

SOCIOLOGY

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Department of Sociology
College of Social Science**100 Introduction to Sociology**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

Nature of sociological inquiry. Concepts and principles of sociology. Institutional features of modern society. Structure and dynamics of social organizations.

131 Social Problems

Fall. 3(3-0)

The role of social movements, the legal system, public policy and opinion in the resolution of poverty, crime, racism, sexism, and ecological problems.

161 International Development and Change

Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

Global issues of development and change. Population growth, poverty, structural inequalities, environmental degradation, social conflicts, social movements. Alternative development strategies and future perspectives.

214 Social Inequality

Spring. 3(3-0) SA: SOC 330

Theories of structural social inequality. Formation and change of inequalities among social classes and class structures, gender, and race. Inequalities and their interactions in modern societies. Consequences of inequalities. Current inequality trends.

215 Race and Ethnicity

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

Racial and ethnic problems in contemporary society. Prejudice, discrimination, conflict, and racial and ethnic identity and segregation in western and non-western societies.

216 Sex and Gender

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

Social structural and social psychological perspectives on gender. Issues related to gender inequality in selected institutions such as economy, family, education, and politics.

220 Criminology

Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Criminal Justice. P: CJ 110 or (SOC 100 or concurrently) R: Open to students in the Sociology Major or in the Criminal Justice Major or approval of school.

Introduction to the socio-legal foundation of crime. Crime typology and measurement procedures. Theory and public policy. Societal responses to crime and criminals.

241 Social Psychology

Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in PSY 235.

Relationship of individuals to their social environment. Social influences on personality, attitudes and behavior.

252 Introduction to Environmental Sociology

Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)

Key concepts, theories, methods, and findings in environmental sociology.

281 Social Research Methods

Fall. 4(3-2)

Design and execution of social research. Ethics in research. Conceptualization, measurement, sampling, data collection, validity and reliability. Descriptive analysis. Presentation of conclusions.

282 Quantitative Analysis for Social Research

Spring. 4(3-2) P: SOC 281

Experiments. Selected quantitative techniques of data analysis including regression and analysis of variance.

310 Global Migration

Spring. 3(3-0)

Theory and research on the causes and consequences of human migration. Sociological, social psychological, historical, and demographic perspectives.

315 Family and Society

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

Family development. Diversity of family form and organization in relation to personality, class, race, and gender.

316 Youth and Society

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)

Behavioral analysis of youth. Youth subcultures. Youth at risk. Social change and youth behavior.

319 Introduction to Earth System Science

Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Entomology and Geological Sciences and Integrative Biology and Plant Biology. Administered by Entomology. RB: Completion of one course in biological or physical science.

Systems approach to Earth as an integration of geochemical, geophysical, biological and social components. Global dynamics at a variety of spatio-temporal scales. Sustainability of the Earth system.

322 Sociology of Work

Fall. 3(3-0)

Social significance of work. Forces changing contemporary occupational structure. Career patterns. Occupational status and mobility. Social organization of various types of work. Gender and work. Social influence on work attitudes.

325 Play, Games, and Sports

Fall. 3(3-0)

How we learn about ourselves through playing, games, and participating in sports. Game development, and rule development and implementation in games and sports. Role of the media in determining appropriate behavior.

331 Political Sociology

Fall. 3(3-0)

Social power theories, dynamics, and structures. The economy and the polity. Power elites and democracy. Social bases of political behavior and participation. Sociopolitical movements.

351 Gendered Violence and Intersections of Power

Summer. 3(3-0)

Gendered violence from an intersectional perspective. Ways intersecting social statuses such as race, class, and sexuality shape gendered experiences.

361 Contemporary Communities

Spring. 3(3-0)

Approaches to the study of contemporary communities. Differential levels of community complexity. Social problems and dynamics of community change and development in local settings and their relation to external institutions.

362 Developing Societies

Fall. 3(3-0)

Dynamics of agricultural and industrial transformations in developing nations. Structural problems, behavioral patterns, and institutional changes at local and societal levels. Socioeconomic interdependencies in the world system.

363 Rural Sociology

Fall. 3(3-0)

Overview of rural societies in transition. Adjustments of rural people, families, and communities to societal changes. Survival strategies. Social aspects of contemporary agriculture and rural development processes.

368 Science, Technology and Society

Fall. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Lyman Briggs. Administered by Sociology. RB: (LB 133) or some familiarity with basic concepts and methods in sociology. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.

Role of science and technology in social change. Values and ethics in contemporary perspectives, controversies, and cases. Science and technology as forms of knowledge.

375 Urban Sociology

Fall. 3(3-0)

Social theories and research on urban development, organization, and change. Urban social life. Sociological aspects of urban planning and redevelopment.

412 Animals, People and Nature

Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.

Sociological overview of the intersecting roles of animals, culture and nature in contemporary society.

416 Global Regions

Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.

Overview of a specified global region within a context of global transformations.

