

Sociology (SOC)

SOC 302 Introduction to the Study of Society 3 Hours

The nature of human societies, social processes, social interaction, and the sociological approach.

SOC 302P Physical Activity and Society 3 Hours

Explores the way in which people are physically active in a social context - primarily in the United States. Examines how social forces influence physical activity including cultural, economic, historical, and demographic considerations. Examines physical activity on both the individual and population levels to better understand benefits and barriers to activity through the social context.

SOC 303S Introduction to the Asian Diaspora 3 Hours

Examine the global dispersal of Asian populations from the mid-1800s to the present.

SOC 304 Introductory Topics in Sociology 3 Hours

A sociological perspective of contemporary social subjects.

SOC 307C American Families Past and Present 3 Hours

Examines trends over time in specific aspects of family life, including marriage, cohabitation, mate selection, divorce, parenthood, family structure, and work-family balance. Study of the methods that sociologists and demographers use to study the family.

SOC 307D Capital Punishment in America 3 Hours

Uses various historical, legal and social perspectives to examine the shifting rationales and nature of contemporary United States death penalty debates: public opinion; racial disparities and the historical legacy of lynching; United States Supreme Court decisions; the death penalty's efficacy as a criminal punishment, its personal impacts, and contemporary problems with its current application.

SOC 307E Contemporary United States Social Problems 3 Hours

Examines contemporary social issues confronting the United States, using sociological concepts and perspectives to analyze the nation's most pressing social problems, ranging from social inequality to crime, terrorism and war, and environmental degradation.

SOC 307F Diversity in American Families 3 Hours

Examination of the diversity of American families and current debates on family life from a sociological perspective with an emphasis on how diverse family forms came to exist and what these changes mean for adults and children in contemporary society. Study of recent trends in several aspects of family life, including dating and courtship, cohabitation, marriage, divorce, parenthood, family structure, and work-family balance. Overview of theoretical perspectives on family life with a focus on gender, race/ethnicity, and sexuality.

SOC 307G Culture and Society in the United States 3 Hours

Introduction to theoretical perspectives, methodological issues, and empirical work in the sociological study of culture. Examination of sociological accounts of the production, reproduction, and reception of culture, with an emphasis on a critical understanding of culture in relation to other sociological phenomena such as power, inequality, and identities.

SOC 307J Education and Society 3 Hours

Further study of the ways that schooling shapes the opportunities available to children and youth, and how educational attainment influences the lives and well-being of adults. Subjects include historical development and organization of the American educational system; factors that shape achievement and learning; differential access to educational opportunities along race, class, and gender lines; and the effects of educational stratification.

SOC 307K Fertility and Reproduction 3 Hours

Explores the when, why, how, and with whom Americans bear children, and how the United States compares to other developed and developing countries in the world. Subjects include infertility and its treatments, the ethics of surrogacy and international adoption, voluntary childlessness, the rapid rise of nonmarital childbearing in the United States and other countries, the politics of childbirth, the risks of maternal morbidity and mortality in developed and developing countries, and the declining populations and rapid aging of rich countries including Japan, Italy, and Spain where many women have stopped having children.

SOC 307L Gender, Race, and Class in American Society 3 Hours

Use of the sociological perspective to analyze how the structure of American society, individual life, and group life chances are shaped by broader structures of privilege and disadvantage based on gender, race, and class. Examination of these in institutional arenas such as work, the family, education, health, the criminal justice system, sexuality, popular culture, and more.

SOC 307P Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Well-Being 3 Hours

Examination of the social causes and context of illness, death, longevity, and health care today in the United States. Subjects include historical perspectives on health and mortality, social class, race/ethnicity, gender, religious involvement, marital status, family, age, and psychosocial factors. Emphasis on the tension between individualistic and public health perspectives on illness.

SOC 307Q Environmental Inequality and Health 3 Hours

Examines the social roots and impacts of environmental contamination and natural disasters, with particular focus on how environmental health inequalities are linked to race, class, gender, and nation, and how residents of areas prone to environmental risks respond to hazards.

SOC 307S Judaism and Christianity in Sociological Perspective 3 Hours

Study of Christianity's historic roots in Judaism, the texts that Jews and Christians share, what Jews believe, how and why the two faiths diverged and evolved, how institutionalized Christianity addresses its Jewish origins, and the relationship between Jews and Christians throughout history. Focus on the social, historical, and intellectual contexts and forces which have shaped these processes up to the present day, as well as religious evolution of how systems and ways of thought and action change, why, and how Christians and Jews have dealt with such changes.

SOC 307T Punishment and Society 3 Hours

Focus on society's responses to crime. Introduction to the sociology of punishment and the death penalty, the American model of criminal punishment, and contextualization of the United States system and critical analysis of penal systems in general. Special emphasis on the nature of penal control in contemporary America.

SOC 308D Ethnicity and Gender: La Chicana 3 Hours

SOC 308G The Rich and the Poor in America: Sociological Perspective 3 Hours

Review of classical and contemporary theories of inequality and stratification; examination of recent ethnographic accounts of experiences of the rich and poor in United States society. Development of critical thinking about social class in contemporary society, and study of how one's own experiences are both the products and producers of larger stratification systems.

SOC 308J Romantic Relationships and Family Formation 3 Hours

Examination of romantic relationships and family formation from a cultural framework. Subjects include: historical transformations of romance; socioeconomic perspectives on sexual relationships and family formation; the impact of demographic transitions on the emergence of cohabitation as a relationship form; the economics undergirding relationship decision making; common narratives, practices, and gender differences about entry into marriage in the West; and population-level implications of contemporary patterns.

