SOCI - SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits
Introduces concepts and principles of sociology. Surveys the discipline’s basic ideas and orientation.
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SOCI 201 Social Problems. 3 Credits
Provides key sociological concepts and theoretical perspectives in the study of social problems. Examines certain selected major U.S. social problems from the perspective of cultural values and social structure. Different possible solutions to the problems will also be explored.
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SOCI 221 Criminal Justice System. 3 Credits
Familiarizes students with the phenomena of crime and the formal mechanisms of crime control. Uniform Crime Report and National Crime Survey will be used as the primary crime database for examination. Special attention will be paid to study police, their organization and function, as the first-line agent of crime control.
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SOCI 292 Independent Study. 1-6 Credits
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SOCI 294 Seminar/Workshop. 1-6 Credits
Provides freshmen and sophomores an opportunity to investigate intensively topics pertinent to the field of Sociology.
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SOCI 298 Internship/Cooperative Educ. 1-9 Credits
Provides university credit for a sophomore work experience in the area of Sociology, supervised by faculty. Learning agreement must be completed prior to registration (restricted).
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SOCI 311 Criminology. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 and SOCI 221.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Examines the legal aspects of crime by examining the sociological aspects of making of law. Major contemporary theories in crime as well as criminal behavior systems will be discussed.
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SOCI 318 Sociological Research Methods. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201, STAT 141 or STAT 216, and Junior or Senior status.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Using a philosophy of science approach, this course introduces the basic elements of methodologies used in the social sciences. Qualitative as well as quantitative methodologies are emphasized.
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SOCI 319 Statistics for Sociologists. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 318 and STAT 216.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Introduces students to the statistical analysis of social science data, primarily through the use of the computer program SPSS. Students will build on their understanding of sociological research methods and data collection techniques to conduct their own original research project in which they collect data, construct a dataset, use statistical software to analyze their data, and interpret their research findings.
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SOCI 327 Sociology of Deviance. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Examines deviant behavior in contemporary society. Explores why certain people and types of behaviors come to be defined as deviant. Introduces students to theoretical explanations of deviance.
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SOCI 330 Juvenile Delinquency. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 and SOCI 221.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Considers the structure and function of the juvenile court system in its relation to the societal definition of delinquent behavior and the young people designated as delinquents. Covers the relationship among delinquency and family, school, peer group and social class. Societal reactions to delinquency in terms of mechanisms of social control are also studied.
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SOCI 332 Sociology of the Family. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 351 or consent of instructor.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Examines the basic structures and functions and the family, male-female differences, love and sexuality, types of marital relationships and the family and child raising in different cultures. With the work of John Bradshaw the course also examines family systems theory, dysfunctional family paradigm and the relationships between the family of origin and compulsive behavior.
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SOCI 344 Soc of Race and Ethnicity. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or consent of instructor.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
The first part of the course is devoted to an examination of prejudice and discrimination as characteristics of human societies. The second part of the course examines a number of socially recognized and in some cases, culturally distinct minority groups in the United States with particular attention given to their histories, problems and the degrees to which each, where it applies, has assimilated with the dominant American society.
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SOCI 351 Dating and Mate Selection. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Examines the social and historical contexts of dating and mate selection, the role of intimacy, and considers marriage as a process involving both unity and conflict.
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SOCI 352 Diseases & Society.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Examines the interactions between diseases and societies, historically and contemporarily. The course provides a framework for understanding the role diseases have in shaping society and explores the history of humans’ relationship with diseases and anticipates what the future may be, given current disease outbreaks. 
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SOCI 355 Population and Society.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or ENST 210 or consent of instructor. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Provides an introduction to the field of demography. Emphasis is placed on understanding components of population change, and theories and methods of demography. 
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SOCI 356 Sociology of Violence.  
Term Typically Offered: Spring  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Examines contemporary forms of violence from a sociological perspective. Considers the historical and social context of forms of violence ranging from bullying and harassment to police brutality and terrorism. Explores individual and group responses to violence as well as the impact of media and other social institutions on these resources. 
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SOCI 362 Sociology of Law Enforcement.  
Term Typically Offered: Spring  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Provides in-depth examination of law enforcement from a sociological perspective. Students will learn about the role of law enforcement officers in contemporary society and will become familiar with policing as a mechanism for formal social control. 
