1-6 hrs.
Experiential learning in cooperation with the Cooperative Education office. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing; consent of instructor and department head and Cooperative Education office. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

SOC 3411/5411 (980:167g). Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective — 3 hrs.
Evolutionary, biological, psychological, cognitive, social, and cultural theories of gender and gender inequality evaluated with respect to cross-cultural data. Prerequisite(s): PSYCH 1001 (400:001) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as ANTH 3104/5104 (990:167g) and PSYCH 4608/5608 (400:167g)) (Spring)

SOC 4015/5015 (980:178g). Qualitative Research — 3 hrs.
Development and application of qualitative descriptive and analytic methods used in social science research. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. [Same as ANTH 4015/5015 (990:178g)] (Variable)

SOC 4025/5025 (980:160g). Quantitative Research — 3 hrs.
This course provides an intermediate overview of methods used to collect, analyze, and present quantitative sociological data, with an emphasis on survey research. Students will gain applied research skills in the context of completing survey research projects. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001), SOC 2010 (980:108) or equivalent, completion of LAC math requirement; SOC 2020 (980:080) or equivalent; junior standing. (Variable)

This course engages students on how social science methodologies can be applied to program and policy evaluation. Prerequisite(s): SOC 2020 (980:080); or Level 3000 class in statistics (classes that have covered measures of association between variables) or Graduate Standing; or consent of the instructor. (Variable)

Explores theories about gender differentiation and inequality. Analyzes the ways that gender influences social life within major institutions such as media, family, work, education, and politics. Focuses on the U.S. but also comparative. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). Prerequisite(s) or corequisite(s): SOC 2010 (980:108). (Fall)

SOC 4071/5071 (980:171g). Feminist Theories in the Social Sciences — 3 hrs.
Survey of theoretical approaches to study of sex and gender. Classical, structural, neo-Freudian, Marxist feminist, and radical approaches. Topics include work, family, religion, and sexuality. Prerequisite(s): SOC SCI 1020 (990:020) or SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011) or WGS 1040 (680:040); junior standing. (Spring)

SOC 4198 (980:198). Independent Study — 1-3 hrs.
May be repeated with department head approval. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing; consent of instructor and department head. (Variable)

SOC 4485. Sociology Internship — 1-3 hrs.
Experiential learning through internship placement in a sociology-related agency or position. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

SOC 4499/5499. Seminar in Sociology — 3 hrs.
Selected topics; opportunity to correlate previous course work and knowledge in field of sociology. Topic listed in Schedule of Classes. May be repeated for maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108) or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)

SOC 4500/5500. Theory and Practice in Applied Settings — 1-6 hrs.
Experiential learning in sociology. Requires prior consultation with instructor. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing; consent of instructor and department head. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

SOC 4501/5501. Research Experience in Sociology — 1-3 hrs.
Research participation and/or independent supervised research. May be repeated for maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108) or consent of instructor; junior standing. (Variable)

SOC 4502/5502. Readings in Sociology — 1-3 hrs.
May be repeated only with department head approval. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours in sociology including SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing; consent of instructor and department head. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

SOC 4698 (980:299). Research.
Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and department head. (Variable)