

**INTEGRATIVE  
STUDIES IN SOCIAL,  
BEHAVIORAL AND  
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**Center for Integrative  
Studies in Social,  
Behavioral and  
Economic Sciences  
College of Social Science**

**210 Society and the Individual (D)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Evolution of human behavior with an emphasis on the individual and society. Family and kinship, social organizations. Societal types, personality, and the life cycle.

**215 Social Differentiation and Inequality (D)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Types, causes and consequences of stratification in human societies. Age, class, gender, race and other factors which define social position. Education, occupation, political economy.

**220 Time, Space and Change in Human Society (D)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Evolutionary, ecological, and spatial theories of adaptation and change. Cultural evolution from prehistoric foraging to the post-industrial age. Continuity and change in the emergence and development of contemporary ways of life.

**225 Power, Authority, and Exchange (D)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Power, authority, and exchange in organizing societies. Costs and limitations of power. Institutionalization of authority. Systems of exchange: planned vs. market economies.

**230 Government and the Individual (D)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Critical examination of the role of government in regulating individual behavior. Implications for cultural values and beliefs and modes of behavior. Analysis of consequences of different theories for resolving, or creating problems in public policy.

**235 Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life (D)**  
Fall. 4(4-0)

Cultural tendencies of liberal democracy that form the characters and constitute the ways of life of individuals in liberal democracies.

**305 Evaluating Evidence: Becoming a Smart Research Consumer (N)**

Fall. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Statistical and methodological principles from the perspective of a critical consumer of social science research results. Recognizing non-empirical assertions, necessary bases for inferring relationships and causal relationships, common threats to research validity, and pertinent biases in human judgment.

**308 Social Science Approaches to Law (D)**  
Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Law theories, practices, methodologies. Social, cultural, institutional, global, environmental, family, or historical context.

**310 People and Environment (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Contemporary issues related to the interaction of socio-cultural and ecological systems. Global, regional, national and local environmental problems and responses.

**315 Global Diversity and Interdependence (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Contemporary issues in global political economy. Social forces and competing ideologies in a world context. Global resource distribution and development strategies. National identities and transnational linkages. First and Third World dichotomies.

**318 Lifespan Development Across Cultures (I)**  
Fall. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Cultural aspects of biopsychosocial development across the lifespan. Physical development, health and healing. Cognition and language socialization. Views of self, gender, family, and social relationships. Adult development and intergenerational relationships within the context of culture. National and international issues related to human development.

**320 World Urban Systems (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Patterns of urbanization in various areas of the world over time. Linkage within and between urban centers. Economic, political and social/behavioral accommodation and adaptation to urban growth and change.

**325 War and Revolution (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Social conflict, wars and revolutions. Patterns of individual and collective action. Violence and conflict resolution.

**327 Risk and Society (D)**  
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Assessment, management, and communication of risk. Role of media in amplifying risk. Topics may include gangs, terrorism, health, stock markets, job markets, sports, food, and traffic. Similarities and differences in understanding risk among scientists and the public, and between natural and social scientists.

**328 The Social Science of Sports (I)**  
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Contemporary issues in sports. Critical examination of the industrial organization, public finance, labor relations, earnings, discrimination, and historical context of sports in society. Analysis of sports gambling, performance enhancement, and strategic decision-making.

**330A Africa: Social Science Perspectives (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Africa. Diversity and change.

**330B Asia: Social Science Perspectives (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Asia. Diversity and change.

**330C Latin America: Social Science Perspectives (I)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Latin America. Diversity and change.

**335 National Diversity and Change: United States (N)**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors. SA: ISS 335A

Racial, ethnic, class, gender, and other forms of diversity in the United States. Systems of dominant-minority relations and forms of prejudice and discrimination. Scope of and responses to group inequalities.

**336 Canada: Social Science Perspectives (I)**  
Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors. SA: ISS 335B

Canadian political, economic, and social institutions. Ethnic and other forms of diversity in Canada. North American national comparisons.