

Undergraduate

SOC 1000 Introduction to Sociology (3)

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SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology: Honors Course (3)

The study of social life, society, and the individual within a global and multicultural context. An introduction to the theories, research, and methods of sociology. May be substituted for SOC 1000 as a prerequisite.

Prerequisites: In top 25% of entering students on SAT verbal scores, or sophomore standing or above with 3.0 overall grade point average.

SOC 2500 Introduction to Global Studies (3)

Earth viewed in terms of its major natural and social systems; attention to global problems, related values and possible courses of action; case studies of problems related to „sustainable development“ such as global warming and environmental justice.

Prerequisites: One course in one of Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science or Psychology

SOC 2050 Social Statistics (3)

Introduction to statistical techniques most frequently used in social research. Emphasis on statistics as a tool for presentation of information and decision-making process.

Prerequisites: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 2052 Methods of Social Research (3)

Exposure to scientific paradigms, research designs, methods and analysis used in social sciences research. Development of critical thought and consideration of ethical and political issues in the practice of social research. Emphasis on writing skills through the development of a research proposal.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3050 Development of Sociological Theory (3)

A critical survey of the major theoretical viewpoints in nineteenth and early twentieth century sociological thought.

Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 3052 Qualitative Methods in Social Research (3)

An introduction to the qualitative aspects of research with emphasis on the theory and practice of the techniques of content analysis, participant observation and interviewing.

Prerequisites: SOC 1000.

SOC 3060 Society and Self (3)

Analysis of the influence of social factors on the nature of self-attitudes. Beliefs and values. Review of theory and research on the nature of the socialization process.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3420 Environment and Society (3)

An analysis of environmental problems as a social phenomenon. Understanding the impact of social institutions, values, policies and movements on creating and resolving environmental problems.

Prerequisites: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 4051 Contemporary and Sociological Theory (3)

An investigation of various theoretical frameworks utilized by sociologists in viewing societies, social institutions and social inter-action. An analysis of the major work of a number of modern and post-modern sociological theorists.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4052 Evaluation Research (3)

An introduction to the direct application of research methods to the evaluation of any purposive change plan; a social program, an advertising campaign, job training.

Prerequisites: SOC 2050 and 2052 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4054, 4055 Advanced Research Seminar I, II (3, 3)

Direct involvement in the methodological and statistical techniques needed to collect and analyze „real-life“ quantitative data. Large scale data analysis techniques. Experience in preparing data results for application to ongoing policy processes.

Prerequisites: SOC 2050 and 2052 or their equivalent and permission of department chairperson. CPS 1931 is recommended. SOC 4054 is prerequisite for SOC 4055.

SOC 4060 Personal and Social Interaction (3)

Face-to-face interaction, how the individual relates to others at work, in friendships, and in intimate relationships.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4070 Special Topics in Sociology: Honors Seminar I (3)

Intensive study and exploration of a content area and/or research technique in which the instructor has special expertise and students have particular interest. Topics will vary.

Prerequisites: Minimum 9 Sociology credits with a 3.3 overall grade point average, or permission of instructor.

SOC 4071 Special Topics in Sociology: Honors Seminar II (3)

Intensive study and exploration of a content area and/or research technique in which the instructor has special expertise and students have particular interest. Topics will vary.

Prerequisites: Minimum 9 Sociology credits with a 3.3 overall grade point average, or permission of instructor.

SOC 4090 Independent Study (3)

An opportunity for the senior sociology student to develop and carry out an individual project subject to the permission of an advisor and the department chairperson. Meetings arranged by the student and advisor.

SOC 4095 Internship in Sociology (3)

Application of sociological concepts to community settings. Combines work in a field placement and a weekly seminar to assist in integrating field experience with sociological theory. Career development activities included in seminar.

Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Sociology major or minor; SOC 2052 Methods of Social research; approved petition required.

SOC 4600 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)

Collaborative course dealing with major empirical and theoretical accomplishments in Sociology. Each seminar is focused on a theme and requires student research projects demonstrating integration of advanced sociological and general knowledge and skills.

Prerequisites: Major in Sociology and senior status. Writing Emphasis Course

SOC 2100 Sociology of the Family (3)

Study of families in contemporary society. Examination of the impact of globalizing forces upon family life, family as a gendered experience, and variations in family by race, ethnicity, social class, and sexual orientation.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3110 Sociology of Education (3)

Education as a social institution and an organizational complex. The relationship between educational objectives and cultural values, manifest and latent functions of education.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3150 Urban Sociology (3)

Analysis of the process of urbanization, urban settlement patterns, social structure, and life styles. Consideration of the particular problems posed by the urban settings.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3151 The Community (3)

An analysis of human communities studied in relationship to the global processes of industrialization and urbanization. Review of the theories and research on various types of communities with a focus on changing bases for the construction of community and inter-community relationships.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3263 Sociological Analysis of Social Media (3)

A sociological examination of communication technologies in contemporary society.

