

SOCIOLOGY (SOCY)

SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

This course introduces students to core sociological theorists and perspectives, including functionalism, conflict and symbolic interactionism, and familiarizes them with basic research designs, terminology and findings within the context of collective behavior and social movements.

SOCY 102 Social Problems 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

An introductory to descriptions, theories, proposed solutions, and research methods for a variety of social problems including inequality, poverty, unemployment, environmental issues, family problems, and violence.

SOCY 103 Cultural Diversity 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course introduces the student to racial, ethnic, gender and social class variation within the United States and the global community to enable the student to better understand, live with, and appreciate diversity.

SOCY 113 Sociology of American Family 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

A study of the development and change of the American family since 1890. This study will explore the impact of urbanization, industrialization, increased mobility, extended education and the changing status of women on the American family.

SOCY 214 Criminology 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

A study of the nature and causes of crime and the results of various attempts to reduce crime.

SOCY 227 Population and Ecology 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Study of the basic issue of the world's population increase and distribution in relation to natural resources, standards of living, political systems, changes in physical and cultural environments.

SOCY 238 Social Psychology 4 Credit Hours (3,2)

This course examines the social nature of humans, exploring both the influence of social structures upon behavior and the process by which people create social structures; explains symbolic interactionist theory; and introduces qualitative research methods, which are applied in a field study conducted by the student.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY101 with a grade of C or better; ENGL110 with a grade of C or better

SOCY 266 Medical Sociology 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

The study of social distributions and social determinants of health, as well as the societal conditions that affect health. Recommended course: SOCY101 or SOCY102.

SOCY 301 Social Research Methods 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Identification of research problems, concepts and theoretically derived hypothesis; Review of principle methods of experimental design, survey and field research and unobtrusive analysis.

Prerequisite(s): Junior Status or Permission of Instructor

SOCY 302 Statistics for Social Science 4 Credit Hours (4,0)

The social foundation of statistical inference is discussed and elementary statistical concepts are introduced through numerical problems: Z scores, t-test, chi square, correlation, ANOVA, etc.

Prerequisite(s): MATH088 or equivalent/satisfactory score on ACT or Placement Exam

SOCY 310 Dev of Sociological Theory 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

A critical analysis of the contributions to sociological theory by Comte, Spencer, Marx, Durkheim, Pareto, Weber and others.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY238

SOCY 311 Comtemp Sociological Theory 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Critical analysis of major sociological theories of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY238

SOCY 314 Social Change 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Study of trends in industrial societies, theories explaining these changes, and the role of social movements in social change; focusing primarily on industrialized societies with some discussion of developing countries.

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or three hours of sociology

SOCY 321 Sociology of Women 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This analysis of the roles and status of women in contemporary American society covers social structure, social psychology and social movements; also includes some cross-cultural comparisons.

SOCY 326 Sociology Aging and the Aged 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Examines aging and the aged in American society from the sociological perspective.

SOCY 327 Sociology of Dying and Death 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Sociological examination of dying and death.

SOCY 338 Deviance 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Analysis of causes and consequences of deviant behavior and the development of deviant subcultures; examination of various societal responses to control deviance and their effectiveness.

Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or three hours of sociology and/or human services

SOCY 339 Culture and Personality 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

Analysis of the role of culture in shaping personality using both contemporary industrial society and also cross-culture material.

Prerequisite(s): Three hours of sociology or junior standing

SOCY 399 Sociology Junior Seminar 1 Credit Hour (1,0)

Students will develop a proposal for their senior project through lecture and discussion, mentoring by seniors, and collaboration with colleagues.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY238, SOCY302, SOCY304, and SOCY/SOWK202

SOCY 401 Sociology Seminar I 1 Credit Hour (1,0)

Meetings provide instruction for the senior project covering locating sources, moving from theory to research, constructing a review of literature and designing methods.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY399

SOCY 402 Sociology Seminar II 1 Credit Hour (1,0)

Class meetings provide instruction for the senior project, focusing upon designing and conducting research, analyzing data, completing final report, preparing poster and formal presentation.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY401 and SOCY495

SOCY 420 Sociology of Cannabis 3 Credit Hours (3,0)

This course focuses on the cultural importance, changes in use, and reactions to various forms of marijuana, as well as the differential effects of prohibition and legalization on both the individual and various social institutions.

Prerequisite(s): Junior Status or permission of instructor

SOCY 490 Ind Research Topics Sociology 1-4 Credit Hours

This may take the form of either a research project or a program of directed reading on a specific topic. One to four credits over a period of one or two semesters may be granted according to the nature of the student's project. May be repeated to a total of six credits. (1-4) 1-4

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor

SOCY 495 Senior Project I 2 Credit Hours (0,6)

In this practicum, under the guidance of a Sociology faculty member, the student prepares a review of literature and research plan for an independent research project in sociology.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY399

SOCY 496 Senior Project II 2 Credit Hours (0,6)

In this practicum, under the guidance of a Sociology faculty member, the student refines the research plan prepared in SOCY495, gathers data, completes an analysis, writes up the findings, presents the study in a public forum and prepares a poster.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY401 and SOCY495

SOCY 497 Community Action Project 3 Credit Hours (1,6)

This is an applied course in which, under the guidance of a sociology faculty member, the student carries out a practical project designed to address a community need identified in and elaborated upon in SOCY495.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY401 and SOCY495