424 Organizations and Society

Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.

Formal and informal organizations and bureaucracies. Interorganizational relationships. Structural and procedural problems of organizations. Utility of analytical models of organizations.

427 Environmental Toxicology and Society

Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science. Administered by Animal Science. RB: ISB 200 or ISB 202 or ISB 204 or BMB 200 or BS 161 or BS 181H or LB 145 or BS 162 or BS 182H or LB 144

Impact of environmental chemicals on health and modern society. Cellular and organ functions and their interface with the environment. Limitations of scientific investigation and environmental regulations.

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- 447 Community Economic Development**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability and Environmental Economics and Policy. Administered by Community Sustainability. P: EC 201 or EC 202 SA: ESA 470, RD 470
Theories, frameworks, policies, concepts, principles, models, and skills for community economic development. Community participation in local development initiatives.
- 451 Dynamics of Population**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.
Size, distribution, and composition of population by age and sex. Theories of the effect of fertility, mortality, and migration on population structures. Successful and unsuccessful population policies.
- 452 Advanced Seminar in Environmental Sociology**
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: SOC 252 or approval of department R: Not open to freshmen.
Environmental conditions and social organization. Social relations and connection to resource use, pollution, energy, and risks. Growth and limits to growth. Environmental attitudes, actions, movements, and regulation.
- 461 Basic Demographic Techniques and Applications**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.
Global sources of demographic data. Characteristics of populations. Decomposition and standardization. Life table analysis. Indices of fertility, mortality, and migration. Population projections
- 463 Food Fight: Politics of Food**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability. Administered by Community Sustainability. P: CSUS 200 or SOC 100 RB: (CSUS 343) and Familiarity with social science theories and methods R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Social power and its influence in US agrifood system. Structural and cultural issues related to politics of food consumption, production, labor, processing, retail, techno-science, policy, resistance movements.
- 475 Health and Society**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Social causes of Health and disease. Health disparities related to race-ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender and family. Organizations, professions and institutions of health care. Medical standards and evidence. Global public health.
- 477 Visual Sociology**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.
Use of visual images to understand power, ideology, politics, and cultural constructions.
- 478 Climate Change and Society**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement
Climate change as a societal challenge. The nature of climate change, its role in human history, and vulnerabilities of coupled human and natural systems to climate change.
- 480 Advanced Research Methods in Sociology**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SOC 281 or approval of department RB: SOC 282 or concurrently R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.
Advanced training in methodologies commonly used in specific sub-fields of sociology.
- 481 Social Movements and Collective Identities**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.
How social movements emerge, change, and are challenged by others. Identity issues within social movements.
- 488 Sociological Theory (W)**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement RB: 12 credits in sociology.
Development of sociological theory. Problems of theory construction. Current theoretical perspectives.
- 490 Special Topics in Sociology**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to students in the Department of Sociology.
Experimental courses and courses taught by visiting scholars.
- 496 Individual Readings**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department.
Supervised individual readings and study in sociology.
- 497 Individual Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department.
Supervised individual research in sociology.
- 498 Sociology Internship**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department.
Practical experience with a public, private, or non-profit organization.
- 499 Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society (W)**
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Not open to freshmen.
Selected major social problems in contemporary societies. Sources and consequences of social change. Application of sociological theory to selected cases.
- 801 Global Transformations**
Fall. 3(3-0) RB: basic familiarity with sociological theory
The impact of political, economic, and cultural globalization on states, cities, and local communities.
- 815 Classical Sociological Theory**
Fall. 3(3-0)
Nineteenth- and early twentieth-century sociological theory from Marx to Pareto in socio-historical context. Development of contemporary sociology theory and research from the classics.
- 816 Contemporary Sociological Theory**
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 815
Theories and conceptual schemes of contemporary social theorists. Relevance for sociological research.
- 820 Contemporary Sociological Research in the Family**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
Family structure. Family and marital attitudes. Family and social policy.
- 831 Intersections of Class, Race, and Gender**
Spring. 3(3-0)
Class, race, and gender in the U.S. Differential opportunities and choices in social and economic life.
- 832 International Inequality and Development**
Fall of even years. 3(3-0)
Theories of cultural action and social change in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Effects of research results on change and development.
- 833 Gender and Power**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0)
Theory and research on gender and sexual inequality in socially-based systems of production and reproduction. Global and national gender inequalities in selected institutional settings.
- 836 Race, Politics, and Social Structure**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
National and international perspectives on the structures and manifestations of racial inequality. Concepts, methods, and quantitative and qualitative analysis.
- 838 Comparative Urban Theory**
Fall. 3(3-0)
Social theories of urban development and change in international and comparative perspective. Relationship of urban theory to urban experience, practice, and policy in different societies.
- 839 Structural Inequalities and Families**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 831
Macrostructural forces and family life. Role of class, race, and gender.
- 840 Animals and Social Transformations**
Spring. 3(3-0)
Historical examination of the human-animal relationships.
- 841 Social Movements**
Fall. 3(3-0)
Major theories, conceptual issues, and methodologies from the foundation to the cutting edge of the sociological literature on social movements
- 852 Migration and Social Change**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0)
Theory and research on the causes and consequences of human migration. Sociological, social psychological, and demographic perspectives.
- 854 Methods and Paradigms in Migration Studies**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History.
Methods and paradigms in the interdisciplinary study of migration used by historians, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers, and others.

