

# Sociology (SOC)

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## **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 179. Global Seminar. 1-6 Credits.**

NDSU instructed experience or field study in a foreign country. Conducted in English for residence credit. Pre-requisite: Prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. May be repeated. Standard Grading.

## **SOC 194. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**

## **SOC 196. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.**

## **SOC 199. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.**

## **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.

## **SOC 240. Gender and Popular Culture. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces students to concepts in the sociology of gender and popular culture. The course offers an overview of the gendered experience of cultural production, representation, and lived lives. Students will learn how aspects of popular culture produce and reinforce our understanding of gender.

## **SOC 279. Global Seminar. 1-6 Credits.**

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## **SOC 291. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.**

## **SOC 292. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.**

Pre-Arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange) or on approved study abroad programs. Pre-requisite: Sophomore standing and prior approval by International Student and Study Abroad Services and major department. Graded 'P' or 'F' (Undergraduate), or 'S' or 'U' (Graduate).

## **SOC 294. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**

## **SOC 298. Professional Seminar. 1 Credit.**

The Professional Seminar is designed to support students in gaining the professional skills they need to support their career goals. In this professional seminar, students will build their career skills and learn more about careers in sociology. In addition, they will have the opportunity to develop their career goals and develop a plan to support those goals. Prereq: Students must be at least sophomore standing. Cross-listed with ANTH 298.

## **SOC 299. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.**

## **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.

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**SOC 391. Seminar. 1-3 Credits.**

**SOC 392. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.**

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**SOC 394. Individual Study. 1-5 Credits.**

**SOC 399. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.**

**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. {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. {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. {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. {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 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 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 470. Social Data Analysis. 3 Credits.**

Experience with analysis of textual data and social survey data. Investigate patterns in social variables. Testing hypotheses and discovering relationships between variables. {Also offered for graduate credit - See SOC 670.}.

**SOC 476. Sociology of Education. 3 Credits.**

Sociological analysis of education systems. {Also offered for graduate credit - see SOC 676.}.

**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.

**SOC 491. Seminar. 1-5 Credits.****SOC 492. Global Practicum: Study Abroad. 1-15 Credits.**

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**SOC 696. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.**

**SOC 700. Qualitative Methods. 3 Credits.**

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.

**SOC 723. Social Theory. 3 Credits.**

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

**SOC 733. Organizations and the State. 3 Credits.**

This course tackles the complex set of historical, economic, political and sociological issues that affect embedded organizations. Students will learn applications of game and exchange theory models that will provide mechanistic explanations of power dynamics within and between organizations.

SOC 790. Graduate Seminar. 1-3 Credits.

SOC 791. Temporary/Trial Topics. 1-5 Credits.

SOC 793. Individual Study/Tutorial. 1-5 Credits.

SOC 794. Practicum/Internship. 1-8 Credits.

SOC 795. Field Experience. 1-15 Credits.

SOC 796. Special Topics. 1-5 Credits.

SOC 797. Master's Paper. 1-3 Credits.

SOC 798. Master's Thesis. 1-10 Credits.

SOC 799. Master's Examination. 1-6 Credits.