

Sociology (SOC)

SOC 110. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits.

Introductory analysis of the nature of society, the interrelationship of its component groups, and the process whereby society persists and changes.

SOC 115. Social Problems. 3 Credits.

Sociological analysis of major social problems.

SOC 116. Global Social Problems. 3 Credits.

Sociological analysis of global social problems.

SOC 214. Social Interaction. 3 Credits.

Examination of issues relevant to the study of individual behavior (e.g., self-concept, attitudes, social perception) in a social context. Cross-listed with PSYC 214.

SOC 233. Sociology of Organizations and Work. 3 Credits.

This course examines major types of organizations, their goals, and characteristics. The course focuses on social issues as they relate to organizations and work.

SOC 235. Cultural Diversity. 3 Credits.

Analysis of lifestyles and characteristics of racial, cultural, and ethnic groups in society. Review of processes of discrimination, prejudice, and related dehumanizing biases toward culturally diverse groups including women. Prereq: SOC 110.

SOC 340. Social Research Methods. 3 Credits.

Overview of the scientific method, the philosophy of science, and the goals of science. Detailed study of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Cross-listed with COMM 340.

SOC 341. Social Research Methods Laboratory. 1 Credit.

Laboratory to accompany SOC 340. Provides application of conceptualization, operationalization, sampling methods, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and computer statistical analysis. Cross-listed with COMM 341.

SOC 401. Sociology of Religion. 3 Credits.

Study of religion viewed as a social institution with a characteristic history, ecology, structure, behavior, and purpose. Cross-listed with RELS 401. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 601.}.

SOC 403. Sociology of The Great Plains. 3 Credits.

Social and cultural patterns, trends, and problems peculiar to life in the semi-arid Great Plains. {Also offered for graduate credit - see soc 603.}.

SOC 404. Community Assessment. 3 Credits.

Students work with community leaders and their towns to conduct an asset-based community assessment of the town's human, social, cultural, political, built, financial, and natural capitals. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 604.}.

SOC 405. Community Development. 3 Credits.

Study of communities viewed as social systems. Includes political, economic, social, and economic factors affecting community growth and decline. Community development methods are addressed. Prereq: SOC 404. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 605.}.

SOC 407. Deviant Behavior. 3 Credits.

See Criminal Justice for description. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 607.}.

SOC 410. Social Inequality. 3 Credits.

Analysis of social and economic inequities and investigation of the relationship between inequity and life chances. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 610.}.

SOC 412. Sociology of Gender. 3 Credits.

This course examines the institutional norms, values, and attitudes that shape gender identity, as well as their affects on women and men's lives. Prereq: SOC 110. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 612.}.

SOC 416. Sociology Through Literature. 3 Credits.

Study of basic concepts of sociology as illustrated in selected literature from 19th and 20th century English, American, French, and Russian novels. Prereq: SOC 110.

SOC 417. Sociology of the Family. 3 Credits.

Comparative family types, member relationships, family dynamics in relation to personality, social change, and social values. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 617.}.

SOC 418. Social Psychology. 3 Credits.

Examination of both historical and contemporary research and theory in social psychology: the study of the relationship between the individual and the social context. Prereq: SOC 110. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 618.}.

SOC 422. Development Of Social Theory. 3 Credits.

Sociological theories and systems from Comte, Marx, Durkheim, and Weber through the 20th century. Prereq: SOC 110. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 622.}.

SOC 424. Feminist Theory and Discourse. 3 Credits.

Historical overview of feminist ideas and major writings from the 18th century to the present, which includes issues related to women's personal, social, and public lives.{Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 624.}.

SOC 425. Sociology of Culture. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to the foundations of the sociology of culture. Building on the ideas of the Frankfurt School and Birmingham Centre, this course explores topics such as subcultures and media culture. Prereq: SOC 110 or ANTH 111. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 625.}.

SOC 426. Sociology of Medicine. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the social aspects of health and illness, the health care professions, organization of health care, and related issues. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 626.}.

SOC 427. Public Health Law and Policy for Non-urban, Rural and Frontier Areas. 3 Credits.

This course explores the ways that laws and policies impact rural public health and medical care in the US, the impact of potential policies on public health, and the courts' role and interpretations of public health law.

SOC 431. Environmental Sociology. 3 Credits.

Examines the interactions between the biophysical environment and human society, how social processes define, construct, and threaten the environment, and the human causes and consequences of environmental problems and their solutions.{Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 631.}.

SOC 439. Social Change. 3 Credits.

Analysis of the complex nature of social change in communities, the nation, and internationally. Prereq: SOC 110. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 639.}.

SOC 440. Sociology of Aging. 3 Credits.

Examination of sociological perspectives on aging. Topics include social theories of aging, retirement, long-term care, chronic illness, and death.{Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 640.}.

SOC 441. Death and Dying. 3 Credits.

Examination of research, theories, and case studies on the sociocultural dimensions of death and dying across time and societies. Topics include suicide, funerals, hospice practice, disasters, afterlife beliefs, grief, bereavement and memory, organ donation, death in popular culture, end-of-life issues, cemeteries and body disposition, euthanasia, art, film, music and literature, genocide, and war. Cross-listed with ANTH 441. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 641.}.

SOC 443. International Disasters. 3 Credits.

Impacts of natural and human-made disasters on industrialized and developing societies; relief and reconstruction post-disaster programs. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 643.}.

SOC 445. Special Populations in Disasters. 3 Credits.

Identification of special populations and their needs that arise in emergency or disaster situations both in industrialized and developing countries. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 645.}.

SOC 465. Applied Demographics. 3 Credits.

Overview of demographic concepts and principles and their application to business and planning decisions. Emphasis on using databases and information sources available on the Internet. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 665.}.

SOC 489. Senior Capstone In Sociology. 1 Credit.

Synthesis of social research methods, sociological theory, and sub-discipline content material. Emphasis on integrative skills needed to interrelate the basic concepts of the discipline. Prereq: SOC 340 or Senior standing.

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Advanced analysis of the methods used in qualitative research projects such as intensive interviewing, focus groups, and participant observation.

SOC 701. Quantitative Methods. 3 Credits.

Advanced analysis of the methods used in quantitative research projects, such as survey design, experimental design, and evaluation research. Prereq: STAT 725.

SOC 723. Social Theory. 3 Credits.

Examination of contemporary social theories and theory construction. Prereq: SOC 622.