

Sociology Courses

SOC 101 (3) INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY–GE

An introduction to sociology, basic concepts, theories, development as a discipline, and the tools of social investigation.

SOC 103 (3) SOCIAL PROBLEMS

An analysis of some of the causes and implications of many of the most pressing social problems which confront us today. An attempt to develop ways to attack these problems. Offered spring.

SOC 111 (1) INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY:PRACTICUM

The application of basic sociological concepts to student service/ministry experiences. Lecture-field work. Offered fall.

Corequisite: Sociology 101 or consent of instructor.

SOC 201 (3) CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY–GE

An introduction to the basic concepts, methods and findings of cultural Anthropology. Emphasis is on the comparative study of contemporary cultures to develop an understanding of the cultural diversity that confronts us and the common threads that bind us together.

SOC 209 (3) INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

An introduction to and comparative examination of the components of the justice process dealing with delinquent and criminal behavior. Examines criminally deviant behavior in a complex society. Offered spring.

SOC 250 (3) SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

A study of the changing nature and function of the family as a basic institution of society with emphasis upon variety related to culture, class, and ethnicity.

SOC 260 (3) SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

A course designed to enhance understanding of the sociological perspective including the ability to think and write descriptively and analytically. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 305 (3) SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Social stratification as part of social organization. A review of the major theories, methods of studying stratification and evidence relating to the origin, nature and functioning of systems of social inequality bases of stratification; relationships among class, status and power. Class consciousness and conflict; technological change and social mobility. Offered spring of even years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 310 (3) CRIMINOLOGY

The study of crime and criminal behavior, the role of law, efforts at prevention and control. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 314 (3) JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

A study of the youthful offender including theories of cause, the role of law and authority, and current trends. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of instructor.

SOC 316 (3) SOCIOLOGY OF AGING

Analysis of aging within social contexts: the aging process, death, and dying, and the impact of psychological, economic, physiological, and social factors. Offered fall of even years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 320 (3) SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

A study of the theories and methods of social interactions in the development of personal and group behavior. Topics include attitudes, communication, pro-social, and anti-social behaviors.

SOC 330 (4) THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEMINIST THOUGHT–WS

A survey of the development of various strands of feminist thought, and engagement in current conversations within and about feminism. Offered spring of even years.

SOC 350 (3) URBAN SOCIOLOGY

A study of urbanization as a social process, comparing urban, suburban, and metropolitan phenomena. Attention is given to institutions in changing urban settings, i.e., religion, family as it is applied to ministry. Offered spring of even years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 360 (3) RACE AND ETHNICITY

An analysis of historical and current social factors relating to various ethnic, racial, and status groups. Focus is upon issues of discrimination and oppression.

SOC 375 (3) AFRICAN CULTURES AND HISTORIES

An interdisciplinary examination of the social and cultural histories of Africa with emphasis on the contact between Africans and Europeans since the late Nineteenth Century. Offered fall odd years.

SOC 409 (3) CRIMINAL LAW

To understand the role of the state in criminal law, this course studies the nature, origins and general principles of criminal law, including causation, defenses of justification and excuse, and criminal liability. Cases highlight and illustrate the general principles and doctrines in the context of real life. Crimes against persons, habitation, property and public order, and morals. Offered fall of odd years.

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 or 201 and Sociology 209 or consent of instructor.

SOC 410 (3) CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATIONS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Examination of the federal constitutional provisions which impact the criminal justice system with an emphasis on the amendments in the Bill of Rights dealing with searches and seizures by law enforcement officers, the exclusionary rule, the privilege against self-incrimination, the rights to due process and the assistance of counsel, the death penalty, and constraints on the correctional system. Offered fall of even years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 and 209 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 415 (3) HISTORY OF SOCIAL THOUGHT

Investigation and analysis of Nineteenth and Twentieth Century sociological thought, and philosophical and social issues surrounding it. Emphasis on the relation of sociological theory and Christian thought. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 420 (3) SOCIAL CHANGE

Study of major changes in modern societies; The source of these changes, the process through which they spread; their meanings for individuals and for institutions. Offered fall of even years.

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of instructor.

SOC 430 (3) SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Comparative and analytical study of religion as a social institution; the relation of religion to social stratification, economy, state; religion as an agent of social change and stability. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 440 (3) SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR

An analysis of the diverse field of collective behavior, which includes crowds, riots, rumors, mass hysteria, fashion and fads, disasters and migration, as well as social movements which are activities to bring about or resist change to an existing society or group. Offered fall of odd years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 460 (4) SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS AND DESIGN

A study and application of the methods of social research: development of a design, collection and analysis of data, and development of a final report. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of instructor.