SOC 3404 Society and Computer Culture (3)

Sociological investigation of relationships among computers, culture, and society. Social effects of the computer as an example of technological expansion within societies. The social bases for computer development. Familiarity with computers helpful.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4100 Sociology of Religion (3)

A comparative and analytical treatment of religion as a social institution. The relation of religion to family, government, economy and other structures. Religion considered as an agent of change and stability in society.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4110 Political Sociology (3)

A review and analysis of theory and research on the nature and distribution of power in society. A study of the social variables and processes determining stability and change in the political institution.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4120 The American Dream: Democracy and Capitalism (3)

The American Dream as a set of strongly held values, beliefs, and attitudes embodying the aspirations of people. Competing approaches on ways to achieve the American Dream including economic democracy. The future of the American Dream in a global context.

Prerequisites: Six hours taken from two of the following: Sociology, Political Science, or Economics or the permission of the instructor.

SOC 4150 Sociology of Death (3)

Examination of the social aspects of death and dying. An analysis of cultural factors involved in death-related behavior through the use of a cross-societal perspective. Discussion of mutual relationships between an individual's death and social systems.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4300 Sociology of Health Care (3)

An examination of the influence of social and cultural phenomena on sickness and health. Analysis of the organization of medical care and medical institutions.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 3200 Work and Careers: A Sociological Approach (3)

The world of work in modern industrial society examined and analyzed in terms of management theory, human relations and occupations.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4200 The Sociology of Organizational Life (3)

A survey of theory and research on complex or formal organizations. Major emphasis on the bureaucratic model and special adaptations.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 2300 American Ethnic and Racial Groups (3)

Social relations, experiences, and cultures of ethnic and racial groups in American society. Comparisons with other societies.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 2305 Hispanic Americans in Contemporary Society (3)

An intensive investigation of Hispanic ethnic groups in modern United States society, with attention focused on the dynamics of migration and settlement, enduring sociocultural patterns, and the processes and problems of inclusion and assimilation.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 2308 The Female World: Fairy Tale and Fact (3)

Women as members of society; how their life chances are influenced by how societies define women and how these societies act toward women. Emphasis on society in the United States.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3061 China: A Sociological Approach (3)

General overview of contemporary Chinese society from a sociological perspective.

SOC 3170 Japanese Challenge: Lessons for America (3)

A comparative study of Japanese society: the family, community, workplace, politics, and government. An evaluation of the claim that Japan is „number one“ in crucial areas challenging America today such as worker productivity, crime control, quality and equality in education and industrial policy.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3350 Social Inequality in America (3)

An analysis of wealth, power, and prestige in America. Comparisons with other societies.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3360 Population (3)

Analysis of fertility, mortality and migration processes in the United States and globally. Investigation of the social, economic and cultural determinants and consequences of population change. Exploration of contemporary social issues utilizing a demographic perspective.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 3370 Sociology of the American Jewish Community (3)

Sociological analysis of the American Jewish community; historical evolution of the community; social structure and religious movements; Jewish demography and politics; patterns of Jewish identification; anti-Semitism and Jewish reactions; future trends in the American Jewish community.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of department chairperson.

SOC 4301 Gender and Society (3)

An analysis of the social and cultural determinants of sexual behavior. Examination of the social roles of men and women and the possible influence of sex differences on the organization of society.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4350 Sociology of Aging (3)

Aging as a social process at the individual and the societal level. The demography of age strata, strat boundaries and age-related experience in American society.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 2710 Crime and Delinquency (3)

An analysis of crime and delinquency as social phenomena. The relationship of crime and delinquency to various social institutions such as the economy, the family, the law.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

Equivalent to CJ 2610: Students will not receive credit for both SOC 2170 and CJ 2610.

SOC 3400 Collective Behavior (3)

A review of concepts about human interaction in unstructured situations as in a panic, craze, a riot. The role of rumor, propaganda and public opinion in such phenomena. Studies in depth of selected contemporary examples.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 3410 Social Movements (3)

An examination of sociological and social psychological theories of the origins and career patterns of social movements. Study in depth of selected examples.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4401 Social Change (3)

An investigation of various theoretical frameworks utilized in describing and explaining social change. Analysis of case studies of change in modern societies.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000 or permission of instructor.

SOC 4450 Sociology of Extreme Situations (3)

A sociological analysis of extreme situations. Emphasis on the mass murder and death camp experiences of Jews during World War II; comparisons with other extreme situations such as trench warfare, the bombing of Hiroshima and its aftermath, institutionalization in asylums and prisons, and mass suicide. Social problems of survivors and their families.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4700 Sociology of Deviance (3)

Analysis of deviant behavior as a general characteristic of social systems. Critical review of various sociological theories concerning the nature and function of deviance.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000,

SOC 2000 Introduction to Social Justice (3)

A sociological examination of social justice focusing on selected case studies at the local, national, and global levels. The study of the meaning of social justice, the manifestations and sociological explanations of injustice, and strategies for achieving a more just social world.

