SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

Courses

SOC 202. Population Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the factors affecting human population growth and distribution, migration patterns, and the relationship between economic activity and population trends. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 205. Rural Communities in Mod Soc. 3 Credits.
The changing structure and dynamics of rural social organization in context of modernization and urbanization. Emphasis on rural communities in the U.S. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: CDAE 205.

SOC 206. Urban Communities in Mod Soc. 3 Credits.
The changing structure and dynamics of urban social organization in context of modernization and urbanization. Emphasis on cities and metropolitan areas in the United States. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 207. Community Org & Development. 3 Credits.
Communities as changing sociocultural organizational complexes within modern society. Special attention given to problems of formulation and implementation of alternative change strategies. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 211. Soc Movements&Collective Behav. 3 Credits.
Examination of origins, development, structure, and consequences of crowds, riots, crazes, rumors, panics, and political and religious movements and their relationships to cultural and social change. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 213. Women in Dev in Global South. 3 Credits.
An examination of the meaning and measurement of development, sociodemographic characteristics, sex stratification, and effects of Colonialism and Westernization on women’s issues in the global south. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 214. Delinquency. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the nature and type of juvenile behavior that violates law, the mechanisms for defining such behaviors as delinquent, and their causes and consequences. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 216. Criminal Justice. 3 Credits.
Analysis of social structures and processes in criminal justice arenas, the labeling of criminal offenders, and other issues related to crime, punishment, and justice. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 217. Corrections. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the social structures and processes involved with individuals designated as offenders of criminal law: probation, prison, parole, and programs of prevention and rehabilitation. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 219. D1: Race Relations. 3 Credits.
Examination of American racial subordination in social and historical perspective. Analysis of interracial contacts, racial subcultures and social structures, and responses to racial prejudice and discrimination. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 222. Aging & Ethical Issues. 3 Credits.
Analysis of selected ethical issues posed by an aging society and faced by older persons, their families, health care and service providers, and researchers. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum; Junior standing.

SOC 225. Organizations in Mod Society. 3 Credits.
Examination of basic classical and contemporary theory and research on the human relations, internal structures, environments, types, and general properties of complex organizations and bureaucracies. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 229. Family as Social Institution. 3 Credits.
Examination of the institution of the American family in cross-cultural and historical perspective. Theories and research on family continuity, change, and institutional relationships explored. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 232. Social Class & Mobility. 3 Credits.
Comparative and historical analysis of causes, forms, and consequences of structured social inequality in societies. Examination of selected problems in contemporary stratification theory and research. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 240. Political Sociology. 3 Credits.
Examination of the social organizations of power and authority in modern societies and the dynamics and institutional relationships of political institutions, interest groups, parties, and the public. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 243. Mass Media in Modern Society. 3 Credits.
Intensive examination of selected topics in the structure of media organizations and their relationships to and impacts upon the major institutions and publics of contemporary issues. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.
SOC 250. Sociology of Culture. 3 Credits.
The relations of cultural forms and subjective experience to social structure and power; in-depth applications of interpretive approaches in contemporary sociology. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 254. Sociology of Health & Medicine. 3 Credits.
The social organization and institutional relationships of medicine in society and the role of sociocultural factors in the etiology, definition, identification, and treatment of illness. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 255. Soc of Mental Health. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the social structures and processes involved in the identification, definition, and treatment of mental illness and its sociocultural etiology and consequences. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 258. Sociology of Law. 3 Credits.
Analysis of sociocultural structure of the legal institution and its relationships to other institutions: the social organization of the legal profession, lawmaking, and the courts. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Declared Law & Society minors may substitute SOC 014 for other prerequisite coursework in Sociology.

SOC 272. D2: Soc of African Societies. 3 Credits.
Current social, cultural, political, and economic changes occurring in African societies, including issues of development, the state and civil society, social class, ethnonationalism, and democratization. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 274. Qualitative Research Methods. 3 Credits.
Principles of qualitative research design and ethics and data collection, analysis, and presentation. Students will complete a research project over the course of the semester. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 275. Meth of Data Anal in Soc Rsch. 3 Credits.
Quantitative analysis of sociological data; includes table, regression, and path analysis, scaling and factor analysis, and the analysis of variance emphasizing multivariate techniques. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 279. Contemporary Sociological Thy. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of contemporary functional, conflict, exchange, interactionist, and structural theoretical approaches. A number of other theoretical approaches selected by seminar participants also examined. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 281. Seminar. 3 Credits.
Presentation and discussion of advanced problems in sociological analysis. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 288. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.

SOC 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisites: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing.

SOC 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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SOC 297. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.

SOC 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing; Instructor permission.