SOC 308K Social Change and the Future 3 Hours

Study of the effects of conflict on society, culture, technology, and economy practices through comparative analysis and historical dimension with a focus on institutions responsible for managing and handling conflict such as warfare and the military. Conflict-related issues include social institutions, gender identities and roles, economy, health issues, technological changes, collective memory, and culture.

SOC 308L Social Transformation of Love and Relationships 3 Hours

Examination of the social, psychological, and spiritual perspectives toward the ideas of love and intimacy; how love and intimacy interact with rapid social, economic, and cultural change; and how the subsequent change transformed the social world and the meaning of love. Subjects include the aspects of self and identity; differentiation in the context of love in the modern age; the family and the individual; the impact of industrialization on private lives and the public order; gender, communication, love; intercultural love and intimacy; and personal choice and arranged marriages.

SOC 308M Sociology of Identity 3 Hours

Examination of the ways that identities are socially produced and the study of how that social construction results in power and privilege for some groups at the expense of others.

SOC 308N Comparative Religion, Politics, and Culture 3 Hours

Investigation of the relationship between religion and politics through the central concept of culture. Subjects include religion as a form of culture and its effect on political life, the impact of the local culture of a society on religion and politics, and how historical conditions affect the religion-culture-politics relationship.

SOC 308S Introduction to Health and Society 3 Hours

A broad, multidisciplinary overview that introduces students to the study of health and society.

SOC 309C Creating the Sustainable Society 3 Hours

Overview of sustainability as something human beings must strive to create in an era of global warming and ever greater social inequalities, both between and within countries.

SOC 309D Black and Latinx Intersections 3 Hours

Examine the complex relationships between and among Black and Latinx communities and the political and structural forces and contexts that shape their interactions. Explore Black identity within the Latinx population, racial politics, coalitions of Black American and Latinx groups, race among Latinxs, racial inequality, and the politics of immigration.

SOC 309G The New Latinas/os/xs 3 Hours

Explore the trajectories of various communities many have called the new Latinas/os/xs by identifying how race, gender, sexuality, class, indigeneity, language, migration, and geography influence the lives, identities, and sociopolitical incorporation of new Latinas/os/xs.

SOC 310S Women's Reproductive Health for Nonscience Majors 3 Hours

Overview of contemporary women's reproductive health issues, with emphasis on historical, physiological, psychosocial, and cultural influences that affect the reproductive health of women during adolescence, the childbearing years, and midlife.

SOC 311C Social Determinants of Health 3 Hours

Considers the social factors that influence health and longevity, including sex/gender, race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and social integration. Examines the link between social position and health patterns in the United States.

SOC 312S Society, Health, and Happiness 3 Hours

Examine the scientific study of happiness, integrating findings from a variety of fields, including psychology, sociology, neuroscience, and economics. Includes the nature and measurement of happiness, the bidirectional relationship between physical health and happiness, the social or collective dimensions of happiness, and the role of various institutions and the well-being of society.

SOC 313K Introduction to the Sociology of Religion 3 Hours

Introduction to sociological methods in the study of religion.

SOC 317L Introduction to Social Statistics 3 Hours

Measures of central tendency and dispersion, the binomial and chi-square distributions, tests of hypotheses and parameter estimation, and simple correlation and regression.

SOC 318 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Hours

Environments in which juvenile delinquency develops; delinquent subcultures and peer groups; societal reactions in schools, courts, and other agencies.

SOC 319 Introduction to Social Demography 3 Hours

Social consequences of changes in fertility, mortality, migration, population growth and composition.

SOC 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Sociology 1-9 Hours

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SOC 320C Cancerland 3 Hours

Explores the social and cultural terrain of cancer research, treatment, and public policy in the United States.

SOC 320K Political Sociology 3 Hours

A survey of approaches to the study of the state as a social structure; political power and power systems; ideology; political parties and elites.

SOC 320S Soundtrack of Revolutions 3 Hours

Examine the significance of music in the social and political uprisings of countries across the Middle East.

SOC 320T Qualitative Methods for Social Research 3 Hours

Explore hands-on training in qualitative methods used in mixed methods research in contemporary social science. Examine the application and use of case studies; archival analysis; content analysis; participant observation and ethnography; key informant ("elite") interviewing; focus groups; social psychological testing; and how to design and run surveys.

SOC 321C Consumption in Latin America 3 Hours

Study of the role consumption plays in social, economic, and political relations in Latin America, as well as contesting ideas about this role.

SOC 321D Demography of Crime and Punishment 3 Hours

Intensive seminar exploring data sources and conceptual and measurement issues surrounding the study of racial and ethnic differences in crime and punishment, with a particular focus on how the distinct neighborhood and school contexts in which different racial and ethnic groups participate explain variations in criminal outcomes. Special emphasis on the role of the criminal justice system in producing and eliminating disparities in criminal justice outcomes.

SOC 321E Economy, Culture, and Society 3 Hours

Introduction to sociological research and theories of culture and the economy, with a special focus on gift giving. Study of gift giving behaviors will explore the core issues of sociology: social organization and social structure, social norms, the relationship between individual and society, the nature of economic and noneconomic exchange, reciprocity, obligation, cultural meanings, and power, among others.

SOC 321F Fundraising and Philanthropy 3 Hours

Introduction to theories of the nonprofit sector and individual pro-social motivations and behavior, while also covering basic principles and techniques of fundraising. Receive practical instruction from fundraising professionals in the local nonprofit community on all aspects of a successful fundraising operation, from building a solid base of annual contributors to cultivating relationships with major gift prospects. Attention will be given to behind-the-scenes activities required to have a successful development program, including appropriate donor stewardship, prospect research, database maintenance, and donor analytics.