Prerequisite: SOC 1000.

SOC 4000 Seminar in Social Justice (3)

Collaborative course dealing with major ongoing challenges as well as accomplishments in the areas of social justice at local, national, and global levels. Seminar will address empirical, theoretical, and applied work in sociological approaches to the area of social justice. Requires a seminar research project that uses conceptual skills in the design and conduct of the research.

Prerequisites: SOC 2000, Major in Sociology, and Junior or Senior Status.

Graduate**SOC 5000 Introduction to Social Justice (3)**

An examination of what constitutes social justice and how notions of justice and injustice are present in the work of classic and modern social theorists. An analysis of injustice in the United States and the world and the efforts, past and present, to challenge oppressive, unjust structures through various forms of political activity.

Prerequisite: SOC 2000

SOC 5301 Research Practicum in Social Justice (3)

This required course will provide opportunities to apply the content of the courses taken in route to completing the M.A. degree. Candidates will take volunteer positions in non-profit and other organizations that serve a social justice function for their communities. Candidates will be expected to gain working and applied research experience as they apply what they learn in previous courses in meaningful roles within these organizations. The Research Practicum will be used as one element upon which the student's work on the thesis will be based.

SOC 5111 Analyzing Power and Oppression (3)

The course is an in-depth exploration of minority status and its relationship to power and oppression. It examines the nature, structure, consequences, and social bases of power and its misuses to create and oppress social groups on the basis of several social labels. Advanced theoretical as well as research material will be studied, and its practical and applied dimensions will be considered. Extreme forms of discrimination and oppression will be studied as examples of human rights violations.

SOC 5151 Class and Social Injury (3)

A sociology examination of the meaning of social class and class inequality. An analysis of the micro-sociological and macro-sociological significance of social class in its impact on life chances, self concepts, and social identities. Prerequisites: None for graduate students SOC 2000 for Undergraduate Students.

SOC 5010 Consulting and Action Research in Social Justice (3)

An examination of the roles of the internal and external consultant in supporting social justice oriented efforts and organizations. An exploration of the methodologies, strategies, and techniques used in organizational consultation and action research and their application in addressing social justice issues and related institutional goals. Prerequisite: Enrollment in the MA program in Sociology and Social Justice or permission of the instructor

SOC 5060: Social Justice Policy (3)

A sociological examination of proposed and implemented policies and the strategies for influencing and changing social policy as it pertains to areas related to social justice. Case studies of social policies that have perpetuated injustice, those that have been developed to achieve social justice, and efforts to affect the policy process.

Prerequisite: SOC 5000

SOC 5160: The Oppressive Workplace (3)

An examination of the abuse by those with economic and political power of those in their employ, and the ways in which such conditions undermine productivity and human relations, as well as the personal, socioeconomic, and global consequences of workplace abuse and exploitation. Strategies and initiatives will be studied by which to reduce such deleterious conditions and consequences.

Prerequisite: SOC 4600

SOC 5302: Thesis Supervision in Sociology (3)

Student will work under the supervision of a faculty mentor in writing the Thesis. Faculty supervision will focus on the areas of problem development, research design, conceptualization and operationalization data analysis, and thesis completion.

SOC 5101: Gender, Society, and Inequality (3)

An examination of the social construction of gender in the United States and around the world. Gender will be viewed as an ever-changing social construction that is mediated by dominant social institutions, everyday practice and movements for social change and gender justice. Specific focus will be placed on the social structural basis of gender inequality and the ways in which gender intersects with other categories of oppression, such as race, ethnicity and sexuality.

SOC 5120: Environmental Justice and Social Resistance (3)

An examination of the contemporary environmental crisis in the United States and around the world, a focusing on its social institutional causes and social constraints on solutions. Emphasis will be placed on economic, political and cultural perspectives on the environmental crisis, analyses of the inequitable

distribution of environmental costs and benefits, and social movement challenges to the environmental crisis and environmental inequality.

Prerequisite: SOC 3420

SOC 5161: Sociological Analysis of Mediated Communication Technologies: Media Sociology (3)

Sociological analysis of the different ways in which our society is mediated by communication technologies, including an emphasis on the use of communication technologies for social justice. (E3)

SOC 5100: The Sociology of Global Oppression (3)

The goal of this course is to provide the students with an in depth understanding of the social processes and hegemonic forces that have led to oppression and inequality on a global scale. The course will focus on a macro sociological analysis of contemporary global oppression understood in social, cultural, economic and political contexts. Students will also be shown examples of where macro and micro sociological analysis intersect during detailed examination of specific examples of oppression throughout the world. In addition to the above, the course will examine strategies for resistance and social change.

SOC 5016: Topics in Social Justice (3)

Discussion of major conceptual and methodological topics, issues, challenges and new perspectives in Sociology and Social Justice. Meetings focus on specific themes throughout the semester and sections, required applied student research demonstrating integration of advanced knowledge and skills. Prerequisite: Permission from instructor.