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SOCI 380 Soc of Health and Medicine.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or SOCI 318 or ENST 210 or consent of instructor. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Considers the application of sociology to the field of health and medicine. Topics include: the relationship between sociology and health/health care; the development of scientific medicine; the influence of the social environment on health and illness; health care practitioners and their relationship with parents and each other; and the health care delivery system. 
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SOCI 382 Soc Psych and Social Structure.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or PSYX 100 or consent of instructor. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Studies how thoughts, feelings, and behavior of individuals are influenced by the actual, implied, or imagined presence of others. Emphasis is given to the symbolic interactionist perspective and the relationship between culture and cognitive processes. 
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SOCI 415 Sociology of Hunting & Poaching.  
Term Typically Offered: Spring  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Provides an in-depth sociological examination of hunting and poaching in modern society. Examines the role of hunting and conservation in the United States and explores contemporary hunting issues. Students will learn criminological theories used to explain the illegal taking of wildlife resources. 
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SOCI 423 Sociology of Corrections.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Examines philosophies of punishment and provides an introduction to institutional and community corrections. Topics include prisons, jails, and probation. 
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SOCI 425 Victims and Society.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 330. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.  
Applies theoretical understandings gained in Criminology and Juvenile Delinquency to construct and evaluate programs in crime prevention. The primary objective is to familiarize students with major prevention strategies, both criminalization (becoming a criminal) and victimization (becoming a victim), as well as certain operational mechanisms. 
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SOCI 431 Sociology of Gender Roles.  
Prerequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.  
(It is desirable if students enroll in SOCI 431 after taking SOCI 351 and before enrolling in SOCI 432.) Covers the fundamental importance of gender roles as a structural component of social interaction, social structure, and social organization in the face of shifting role responsibilities. 
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SOCI 432 Human Sexual Behavior.  
Prerequisite: SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or consent of instructor. Corequisite: WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Explores human sexual behavior on a continuum ranging from normal to deviant. The structure of the course permits opportunity for both subjective and objective analyses of a variety of ways in which human sexuality is expressed. 
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SOCI 435 Law and Society.  
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or PSCI 220 or instructor consent. 
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken. 
Examines the relationship between the approaches by informal (cultural) and formal (legal) social institutions in attempting to define, organize, and ultimately to legitimately control human behavior in multicultural, historical, institutional, and constitutional contexts. The dichotomy of social justice and inequality is of special concern, along with examining the social impact (or lack thereof) of different socially and/or legally-based institutional attempts at social change implementation. 
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SOCI 455 Classical Sociological Theory. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or consent of instructor.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Introduces the major sociological theories associated with the founding of the
discipline. Focuses on theory as a set of tools to guide research. The explanations
provided by theorists are compared and their contributions to the study of selected
social phenomena are discussed.
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SOCI 461 Urban Society & Human Ecology. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201 or ENST 210.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Introduces basic concepts of human ecology and focuses on basic patterns of
social life in urban areas and their effect on the society and culture which can be
expressed by the individual. The urban area is presented in its communal, ecological
and morphological aspects including planning for the future.
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SOCI 470 Environmental Sociology. 3 Credits
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Takes a holistic and systemic approach, applying sociological perspectives to
environmental issues. Emphasis on ecological, social-cultural, political-economic,
and demographic interactions with the environment.
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SOCI 482 Contemp Sociological Theory. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 455 or consent of instructor.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Examines the concepts and theories of recent and contemporary sociologists from
1940 to the present and the current emphasis for sociologists to bring together
theory and empirical research at a level where there can be immediate, practical and
needed results from their work.
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SOCI 492 Independent Study. 1-5 Credits
Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and chairperson of department.
Provides outstanding students an individual opportunity to explore material not
covered by regular Sociology courses.
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SOCI 494 Seminar/Workshop. 1-6 Credits
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101 or SOCI 201.
Corequisite(s): WRIT 201 or WRIT 221 if not previously taken.
Provides an opportunity for experimental study in an area of Sociology.
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SOCI 498 Internship/Cooperative Educ. 1-12 Credits
Provides university credit for a work experience in the area of Sociology supervised
by faculty. Learning agreement must be completed prior to registration (restricted).
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SOCI 499 Senior Thesis/Capstone. 3 Credits
Prerequisite(s): Senior status and consent of instructor.
Analyzes how sociologists ask and answer methodological and theoretical questions.
Guides the student in developing an understanding of the sociological profession and
the tasks of the sociologist through the development of a research project including
a literature review, designing a study, collecting data, writing a report, and making a
presentation.
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