SOC 321G Global Health Issues and Health Systems 3 Hours

Overview of current global health challenges and issues from biological, cultural, and environmental perspectives. Examination, comparison, and contrasting of various health systems in the six World Health Organization geographic regions and countries within those regions, with regard to the specific health challenges they face.

SOC 321K Contemporary Issues in Sociology: Special Topics 3 Hours**SOC 321L Sociology of Education 3 Hours**

Education as a societal institution, with emphasis on the United States educational system: how the system works; the effects of the system; recent changes.

SOC 321P Politics and Society in Latin America 3 Hours

Introduction to present-day Latin American politics and society with a focus on drug-trafficking and urban destitution in Brazil; party politics, protest, and collective violence in Argentina; the current political situation in Venezuela; and migration from Central America and the Caribbean to the United States. Also includes a general overview of revolutions and revolutionary movements in Latin America, and the effects of United States intervention in the region during the twentieth century.

SOC 321Q Social Inequality 3 Hours

Study of social inequality as the unequal distribution of scarce but commonly desired resources and the processes by which these resources are allocated to individuals and groups. Examination of income and wealth inequality, occupational and class hierarchies, inequality of educational opportunity, poverty, social mobility between and within generations, gender and racial/ethnic inequality, and the consequences of inequality. Overview of the concepts, theories, facts, and methods of analysis used by sociologists to understand the social production and reproduction of inequality.

SOC 321R The Sociology of Race and Work 3 Hours

Critical examination of work in the United States over the twentieth and twenty-first centuries through a gendered, Asian American lens, using a comparative race perspective. Subjects include the sociological examination of concepts such as labor markets, globalization, care work, and gender/racial segregation in the workplace along with the ways race and gender shape how and where individuals are fitted into the workplace, how skills are evaluated, and how labor markets emerge.

SOC 321S Anti-Semitism 3 Hours

Surveys trends in Judeophobia/anti-Semitism over 2,500 years in both Christian and non-Christian societies. Designed to use anti-Semitism as way to explore more general ideas in social theory such as boundary making; models of racial, ethnic, and cultural conflict; and the role of intellectual and scientific elites.

SOC 321T Sociology of Africa 3 Hours

An introduction to the sociological study of sub-Saharan Africa. Major themes include: sources of knowledge about Africa; characteristics of African states and societies, from origin to internal social boundaries (religion, ethnicity, class); kinship and family; and development and change.

SOC 321U Urban Sociology 3 Hours

Introduction to the study of the city and the suburbs. Specific focus on inequality in urban space, with emphasis on three major United States cities (New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles) and on several third world cities.

SOC 321V Environmental Sociology 3 Hours

Investigation of the ways human social patterns and ideologies shape the environment, how the environment shapes human lives, and the ways humans and the natural environment interrelate. The city of Austin will be used as a case study to examine the relationship between the natural and built environments (city space). Special emphasis on the process of global warming and its effects on human society and these relationships.

SOC 322C Sociology of Creativity 3 Hours

Introduction to varying aspects of creative insights, human consciousness, social processes, and the 'invention of reality.' Use of the elements of mindfulness, intuition, and creativity at individual, organizational, societal, and environmental levels, drawing on lectures, group discussions, books, articles, artistic films, and documentaries in order to better understand and appreciate the interconnectedness and interrelationship between 'inner' (personal) reality and 'other' (social) reality.

SOC 322D Race and the Digital 3 Hours

Review of theoretical developments in the sociological study of "race, including an examination of processes of racialization and cultural texts, in order to better understand the ways in which identities are socially produced. Attention will be placed on forms of popular culture, black cultural production, and political action to question how such practices are shaped by migrations within the African diaspora.

SOC 322F Mental Health in Social Context 3 Hours

Examines the social causes of mental health in the areas of social epidemiology of mental health; social and psychological factors in mental health; and treatment for psychological problems. Explores definitions of mental health and mental illness, and how they are measured. Contrasts the social view with the medical, psychiatric, and psychological views and explores social psychological factors in mental health, including perceived control over life, mastery, fatalism, social support, meaning, self-esteem, coping, trust, inequity, commitment, and flexibility.

SOC 322G Politics, Power, and Society 3 Hours

Explores the nature and dynamics of political life through classical works in political philosophy, contemporary sociological essays, fiction, and film. Discussion of the relationship between individual rights and state authority; what it means to belong to a group; the nature and dimensions of power and freedom; whether violence is compatible with democracy; and how and when revolutions take place.

SOC 322J Economic Sociology of Health 3 Hours

Provides a look at the economics of health and health care through a sociological lens. Examines how the multidimensional nature and distribution of health and healthcare are shaped by a variety of social and economic factors. Gain an understanding of the power of incentives, markets, and cost-benefit analysis, as well as the limits of these tools, in creating effective health care policy.

SOC 322K Race and Ethnicity Politics 3 Hours

Explore racial and ethnic politics throughout the United States with a focus on Black and Latino politics. Examine group identity, racial inequality, policy making, activism, criminal justice system, and immigration.

SOC 322L Law and Organizations 3 Hours

Examine the intersection of law and organizational/workplace practices. Explore how law regulates the workplace (e.g., laws about sexual harassment), how organizations do or do not comply with the law, and the ways that organizational practices may affect legal standards.

SOC 322M Sociology of Masculinities 3 Hours

Sociological examination of the most important debates and discussions about men's experiences of masculinity in contemporary patriarchal societies. Exploration of social and individual meanings of masculinity, the dominant paradigms of masculinity that are taken as the norm, and the problems, contradictions, and paradoxes men experience in modern society.

