

LOWER-DIVISION COURSES

1. Principles of Sociology

Introduction to the field of sociology. Emphasis on the major sociological perspectives and the basic elements of sociological analysis. Introductory exposure to research methodology. (4 units)

11a. and 12a. Cultures and Ideas

A two-course sequence focusing on a major theme in human experience and culture over a significant period of time. Courses emphasize either broad global interconnections or the construction of Western culture in its global context. Course one will cover disruption of global cultures in the context of economic history and course two will cover emerging global culture in the age of the internet. (4 units each quarter)

30. Self, Community, and Society

Exploration of a specific topic related to the self, community, and society. Use of sociological theories, research, community-based learning, and civic engagement activities to help students analyze and explore the role of the individual in influencing community and society as well as how the individual is shaped by these entities. (4 units)

33. Social Problems in the United States

Overview of contemporary social problems in the United States from a sociological perspective with a major emphasis on the ways race, class and gender shape the development of specific social problems and the public policies offered to address them. Topics may include the economy, poverty, homelessness and social inequality. (4 units)

49. Computers, the Internet, and Society

Explores the ways that technological and social change interact and affect each other through examination of the development and ramifications of the personal computer and the Internet. In particular, develops a sociological analysis of cyberspace and virtual reality as new social spaces with emerging institutions, practices, and implications for personal identity. (4 units)

65. Crime and Delinquency

Broad survey of major issues surrounding the causes and nature of, and solutions to, the problem of crime and delinquency in the United States. (4 units)

91. Lower-Division Seminar in Sociology

Seminar for freshmen and sophomores on selected issues in sociology. *By permission of the instructor and sociology chair only.* (4 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: THEORY, METHODS, AND CAPSTONES

117. Sociology's Analytical Frameworks and Conceptual Approaches

Considers sociology as an integrated and coherent discipline by reviewing the development of different analytical frameworks which, when considered together, convey

much of the conceptual power and rich history of the discipline. Required of all sociology minors. Does not fulfill the SOCI 119 requirement for the major. (5 units)

118. Qualitative Methods

Provides students with an understanding of qualitative methods for social research by focusing on (1) classical and contemporary sociological works employing qualitative methods; and (2) a selection of qualitative methods and techniques in sociology. Students gain hands-on experience by producing a series of qualitative research projects.

Prerequisite: SOCI 119 and 120. (5 units)

119. Sociological Theory

Provides an overview of sociological theory stressing the role of theory in the scientific method. This course is required of all majors and will not fulfill the SOCI 117 requirement for the minor. *Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SOCI 120.* (5 units)

120. Quantitative Methods and Applied Statistics

Application of quantitative research designs and statistics to empirically examine sociologically relevant research questions, with attention to the scientific reasoning behind quantitative methodology. Statistical analyses conducted using a statistical package such as SPSS. *Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SOCI 119.* (5 units)

121. Research Practicum

Collaborative research project conducted under the direction of a faculty member.

Prerequisites: SOCI 118, 119, and 120. (5 units)

170. Applied Sociology

Demonstrates the application of sociological research and insights to the challenges of modern business, human service, and public sector organizations. Practice components bring students into contact with people who are incorporating sociology to improve the functioning of their organizations and to inform policy-making. (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: CRIMINOLOGY/CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUSTER

158. Deviant Behavior

Examination of deviant behavior such as crime, mental disorder, and alcoholism. Social factors in the etiology and control of deviant behavior. (5 units)

159. Sociology of Crime

An examination of the relationship between crime and society with a focus on crimes such as juvenile crime, crimes against women and children, family violence, illegal drug trafficking and use, white collar crime; philosophies of punishment, prisons and prison sub-cultures, the death penalty; theories of criminal behavior. (5 units)

160. Law in a Changing Society

Explores the law in relationship to the changing character of contemporary society. Legal issues raised by technological change (e.g., intellectual property rights, privacy) and general social change (e.g., shifting patterns of family, ethnicity, immigration) receive special attention. Focus on American legal institutions, with attention to other countries for comparative purposes and to highlight legal trends resulting from globalization. (5 units)

161. Sociology of the Criminal Justice System

An examination of the major issues and programs in the criminal justice system in the United States. Focus on the socio-historical context and functioning of adult and juvenile investigation, court system, corrections system, and the restorative justice model; impact of race and class in the functioning of the justice system. (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES CLUSTER

137. Social Change

Significant trends and issues in contemporary U.S. society and in the world. Utility of sociological concepts, principles, and theories for understanding social change. (5 units)

138. Demography: Population and Resources

Global, regional, and national population changes and the effects on people, groups, societies, and their environment. Topics include the dynamics of population change across different regions of the world (the developed versus the developing regions of Asia, Africa, and Latin America), communities, and families. (5 units)

150. Ethnic Enterprises

Examination of economic, historical, cultural, and political factors related to the origins and development of ethnic enterprises in the United States. (5 units)

180. Immigrant Communities

A course for juniors and seniors on selected issues in the sociology of immigrant experience and communities. (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: INEQUALITIES CLUSTER

132. Social Stratification

Analysis of the principal lines of social cleavage within U.S. society. Emphasis on the racial, sexual, ethnic, occupational, and class divisions prevalent in the contemporary world. (5 units)

134. Globalization and Inequality

Overview of globalization as a long-term historical process. Focus on the impact in the developing world, on people moving from the developing to the developed world, displacement of some and new opportunities for others during different periods of globalization; long-term implications of privilege and marginality that globalization has

produced. Examination of case material based on Latin American, African, and Asian historical experiences; exploration of theoretical models of high rates of poverty in the developing world and practical steps to reduce marginalization on a global scale. (5 units)

