

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC-2010: Introduction to Sociology (3 hours)

An introduction to the basic concepts, theories, methods and findings of sociology necessary for analysis of social groups, organizations and institutions.

SOC-4030: Probation, Parole and Re-entry (3 hours)

A theoretical, historical and empirical analysis of probation, parole and re-entry in the U.S. Sociologically examines development of community-based correctional programs, focusing on the effectiveness of probation, parole and intermediate sanctions on recidivism and re-entry. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4030.

SOC-4115: Sociological Theory (3 hours)

This course teaches students how to interpret and apply sociological theory as well as how to develop their own theoretical explanations of social life. It explores key, classical theories that form sociology's intellectual foundation and trains students to identify, comprehend and critique models of society that continue to shape the discipline of sociology. Students also learn how to modify these models of society and use them to create novel concepts and arguments that explain recent social developments in the United States. Prerequisite: C or higher in SOC-2010.

SOC-4155: Social Interaction in Everyday Life (3 hours)

The course examines the processes of social interaction that create and maintain the symbolic building blocks of U.S. culture (body language, verbal language, written language, etc.), shape subjective experiences (thoughts, feelings and identities), and organize the social relationships of everyday life in American society. We will explore topics including the interactive creation and use of symbolic systems; identity construction and maintenance; the social processes of self-formation; the social construction and management of emotions; the organization of social interaction; and the resistance to and reproduction of the social order that shapes meaningful interactions in U.S. society. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4155.

SOC-4205: Technology, Society, & the Future (3 hours)

Technology is advancing at an accelerating pace and fundamentally changing the way we work, play, love, and learn. This course critically examines how recent technological changes affect our lives today and how they may impact the future of our relationships, the workplace, communities, and social institutions.

SOC-4215: Pop Culture, Media, and Consumption (3 hours)

This course introduces students to major sociological theories of popular culture, media, consumption and its effects. It will explore the social context of how popular culture and media is produced, consumed and interpreted, and how this has changed in the digital age.

SOC-4320: Juvenile Delinquency (3 hours)

Defining delinquency; nature and frequency; theoretical explanations; juvenile law, courts and corrections; preventing delinquency. Field Trip: Required. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4320.

SOC-4325: Masculinities (3 hours)

An introduction to the field of masculinities. This course sociologically examines the construction and impact of masculinities within our society. Providing a critical framework for exploring the cultural and individual ways we understand what it means to be a "man" or "masculine," the course will focus on the pluralization of masculinities and how it intersects with race, sexuality, class and sex. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4325.

SOC-4370: Globalization & Social Change (3 hours)

This course introduces students to the major sociological theories of globalization, and its causes and consequences for culture and society. Students will engage in sociological analysis of contemporary issues affected by globalization.

SOC-4420: Marriage and the Family (3 hours)

Cross-cultural, historical and institutional analysis of marriage and family. Diversity in family patterns and functions. Sociological theories and current research involving topics such as love, mate selection, marital adjustment, child rearing and divorce.

SOC-4425: Sociology of Gender/Sexualities (3 hours)

A theoretical and empirical analysis of femininity, masculinity and various sexualities from a sociological perspective. Examines the impact gender and sexuality have at the individual and institutional levels. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4425.

SOC-4435: Social Deviance (3 hours)

Sociological study of the process and factors producing deviant behavior and the societal reaction against deviance. Emphasis on theoretical perspectives and empirical research addressing the definition of and reaction to deviant behavior. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4435.

SOC-4510: Law and Society (3 hours)

Law as a social construction. Sociological perspectives on law. The relationship between law and other social institutions. Law and morality. Law and equality. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4510.

SOC-4520: Criminological Theory (3 hours)

Scientific investigation of crime using past and current theoretical perspectives. Analysis of crime, criminal behavior and societal response to crime. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4520.

SOC-4530: Sociology of Corrections (3 hours)

History, organization, functions and effectiveness of various correctional programs. Field Trip: Required. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4530.

SOC-4540: Sociology of Policing (3 hours)

A theoretical, historical, and empirical analysis of U.S. policing from a sociological perspective. Examines police history, past and current philosophies of policing, including the increased militarization of the police, police structure, police ethics and officer relationship to local community, media and broad criminal justice functions. Course will also look at the intersection of race, class and gender on police training and practices. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4540.

SOC-4550: Theories in Policing (3 hours)

Examines past and current philosophies of policing, such as traditional, community and intelligence-led policing, with a focus on militarization of police policies and practices. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4550.

SOC-4560: Legal Parameters of Policing (3 hours)

By using case law and other legal resources, students will gain considerable knowledge as to the law, its interpretation, and its impact on individual and institutional police behavior. Investigates police work as an amalgam of constitutional parameters and discretionary practices taught within the academy and on the job. Cross-Listed: SOC-4560 and CRJ-4560.

SOC-4570: Community-Police Relations (3 hours)

This course will help students to critically analyze current policing practices and community-led efforts toward crime control and police relations, especially with the role media plays in the depiction of the problem. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4570.

SOC-4610: Race, Ethnicity, & Racisms in the U.S. (3 hours)

This course examines race and ethnic relations in various types of societal settings, with special emphasis given to prejudice, discrimination, race and the immigration experience of persons and communities from Europe and the developing world. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4610.

SOC-4620: Social Inequality: Class, Status and Power (3 hours)

A theoretical and empirical analysis of the unequal distribution of wealth, power and prestige. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4620.

SOC-4630: The City: Conflict & Change in Urban Communities (3 hours)

An examination of cities and suburbs from a sociological perspective, with special emphasis upon urban ecology, lifestyles and problems, urbanization patterns, urban planning. Field Trip: Required. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4630.

SOC-4645: American Social Movements (3 hours)

This course introduces students to major theories of social movement formation and development with a particular emphasis on American activism, including case studies of the civil rights movement, the animal rights movement, the contemporary women's movement, and other recent forms of activism.

SOC-4650: Gangs and Society (3 hours)

A theoretical, historical and empirical analysis of gangs from a sociological perspective. Examines gang structure, relationship to local networks, social control agents and the intersection of race, class and gender. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4650.

SOC-4720: Social Research Methods (3 hours)

An introduction to research methods for studying social phenomena. Includes introduction to computer-aided statistical analysis of data and qualitative data assessment techniques. Cross-Listed: CRJ-4720. Prerequisite: C or higher in SOC-4115 and Junior standing.

SOC-4740: Human Rights in the Contemporary Era (3 hours)

This course examines the rise of the concept of human rights and engages students in sociological analysis of contemporary human rights issues both local and global. (Not open to students who have taken SOC 4640: Globalization and Human Rights). Cross-listed: CRJ-4740.

SOC-4910: Special Topics in Sociology (3 hours)

SOC-4920: Directed Research (3 hours)

Design, implementation and completion of student research project. Faculty mentoring required. Participation in seminar meetings required. Prerequisite: C or higher in SOC-4720.

SOC-4950: Independent Study in Sociology (1-6 hours)

Supervised practice within an agency or organization, providing student with an applied sociological experience. Prerequisite: Minimum of 15 credits in courses with an SOC prefix.

SOC-4990: Internship in Sociology (3 hours)

Supervised practice within an agency or organization, providing student with an applied sociological experience. Prerequisite: Junior standing and department consent.