SOC 322N Race Politics and Caribbeans 3 Hours

Examine racial and political themes among Spanish-speaking Caribbeans on the islands and in the United States. Explore racial politics in the three countries and compares notions of identity, experiences with racism and anti-racist protest with the United States

SOC 322P Sex and Violence in Popular Culture 3 Hours

Overview of the cultural framing of sex and violence through realistic and hyper-realistic representations of sex, love, violence, and war in popular culture. Examination of the ethical implications, including the ways in which these representations rely on and further social inequalities and the sociological concepts, methods, and theoretical approaches to understanding sex and violence in popular culture.

SOC 322T Latino Migration and Human Trafficking 3 Hours

Critically examine the complexity and intersectionality of Latino migration and human trafficking from global, regional, and local perspectives.

SOC 322U United States Immigration 3 Hours

Utilizes a sociological perspective to gain an understanding of what social forces drive migration to the United States, how migrants organize their migration, and how immigration affects United States' society.

SOC 322V Race, Gender, and Surveillance 3 Hours

Overview of theories in the sociology of social control, with a focus on risk, power, ethics, and surveillance. Examines historical transformations in social control and the distributions of power in the United States and global contexts, with attention to race, gender, and class. Subjects include: the transatlantic slave trade; prisons and punishment; the gaze, voyeurism, and reality television watching; the Internet; travel and state borders; privacy; and biometrics and the body.

SOC 323 The Family 3 Hours

The American family in historical and comparative perspective. Family history and origins; comparative family systems; social antecedents of family structure and process; family formation and dissolution; family and society; recent family changes and prospects for the future.

SOC 323C Policing 3 Hours

Examines the purposes and structure of policing and the shifting roles and powers of police officers. Focuses on several critical issues in modern-day policing, including the effectiveness of various police strategies as well as their legitimacy. Considers limits on the ability of the police to control crime, and the ways in which individuals and communities work to police themselves.

SOC 323D Border Control and Deaths 3 Hours

Focus on enactment of border control policies, policy implementation and death patterns at the United States-Mexico border, patterns of unauthorized border crossings through dangerous border terrain, grassroots movements to support migrants and lessen deaths, and the ethics of coercive border control. Surveys the public sentiments and attitudes that support new border control policies, the patterns of migrant deaths in deserts and in the Rio Grande River associated with border control strategies, movements and community efforts to support migrants in the Arizona border area, and legal and ethical arguments and concepts that frame discussions of migrant deaths at the United States-Mexico border.

SOC 323E Economic Sociology 3 Hours

Examine sociological perspectives on a range of economic matters including money, activities of firms and corporations, consumption of goods and services, market behavior, organizational malfeasance and economic crisis, and the production of labor market inequality, as well as economic behavior in less traditional settings such as markets for intimacy and markets for human goods. Learn about some of the major economic transformations that have reshaped social life in recent decades, including financialization, rising income inequality, corporate decline, and shareholder value management. Consider how sociologists have contributed to understanding the causes or consequences of these trends.

SOC 323F Food and Society 3 Hours

Explores the social context of food; including food and identity, social class and culture, as well as who plans, purchases, and prepares food for our families. Food production and policies in the United States and government assistance for the hungry are also covered.

SOC 323G Globalization and the Coronavirus Pandemic 3 Hours

Examine the modern globalization process that also incorporates a description of the current Coronavirus pandemic as a phenomenon that is inextricably linked with modern globalization.

SOC 323L Latina/o/x Citizenship 3 Hours

Explore the concepts of membership, belonging, immigration and citizenship in the Latina/o/x experience. Examine how historically, politically, socially and culturally, Latinas/os/xs have been construed as belonging or not belonging members of the United States society.

SOC 323S Building the Sustainable City 3 Hours

SOC 324K Social Change in Developing Nations 3 Hours
Overview of changing social structure in the Third World.

SOC 324L Latinx Sociology 3 Hours

Explore how institutions have shaped the gendered, racial, and class-based experiences of Latinxs from a sociological perspective, including historical patterns of Latinx migration to the United States, contestations over racial classifications, and problematic issues surrounding the term Latino. Review more recent studies that show how different institutions shape the Latinx experience and demonstrate how gendered, racial, and classed forces have shaped various Latinx communities. Examine Latinx agency and how Latinx communities have sought to reconfigure and push back on these social forces.

SOC 324M Sociology of Money 3 Hours

Explore the social meanings of money, the distribution of economic resources, why some workers are paid more than others, how prices are determined, the modern financial system, unconventional markets, the connection between price and value, and money in personal relationships.

SOC 324P International Political Economy of Lower-Income Countries 3 Hours

Explore the ways that China, India, Brazil and other lower-income countries are transforming the patterns in global finance, trade, aid, women's empowerment, and the control or corruption.

SOC 325F African American Family in Historical and Contemporary Contexts 3 Hours

Examine how African Americans managed to maintain a sense of family from the time of slavery to the present trend of mass incarceration.

SOC 325K Criminology 3 Hours

An investigation into the nature of criminal events, including homicide, rape, robbery, property crimes, and white-collar crimes. Also examines the United States criminal justice system.

SOC 325L Sociology of Criminal Justice 3 Hours

Examination of the police, courts, and prisons: how they work, their impact on those who pass through them. Introduction to the American criminal justice system, its policies and procedures. The primary focus will be on the roles and functions of the police, the courts, and corrections, with a special emphasis on how well or not so well the system operates.

SOC 326D Data Science for the Social World 3 Hours

Introduction to data science for the political and economic world. Explore a variety of political and economic data and develop proficiency in R and Excel.

SOC 327M Social Research Methods 3 Hours

Collect data to answer research questions by focusing on the meaning of variables, understanding causation, study design, basic sampling, and modes and methods in data collection.