135. Gender and Social Change in Latin America

Examination of the relationship between gender and the process of national and international factors related to social change in Latin America. Emphasis on selected case studies such as Mexico, Guatemala, Bolivia, and El Salvador. (5 units)

140. Urban Society and Social Conflict

Critical inquiry into urban sociology and theoretical and practical exposure to urban issues. Explores unresolved paradox in how we understand urban life; role of structural and cultural conditions in creating or adding to urban problems; issues such as poverty, immigration, housing, and the political economy of urban America. (5 units)

153. Race, Class, and Gender in the United States

Examination of the concepts of race, ethnicity, class, and gender to analyze social identities, social relationships, and social institutions. Focus on the major issues and research questions in the specialized sociological field of race, ethnicity, class, and gender research. (5 units)

165. Human Services

Introduction to the field of human services. Topics include the connections between societal understanding of social problems, programs, and policies; work and management issues in public and non-profit human service agencies; human services in a multicultural context; opportunities to learn through community based placements serving marginalized communities and from human service professionals. (5 units)

175. Race and Inequality

Analysis of the socioeconomic and political situation of African, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans in contemporary U.S. society. Topics include race and class, occupational and economic inequality, racial discrimination, the culture of poverty, cultural stereotyping, and resistance to change. (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: ORGANIZATIONS/INSTITUTIONS CLUSTER

127. Group Dynamics

Explores the structure and social processes that occur in small and large groups. Concepts such as power and prestige, leadership, communication networks, collaboration and conflict, game theory, and distributive justice are examined. (5 units)

148. Stakeholder Diversity in Contemporary American Organizations

This course offers a serious exploration of both the ethical and practical challenges posed by the diversity of stakeholder interests in organizations. This involves critical reflection on the implications of client centered approaches to organizational activity for people working in organizations, and also for structure, culture, communication, and process in

those organizations. As part of the class work, this course requires a community-based learning placement working alongside and/or in the service of persons who are marginalized in the local community. (5 units)

149. Business, Technology, and Society

This course examines the impact business and society have had on the development of science/technology and the transforming or potentially transforming effects of changing science/technology on business and society. (5 units)

152. Women and Men in the Workplace

Examination of the status and roles of men and women in the labor force. How gender differences are developed through socialization and some of the consequences of these differences: tokenism, sexual harassment, the “glass ceiling,” and the dual-career family. Includes strategies to address gender inequality in the workplace. (5 units)

157. Sociology of Family

Examines how family forms have changed over time in the United States, including the macro causes and consequences of different family structures and role expectations. Patterns and dynamics of dating, family formation, child rearing, divorce, and extended family support systems are also covered. (5 units)

163. Sociology of Work and Occupation

Ideological and institutional characteristics of modern industrial society and some of its basic problems, such as alienation, affluence and work motivation models, primary group influences, and leadership behavior. (5 units)

164. Collective Behavior

Analytical study of collective behavior principles: typology of crowds, mass behavior, and the characteristics of publics. Introduction to social movements. (5 units)

172. Management of Health Care Organizations

Explores the sociological and practical issues of operations, financing, and management in organizations providing services for people with health problems (organizations such as nursing homes and hospitals) or people with infirmities (organizations such as senior care centers and assisted living facilities). (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: OUTWARD BOUND

125. Honors Thesis

Ordinarily requires an overall GPA of 3.3, a GPA of 3.5 in the major, completion of SOCI 121, and approval of a thesis proposal defining a topic, outlining a theoretically driven research design, and having a timetable for conducting various stages of the research. *May be taken only with special permission of the sociology chair.* (5 units)

198. Internship

Opportunity for students to employ sociological insights in human service/community, government, or business organizations. Students spend the majority of class time off campus and then reflect on their experiences through discussions in class and papers. May be repeated once for credit, under certain circumstances and with the approval of the sociology chair. *Prerequisites: An overall GPA of 2.7 or permission of the sociology chair is necessary. Students must register with the internship coordinator the quarter before they wish to register for the course.* (5 units)

199. Directed Reading/Directed Research

Intensive reading in areas not emphasized by the department. Independent research on specific topics not fully covered in departmental courses. May be repeated once for credit, under certain circumstances and with the approval of the sociology chair. *Written departmental approval necessary in the quarter prior to registration.* (5 units)

UPPER-DIVISION COURSES: OTHER

133. Politics and Society in Developing Societies

Social and political change in the Third World. Relationship between economic and social development and the emergence of democratic, authoritarian, or revolutionary regimes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Emphasis on ways in which the international system influences development through investigation of theories of interdependence, dependency, and neoimperialism. (5 units)

162. Political Sociology

Analysis of power relations in the United States. Examination of different dimensions of power. Particular emphasis on the development of social protest movements. (5 units)

176. Elder Law

A survey of public policy issues particularly affecting the elderly. Consideration of the legal aspects of death and dying, involuntary commitment, guardianship and conservatorship, age discrimination, public benefit programs, and nursing homes. (5 units)

190. Advanced Seminars in Sociology

Seminars for juniors and seniors on selected issues in sociology or current problems of social relevance. (5 units)

191. Peer Educators

Peer Educators in Sociology work closely with a faculty member to help students in a course understand course material, think more deeply about course material, benefit from collaborative learning, feel less anxious about testing situations and/or to help students enjoy learning. *Enrollment is by permission of the instructor.* (5 units)