

Sociology (SOCI)

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology **3 SCH (3-0)**

Study of the nature of human societies, social processes, social interaction, groups, culture, institutions and social change.

SOCI 1306 Social Problems **3 SCH (3-0)**

Survey of contemporary social problems and current trends in the direction of their solution. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 2306 Human Sexuality **3 SCH (3-0)**

Biophysical and psychological aspects of human sexuality. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 2306 and PSYC 2306.)

SOCI 2319 Minority Studies **3 SCH (3-0)**

Macrocultural and microcultural variables such as ethnicity, religion, age, socioeconomic status, language, gender and exceptionality and their impact upon major institutions such as education, labor markets and government.

SOCI 3301 Social Psychology (WI) **3 SCH (3-0)**

Theory and phenomena of social psychology. The nature and type of social variables and the methods used to study them. The effect of social variables upon the behavior of individuals. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3301 and PSYC 3301.) Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology or PSYC 2301 and 9 additional hours of social sciences courses.

SOCI 3302 Social Deviance **3 SCH (3-0)**

Survey of the sociological and psychological aspects of deviant behavior. Nature of deviance, types of deviant behavior, causal theories and social policy implications. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3302 and CRIM 3302.) Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology or Criminology.

SOCI 3322 Juvenile Delinquency **3 SCH (3-0)**

Incidence, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as trips to juvenile institutions. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3322 and CRIM 3322.) Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 3381 Statistics for Behavioral Sci **3 SCH (3-0)**

Statistics course designed for students in behavioral sciences with a focus on descriptive and inferential statistics. Covers fundamental concepts in sampling, data structure and organization, as well as statistical analysis and interpretation. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3381 and PSYC 3381.) Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.

SOCI 4305 Advanced Human Sexuality **3 SCH (3-0)**

Psychosocial factors in human sexuality with emphasis on sexual adjustment, sexual dysfunctions, sexual variations and new approaches in sex therapy. Appropriate field trips may be included. Prerequisite: SOCI 2306 or PSYC 2306. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4305 and PSYC 4305.)

SOCI 4306 Medical Sociology **3 SCH (3-0)**

Comprehensive exploration of the intricate interplay among social determinants, health, and illness, within the framework of sociological perspectives, theories, and methodologies. The course examines the impact of age, gender, and socioeconomic status on the health of various demographic groups, as well as the dynamic relationships between health professionals, patients, and social institutions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 4308 Selected Topic in Sociol **3 SCH (3-0)**

Literature and research in areas of sociology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.

SOCI 4309 Latina/o Immigration **3 SCH (3-0)**

This course examines Latina/o migration experiences in the U.S. Major themes covered in the class include migration patterns, traditional vs. new destinations, social and political inequality, and labor market struggles. The impact of immigration law as well as the intersection of race, gender, class and other social categories are also examined as they relate to immigrants and their descendants.

SOCI 4310 Population Problems **3 SCH (3-0)**

Introduction to demographic concepts, such as fertility, mortality and migration of human populations in a larger social and cultural context, and to population problems in modern society. Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 or 6 semester hours of social science.

SOCI 4320 Law and Society **3 SCH (3-0)**

An in-depth examination of law and society through the philosophy and evolution of legal systems and legal institutions. The major functions of law as agents of social control, dispute resolution and societal engineering are addressed. Prerequisites: POLS 2304 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology, Criminology or Criminal Justice. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4320, CRIM 4320, and SOCI 4320.)

SOCI 4336 Drugs and Social Control **3 SCH (3-0)**

Literature and research pertaining to the social control of drugs. Critical analyses of the normative and legal rules governing distribution, use, and overall consumption patterns in both legal and illegal contexts. Prerequisites: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4336, PSYC 4336, and SOCI 4336.)

SOCI 4337 Peace Studies 3 SCH (3-0)

Analyses of relevant theories and concepts such as peace building, social and environment justice, as well as direct, structural, and cultural violence. Causes and consequences of socioeconomic inequality and human suffering including racism, sexism, and various other forms of prejudice and social discrimination. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4337, PSYC 4337, and SOCI 4337.)

SOCI 4341 Sociology of Aging 3 SCH (3)

Study of the last stage in the life-cycle of man. The course emphasizes the interdisciplinary approach necessary in the field of gerontology, the biological, psychological and social aspects of the aging process, along with the social impact of growing proportions of aged persons within the social structure of society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 4342 Sociology of Death 3 SCH (3)

Sociological examination of the dying process and death, encompassing perspectives on the cultural and institutional mechanisms that support survivors during the grieving, mourning, and bereavement processes. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.

SOCI 4345 Sociology of Religion 3 SCH (3)

World religions in the context of social, cultural, and ideological perspectives that impact social life in a global world. Prerequisites: junior standing or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 4348 Multicultural Groups in the US 3 SCH (3)

Issues of multicultural groups with salient ethnic characteristics; analysis of the concept of ethnic identity and belonging, and examination of the dynamics of group cohesion within political, economic, social, and immigration contexts. Prerequisite: junior standing or approval of the instructor. (Credit may not be given for both ANTH 4348 and SOCI 4348.)

SOCI 4382 Methods of Social Research 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts and objectivity. Prerequisites: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may be obtained in only one of SOCI 4382, ANTH 4382 or CRIM 4382.)

SOCI 4383 Social Theory (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Development of social theory as represented by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim and Weber, to contemporary schools of thought, including functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism, structuralism and world systems theory. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4383 and ANTH 4301.)