SOC 329 Social Stratification 3 Hours

The types and levels of social inequality; the institutional and group processes that generate inequality; the interplay of social, organizational, economic, and political forces that affect the degree of differential opportunities and rewards in society.

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SOC 330C Death and Dying: Sociological Perspectives 3 Hours

Sociological perspectives on definitions of death; group differences in mortality rates and causes of death; social meanings of death and dying; treatment of the dying and the dead; and grief and bereavement.

SOC 330G Food and Religion in Asia 3 Hours

Use the lens of food to approach study of religious communities, values, and identity formation in Asia's past and present, covering South Asia, China, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Southeast Asia. Explore questions involving what is eaten and what is not, taboo, hunger, anomaly, gender, food security, and recent ethical problems regarding bio-engineered foods (GMOs).

SOC 330P Sociology and Social Psychology 3 Hours

Examines how individuals perceive, interact with, and affect other individuals from the perspectives of both psychology and sociology.

SOC 333K Sociology of Gender 3 Hours

Inequality between the sexes; men's and women's changing roles in society.

SOC 335R Reproductive Justice and Race 3 Hours

Examine the links between reproductive care and social inequality, and explore reproductive outcomes for women in the context of social justice.

SOC 336C American Dilemmas 3 Hours

Examination of critical American social problems, including problems in the economic, political, and health care systems, as well as inequities based on income, gender, and race. Exploration of how these problems are a natural outgrowth of the existing social structure.

SOC 336D Race, Class, and Health 3 Hours

Designed to introduce students to the complex relationships among race, class, gender, and health status. Investigates how health is linked to individual behaviors and to the interaction between people and their social, cultural, and physical environments.

SOC 336G Gender Politics in the Islamic World 3 Hours

Study of the Islamic world and major sociological concepts such as gender, social organizations, culture, and politics. Examines how culture is mediated by politics, resulting in diverse interpretations of Islam and in different policies with respect to women's rights.

SOC 336P Social Psychology and the Law 3 Hours

How courts make use of social science, as well as how social scientists study the legal system. Considers the uses of social science across multiple types of legal domains, such as eyewitnesses to crime, jury trials, punishment, children in the courts, and a variety of public policy issues.

SOC 340C Globalization 3 Hours

A sociological analysis of the interrelated economic, political, and cultural aspects of globalization. Examines the consequences of globalization for nations around the world and for groups within these nations.

SOC 340D Violence 3 Hours

An overview of the different theories of interpersonal and group violence. Includes criminological theories of violent crime, as well as feuding, ethnic and nationalist violence, political violence, and aggression in intimate relations.

SOC 340G Sociology of Sexualities 3 Hours

Review of sociological perspectives on sexuality. Examines how social institutions in United States society shape sexual values, beliefs, and practices. Subjects include changing cultural images of sexuality, sexual identities, and social movements.

SOC 340L Aging and the Life Course 3 Hours

The biological, social, and psychological aspects of human aging from adolescence until death, with special emphasis on cultural norms and the social and demographic context in which aging occurs. Includes the challenges and problems of adjustment at each life stage, and the social, political, and economic consequences of increased longevity and changes in the age structure of the populations of modern societies.

SOC 340S Race and United States Social Policy 3 Hours

Examine the relationship between race and the development of United States social policy. Explore how specific social policies affect racial and ethnic inequality.

SOC 341C Medical Sociology 3 Hours

Explores the social context of health, illness, and the health care system in American society. Discussion of the processes of medicalization and demedicalization, social factors influencing health and health care, the organization of the health care delivery system and patient outcomes, and the social meaning and experiences of illness.

SOC 341D The Politics and Art of Iran's Woman, Life, Freedom Uprising 3 Hours
Analyze the politics and art of Iran's 2022 Woman, Life, Freedom Uprising movement. Develop a digital humanities resource on the movement through collaboration.

SOC 342N Social Inequality and Health in the United States 3 Hours
Examine how socioeconomic status and social inequality shape health and mortality across the United States. Consider various possible explanations including stress, health behaviors, violence, and other factors.

SOC 342S Sex and Sexuality in the Muslim World 3 Hours

SOC 343 Religion and Society 3 Hours
The growth and decline of religious groups and traditions; "cults" and new religions; comparative sociology of religion; the United States religious landscape; religion and individual health and well-being; spirituality and other aspects of social life.

SOC 344 Racial and Ethnic Relations 3 Hours
Contemporary racial and ethnic problems; emphasis on minority groups in the United States.

SOC 344C Race, Science, and Race Science 3 Hours
Explore the broad history of how race has shaped the development of science in the United States from the 1800s to the present, including medical treatments, diagnostic criteria, technological developments, and business ventures.

SOC 345D Inequality in the United States Educational System 3 Hours
Examine how inequality has developed and is maintained within the American public education system.

SOC 350G Guns in America 3 Hours
Examine firearms in the United States. Engage with literature drawn from the social sciences, law, medicine, and public policy to develop a holistic understanding of the historical and contemporary role of firearms in the cultural, social, and political landscape of the U.S.

SOC 350M Sociology Internship Seminar 3 Hours
Intern in an agency, organization, or business under supervision. Apply the knowledge and skills acquired in sociology courses.

SOC 352 Social Movements 3 Hours
Characteristics of crowds, publics, and social movements; their role in social organization and social change.

SOC 352E Media Industries and Entrepreneurship 3 Hours
Examination of the social, political, and economic contexts in which media and culture are produced, distributed, and monetized. Emphasis on new media and communication technologies.

SOC 352S Globalization and Social Media 3 Hours
Issues surrounding the hype, myth, paradox, and reality of social media in a global context.

SOC 354K Sociology of Health and Illness 3 Hours
Application of sociological concepts and principles to the study of health professions, medical institutions, community medical organization, and the distribution of illness.