SOC 470 (3) MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

An introduction the field of medical sociology and to a perspective on health and illness and the health care system. The course examines social

and cultural factors related to health and non-health, including the nature of the problems addressed by health care institutions, societal responses to disease and sickness, and the institutional and organizational settings of health care. Offered spring odd years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.

SOC 471 (2-4) INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY

Designed to provide experience in applied settings. A minimum of three hours per week for a full semester is required for each unit of credit. Placement and plan for internship are developed in consultation by instructor, student, and agency. May be repeated for up to six units of credit. Students may receive credit for a maximum of six units for internship whether Soc 471 or Soc 472. Graded Credit/No Credit.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

SOC 472 (2-4) INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Intended for sociology majors with concentration in criminal justice. Course allows students to gain experience in a criminal justice setting. Students are required to complete a minimum of 12 hours per week in an approved setting in the criminal justice system. May be repeated for up to six units of credit. Students may receive credit for a maximum of six units for internship whether Soc 471 or Soc 472. Graded Credit/No Credit.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

SOC 475 (3) SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

A study of the social foundations of the American education system and the various community settings where education takes place. Emphasis upon current educational dynamics. Offered spring of odd years.

Prerequisite: Sociology 101 or 201 or consent of instructor.

SOC 476 (3) SENIOR SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY

Intended for Sociology majors, including those with concentration in Criminal Justice. Course provides opportunity to integrate material learned in other sociology courses as well as opportunity to integrate academic learning with personal experiences. During the course, students prepare a portfolio of papers demonstrating their competence in sociology. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Senior standing and major in Sociology.

SOC 490 (3) SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY

Selected topics of current interest in depth. Application through travel or special projects may be an essential part of the course. May be repeated for up to six units. Students wishing to earn more than six units must have consent of the department chair and the Vice Provost for Academic Administration.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor

SOC 491 (1-4) INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN SOCIOLOGY

An intensive study of selected issues. A plan for the study must be approved by instructor and department chair. May be repeated for up to six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Social Work Courses

SWK 303 (3) INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK

An historical and contemporary view of the profession of social work within the field of social welfare: the values, the ethical standards, the knowledge base, and the social welfare programs and services where social workers practice. Offered fall.

SWK 330 (3) SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY

A study of private and public programs and services that make up the American welfare system. A study of policy analysis and development with focus on the needs of special populations. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Social Work 303 or consent of instructor.

SWK 340 (3) CHILD WELFARE

Analysis of the effects of family breakdown with special emphasis on children of divorce, single-parent families, HIV and drug-exposed children, children of minorities, and children of poverty. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Social Work 330 or consent of instructor.

SWK 365 (3) HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

As generalists in the practice of social work the entry-level professional social worker is assisted in the organization of knowledge by a social systems approach. Systems examined include individual development across the life span, families, large and small groups, neighborhoods, communities, and organizations. Offered spring.

SWK 370 (3) SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I

A study of the theories and methods of professional social work practice. Focus is upon generalist practice with individuals, families, and small groups. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Social Work 303.

SWK 371 (3) SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II

A study of the theories and methods of professional social work practice with large groups, organizations, neighborhoods, communities, and governments. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Social Work 303 or consent of instructor.

SWK 470 (4) SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM I

Intended for seniors in social work. Students will be placed in approved social agencies, supervised by professional social workers. Entry-level practice placements include work with children, the aged, families, homeless and other special needs populations in a health, corrections, residential, community, or mental health settings. A student must complete a minimum of 200 hours of social work practice. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Social Work 370 or consent of the Director of Social Work.

SWK 471 (4) SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM II

Intended for seniors in social work only. The student completes a minimum of 200 hours in direct practice in an approved, supervised field setting. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Social Work 470 or consent of the Director of Social Work.

SWK 472 (2) SEMINAR IN SOCIAL WORK I

Seminar for social work majors which integrates a liberal arts perspective with the professional social work foundation of knowledge, skills, and values. Students share field practicum experiences from the beginning phases of the social work process as a method of reinforcing their understanding of the professional social worker engaged in generalist practice. Offered fall.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Social Work 470.

SWK 473 (2) SEMINAR IN SOCIAL WORK II

Continuing seminar for social work majors only; continues the sharing of the practicum experience and concentrates on the later phases of the social work process. Offered spring.

Prerequisite: Prior or concurrent enrollment in Social Work 471.

SWK 490 (3) SELECTED TOPICS IN SOCIAL WORK

Selected topics of current interest in depth. May be repeated for up to six units. Students wishing to earn more than six units must have consent of the department chair and the Vice Provost for Academic Administration.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

SWK 491 (1-4) INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK

An intensive study of selected issues. A plan for the study must be approved by the instructor and department chair. May be repeated for up to six units.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.