- 858 Gender, Justice and Environmental Change : Issues and Concepts**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Criminal Justice and Community Sustainability and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Women's Studies. Administered by Community Sustainability. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources.
Issues and concepts related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Key debates and theoretical approaches to addressing environmental issues from a gender and social justice perspective. Gender and environment issues and processes from a global perspective.
- 859 Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change: Methods and Application**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Resource Development. Administered by Anthropology. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources.
Methods and case studies related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Methodological and fieldwork issues from a feminist perspective in international and intercultural contexts. Qualitative and quantitative methods for integrating social and environmental data.
- 865 Environmental Sociology**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
Effects of attitudes, social structure, and policy on the causes and consequences of natural resource depletion, pollution, energy use, growth, and technological risks. Response of movements and policies to environmental problems.
- 869 Community and Conservation**
Fall of even years, Summer of even years. 3 credits. Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Resource Development. Administered by Sociology. RB: Social Science methods, social science theory and environmental coursework.
Use of experiential, participatory, field-based mode of inquiry to develop understanding of social and cultural issues associated with conservation. Understanding of different social positions and perspectives.
- 873 Social Organization of Health and Medicine**
Spring. 3(3-0)
Organization, delivery, and financing of health care. Public health systems, professional training and associations, and technology. International comparisons.
- 881 Analysis of Social Data I**
Fall. 3(2-2) RB: One course in statistics. R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology.
Applications of statistical techniques to social science data. Multiple regression. SPSS. Interpretation, strengths, and weaknesses of various statistical practices.
- 882 Analysis of Social Data II**
Spring. 3(2-2) RB: SOC 881 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology.
Applications of multiple regression, path analysis, and factor analysis to social science data. Interpretation, strengths, and weaknesses of commonly used statistical practices.
- 883 Multi-Equation Quantitative Models**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Science and Policy. Administered by Sociology. P: SOC 881 and SOC 882 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology and open to graduate students in the Environmental Science and Policy Specialization or approval of department.
Quantitative methodology: multilevel modeling; structural equation modeling. Applications in sociology and environment.
- 884 Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: SOC 881 and SOC 882 RB: A solid knowledge of multiple regressions is required.
Application of statistical methods to analyze data in a longitudinal design.
- 885 Methods of Sociological Inquiry**
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Sociology major or approval of department.
Methods of social science. Comparison of methods. Philosophy of science and social science. Epistemology.
- 890 Individual Readings**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 9 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 16 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty-supervised readings in Sociology.
- 897 Seminar in Feminist Theories, Epistemologies, and Pedagogy**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with English and Philosophy and Teacher Education and Women's Studies. Administered by Women's Studies.
Foundational knowledge, theory, epistemology, and pedagogy in women's and gender studies from a multi-disciplinary, global perspective.
- 899 Master's Thesis Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 9 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 16 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Master's thesis research.
- 931 Topics in Structural Inequality**
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Current research on socioeconomic class, gender inequality, racial and ethnic inequality, power structures, social conflict, urban dynamics, or social change.
- 950 Topics in Rural and Environmental Studies**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Adoption of innovations, consolidation of food production enterprises, or community response to farm crises.
- 970 Topics in Wellbeing and Health**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Topics such as family work and stress, risk and uncertainty, social epidemiology, and life course.
- 974 Social Attitudes**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 870 or SOC 872
Attitude and behavior measurement. Structure and function of social attitudes. Persuasion and attitude change.
- 977 Social Epidemiology**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Epidemiology. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 or approval of department RB: (LCS 829 or EPI 812) or equivalent R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
Introduction to the field of social epidemiology and the social determinants of health. Contemporary theoretical and methodological issues in social epidemiology.
- 985 Qualitative Field Research**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in Sociology.
Qualitative research methods. Participant observation, interview, and field documents. Design, data gathering, and analysis.
- 986 Survey Research Principles**
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 881
Design, analysis, sampling, questionnaire construction, interviewing, and data processing.
- 989 Topics in Sociological Methodology**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Evaluation research. Experimental or comparative research methods.
- 995 Professional Training Seminar**
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology.
Development of knowledge and skills for the profession of sociology. Course design, teaching techniques, acquiring grants, outreach activities, collaboration with community and government, publishing and networking. Preparation of course syllabi, teaching philosophy, research agenda and job application.
- 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Doctoral dissertation research.