SOC 354L Latinx Austin 3 Hours
Explore the city of Austin, the city's importance for Latino communities, and the importance of Latinos for the city.

SOC 359 Labor and Labor Movements 3 Hours
Overview of work organizations in the United States, with emphasis on globalization, inequality, and labor movements.

SOC 366 Deviance 3 Hours
Analysis of social norms, conformity, and reactions to norm violations. Topics include behavioral forms of deviance such as suicide and drug abuse and nonbehavioral forms of deviance such as physical abnormality.

SOC 369K Population and Society 3 Hours
The study of populations, including their growth, age structure, and patterns of fertility, mortality, and migration; the social causes and consequences of these phenomena.

SOC 679H Honors Tutorial Course 6 Hours
Research into and development of a thesis topic and proposal followed by the writing and defense of a thesis.

SOC 679HA Honors Tutorial Course 3 Hours
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SOC 679HB Honors Tutorial Course 3 Hours
Research into and development of a thesis topic and proposal followed by the writing and defense of a thesis.

SOC 379M Sociological Theory 3 Hours
Critical examination of major sociological theories and their relevance to current research and social conditions.

SOC 379N Conference Course 3 Hours
Supervised individual study of selected problems in sociology.

SOC 379P Undergraduate Research Opportunity 3 Hours
Perform research-related activities with faculty members in the sociology department. Collect interview or survey data, analyze statistics, synthesize research literature, and code qualitative data.

SOC 180, 280, 380 Conference Course 1-3 Hours
Sociological topics not otherwise offered at the graduate level.

SOC 383K Topics in Seminars in Social Psychology 3 Hours
Substantive issues and current topics in social psychology.

SOC 383K.1 History and Theories of Social Psychology 3 Hours

SOC 384J Special Topics in Social Statistics 3 Hours

SOC 384L Social Statistics: Basic Concepts and Methods 3 Hours
Review of descriptive statistics; probability concepts; statistical inference, bivariate correlation and regression, multiple regression, dummy variables, analysis of variance, analysis of covariance; applications of statistical computing packages to social science data.

SOC 384M Topics in Seminar in Data Analysis 3 Hours
Quantitative sociological research integrating the use of statistical analysis with computer applications and survey data.

SOC 384M.1 Evaluation of Social Policy 3 Hours

SOC 385K Social Statistics: Discrete Multivariate Models 3 Hours
Assumptions, estimation, testing, and parameter interpretation for models using categorical data; applications of statistical computing packages and programs to social science data.

SOC 385M Social Statistics: Linear Models 3 Hours
Explore model specification; a review of simple regression; scale construction; missing values; ordinary and generalized least squares; measurement error and unobserved variables.

SOC 385N Causal Inference 3 Hours
Analyze key concepts and methods of causal inference. Examine strategies for isolating the relationship between a given predictor and dependent variable of interest from potential confounders to determine whether any quantitative social science study is employing causal inference or naive methods; articulate the pros, cons, and assumptions made by different causal inference strategies; and understand how to engineer a causal study.

SOC 386L Social Statistics: Dynamic Models and Longitudinal Data Analysis 3 Hours

Applications of dynamic models to data collected at successive points in time. Dynamic structural equation models; statistical time-series analysis; stochastic processes, panel, and event-history analysis.

SOC 387C Special Topics in Social Research Methods 3 Hours

SOC 387J Fundamentals of Research Methods 3 Hours

Fundamental assumptions and procedures for conducting sociological research, including the logic of science, the links between theory and methods, measurement, experiments, sampling, surveys, qualitative methods, and ethics.

SOC 387L Qualitative Methods for the Social Sciences 3 Hours

Qualitative survey research methods, approaches, and designs, including participant observational techniques, semistructured interviewing, and formal questionnaire and census-type surveys.

SOC 388J Readings in Ethnography 3 Hours

This reading-intensive seminar has four major objectives: 1) to become familiar with some classic and contemporary ethnographies, 2) to acquaint students with the methodological tenets of ethnography, 3) to consider theoretical and epistemological issues in ethnographic research, 4) to discuss narrative strategies in ethnographic writing.

SOC 388K Field and Observational Methods 3 Hours

Rationale and logic for field research; participant and nonparticipant observation; informant and conversational interviewing; personal documents, records, and physical traces; life histories; sources of error and bias; personal and ethical dilemmas; modes of analysis.

SOC 388L Historical and Comparative Methods 3 Hours

Scope and methods of historical and comparative sociology; application of historical sources to answer sociological questions; logic of comparative analysis in theory construction.

SOC 388N Ethnographic Theory and Practice 3 Hours

Explore the epistemology of ethnographic methods, crafting an ethnographic study, and conducting and analyzing field observations and in-depth interviews.

SOC 389E Event History Analysis 3 Hours

Evaluate survival methods for the analysis of change in time-dependent discrete dependent variables, drawing on methodological and empirical research from the social sciences. Explore the relationship between theories of social change, life course events, and dynamic models.

SOC 389K Topics in Seminars in Demography 3 Hours

Substantive issues and current topics in population studies and social demography.

SOC 389K.1 General Approaches to the Study of Population 3 Hours

SOC 389K.12 Demography of Health and the Life Course 3 Hours

An in-depth introduction to the major conceptual frameworks and empirical research that examine distal and proximate social factors influencing adult health. Includes the assessment of key social and biological pathways linking social conditions at particular points in the life course with adult health outcomes.

SOC 389K.14 Sociology of Families and Households 3 Hours

Examine family research literature describing change and variation in family behavior. Explore cohabitation, marriage, divorce, kinship, parenthood, gender, and sexuality.

SOC 389K.2 Human Fertility 3 Hours

SOC 389K.3 Human Mortality 3 Hours

SOC 389K.4 International Migration 3 Hours

SOC 389K.6 Training Seminar in Demography 3 Hours

SOC 389K.9 Immigration Policy 3 Hours

SOC 190K, 290K, 390K, 690K, 990K Proposal Preparation 1,2,3,6,9 Hours

Preparation of proposal for the doctoral dissertation.

SOC 391L Basic Demographic Methods and Materials 3 Hours

Population composition, change, and distribution; methods of standardizing and decomposing rates; life tables and population models; analysis of data from advanced and developing countries; applications of computer programs for demographic analysis.

SOC 394K Topics in Seminars in Sociological Theory 3 Hours

Development of social thought; the emergence of systematic sociological theory; interrelations with other social sciences.

SOC 394K.12 Sociology of Culture 3 Hours

An overview of some of the major contemporary research in the sociology of culture. Includes discussion of meaning systems and their transformations; symbolic nature of consumption; relationship between culture and social stratification; cultural bases of power; culture industry; and sociology of the arts.

SOC 394K.13 Cultural Studies 3 Hours

Examines the history, debates, and key developments within the trans-disciplinary field of cultural studies. Considers the significance of the intellectual work produced in Britain from the 1940s to the present and the relationship today between the sociology of culture and cultural sociology.

SOC 394K.14 Theories of Power 3 Hours

Examines the social theory controversy over the definition of the terms power and domination. Considers the classical and contemporary theoretical understandings of power and domination and studies the diverse ways in which these concepts have been deployed in empirical research.

SOC 394K.2 Contemporary Sociological Theory 3 Hours

SOC 394K.3 Classical Sociological Theory 3 Hours

A review of classic works in sociological theory, focusing on the work of nineteenth-century and early twentieth-century theorists. Critically examines the historical and theoretical context of sociology's founding ideas. Explores the promises and problems of the relationship between sociological theory and the modern era.

SOC 395E Topics in Seminars in Education 3 Hours

In-depth theoretical and policy discussions designed to give students intensive exposure to specific issues in education.

SOC 395E.1 Sociology of Education 3 Hours

Provides an overview of the field of sociology of education. Examines the ways in which schools reproduce, reinforce, and challenge the prevailing social, economic, and political relationships in society. Includes discussions of why people go to schools, who has access, and the effects of schools on individuals, communities, and society.

SOC 395E.2 Poverty, Race, and Schools 3 Hours

Focuses on children's academic outcomes within the contexts of poverty, race, and schools in K-12 education. Includes an assessment of a number of student groups in an effort to understand why some children have higher quality schooling experiences than others. Considers the roles of teachers and parents in affecting children's academic outcomes, with primary emphasis placed on their importance in elementary and middle school.

SOC 395E.3 High School and Transition to Adulthood 3 Hours

Focuses on how education is related to adolescents' transition to adulthood in modern society. Examines the structure of schooling and the life course stages of adolescence and early adulthood, societal stratification, and intergenerational mobility.

SOC 395E.4 International Issues in Education 3 Hours

Introduction to key theoretical and empirical work on education and social stratification from an international perspective. Focuses on studies of school access, educational attainment and achievement, and inequality of educational opportunity in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Includes discussion of comparative and case study readings that explore specific themes such as education and social mobility, gender, race and ethnicity, and school contexts.

SOC 395E.5 Social Contexts of Education 3 Hours

Explores school as a social context by delving into the informal processes of education, such as socialization and the organization of social relations. Includes discussion of the school as a site of social relations, social psychological influences on educational trajectories, and the social psychological consequences of educational experiences.

SOC 395F Topics in Seminars in Family 3 Hours

SOC 395F.2 Marriage, Family, and Kinship 3 Hours

SOC 395F.3 Family and Health 3 Hours

SOC 395F.7 Aging and the Life Course 3 Hours

Concepts and controversies about aging and the adult life course in the United States. Includes discussion of the biology of aging as it relates to current social issues and trends, population aging and related demographic trends, the economics and politics of aging, the trajectories and transitions of the adult life course, healthy aging, age as a social status, health care rights and responsibilities, retirement as a social institution, generational equity, and the conditions and choices at the end of life.

SOC 395F.8 Gender, Marital Status, and Well-Being 3 Hours

Examines gender and relationships from social psychological perspectives. Considers how and why intimate relationships differ for men and women as well as the gendered consequences of relationships for mental and physical health.

SOC 395G Topics in Seminars in Gender 3 Hours

SOC 395G.10 Sociology of Sexual Violence 3 Hours

Examines the different social forces and dynamics responsible for a variety of expressions of sexual violence existing in contemporary society. Designed to examine these processes promoting social violence from feminist-informed sociological perspectives; explore and analyze the historical, economic, and socio-cultural contexts responsible for these processes; study the issues and concerns with regard (but not limited) to gender, race and ethnicity, class, sexuality, and political activism associated with sexual violence research in the social sciences; and discuss and critique published sexual violence research based on qualitative methodologies across disciplines.

SOC 395G.11 Qualitative Methods and Sexuality Research 3 Hours

Examines major qualitative approaches to the study of sexuality from a sociological perspective; issues and concerns with regard to gender, race and ethnicity, class, same-gender sexualities, and activism associated with sexuality research in the social sciences; and published sexuality research based on qualitative methodologies.

SOC 395G.12 Women and the Changing World of Work 3 Hours

Explores the nature and causes of gender stratification in industrial societies. Examines theoretical and empirical issues regarding gender inequality in the labor market. Includes changes in female labor force participation, gender segregation in the workplace, gender gaps in earnings and promotions, and gender differences in career processes. Addresses how social institutions that vary from one country to another shape men's and women's economic opportunities and the degree of gender inequality in the society.

SOC 395G.3 Gender and Family 3 Hours

Review of basic theoretical perspectives and empirical evidence concerning gender and family relationships. Considers how and why family relationships differ for men and women as well as the gendered consequences of relationships for men's and women's well-being. Includes discussion of marital status, marital transitions, marital quality, same sex intimate relationships, cohabiting relationships, and parent/child relationships.

SOC 395G.4 Gender and Health 3 Hours

SOC 395G.5 Gender and Development 3 Hours

SOC 395G.6 Gender and Work 3 Hours

Examines theoretical and empirical issues regarding gender inequality in the labor market. Includes discussion of changes in female labor force participation, gender segregation in the workplace, gender gaps in earnings and promotions, as well as gender differences in career processes.

SOC 395G.7 Feminist Theory 3 Hours

Examines social categories such as the state, citizenship, nationalism, and globalization from a feminist perspective.

SOC 395G.8 Readings in Gender and Sexuality 3 Hours

Presents an overview of sociological theories of sexuality and provides a forum for discussion of recently published works in the sociology of gender and sexuality.

SOC 395G.9 Gender and Society 3 Hours

Examines the social construction of gender inequality, paying special attention to how divisions by race, class, and sexuality contribute to and occasionally undercut men's power and privilege over women. Emphasis is also placed on moments of resistance and change in gender arrangements.

SOC 395J Topics in Seminars in Health 3 Hours

SOC 395J.1 Sociology of Health and Illness 3 Hours

SOC 395J.10 Structural Equations Modeling of Health and the Life Course 3 Hours

SOC 395J.12 Education, Socioeconomic Status, and Health 3 Hours

Examines why people with higher socioeconomic status have better health than lower status individuals. Explores the links between aspects of social status and health and how education influences health in ways that are varied, present at all stages of adult life, cumulative, self-amplifying, and uniformly positive.

SOC 395J.13 Gender, Health, and Society 3 Hours

Focuses on the gender dimensions of health, illness, and the medical care industry in the United States, with some international comparisons. Examines the role of women as major actors in changing the health-care system, reducing health risks for themselves and their families, and their roles as health-care providers, public administrators, and leaders in the health-care establishment. Also examines the role of different levels and branches of government and the relative power of key nongovernmental actors and the media in the formation of public policy and the definition and framing of our health agenda.

SOC 395J.6 Sociology of Mental Health 3 Hours

Examines the social causes of mental health. Explores what mental health and mental illness are and how they can be measured, contrasting the social view with the medical, psychiatric, and psychological views.

SOC 395J.7 Health and the Life Course 3 Hours

Health across the life course; the timing and sequencing of life-course experiences and events with respect to health.

SOC 395J.8 Biosocial Approaches to Health 3 Hours

Examines the relationships between the natural and social environments and human health and behavior. Explains how disease, functional problems, and disability are not simply biomedical problems but are reflective of a complex array of behavioral factors and social forces. Focuses on the biologically informed sociological models of health in order to understand how genetics and major biological systems interact with social conditions and experiences to influence health and health-related behaviors.

SOC 395J.9 Race and Health 3 Hours

Study the links between social conditions, including racial discrimination, and objective indicators of health. Discover the new body of literature documenting how racism becomes embodied and requires new tools and vocabulary to explore such connections. Conduct a detailed survey of the interdisciplinary discrimination-health literature integrating sociological and biological understandings of discrimination exposure, stress physiology, and the links to morbidity and mortality over the life course.

SOC 395L Topics in Seminars in Race and Ethnicity 3 Hours

Sociological theories and findings concerning various aspects of race and ethnicity.

SOC 395L.1 Comparative Perspectives in Race and Ethnicity 3 Hours

SOC 395L.10 Critical Theories of Race and Racism 3 Hours

Introduction to global perspectives on race, ethnicity, and racism. Examines the historical relationship between the emergence of ideas about race and Western modernity: importance of slavery and European colonialism in producing modern understandings of race and racial difference; contemporary racial formation in the period after the anticolonial struggles of the mid-twentieth century.

SOC 395L.8 Race, Media, and Culture 3 Hours

SOC 395L.9 Race and the Body 3 Hours

Explores theories and research methodologies in the sociological study of the body, with a focus on race, racism, gender, and sexualities.

SOC 396L Topics in Seminars in Work, Occupations, and Organizations 3 Hours

SOC 396L.10 Stratification and Social Mobility 3 Hours

SOC 396L.15 Nongovernmental Organizations in the Developing World 3 Hours

Explores how nongovernmental organizations reflect local and international initiatives related to human rights, the environment, sustainable development, health, education, and much more.

SOC 396L.16 Sociology of Poverty in the United States 3 Hours

Review of selected sociological literature on poverty and related aspects of inequality, mostly in the United States but with some comparisons made with other developed nations. Both quantitative and qualitative research on American poverty are considered.

SOC 396L.17 Entrepreneurship and Incubation 3 Hours

SOC 396N Topics in Seminars in Crime, Law, and Deviance 3 Hours

Substantive issues and current topics in the study of crime, law, and deviance.

SOC 396N.1 Criminology 3 Hours

Examines major topics in the social scientific study of crime, including the measurement of crime, profiles of criminals, criminal behavior across the life course, and public perceptions of and reactions to crime.

SOC 396N.2 Theories of Crime Causation 3 Hours

Focuses on the major theories of criminal behavior and whether and in what ways empirical data support or refute various theoretical perspectives.

SOC 396N.3 Criminal Justice 3 Hours

Designed to provide an overview of research on how the penal system works in practice by examining the empirical literature on sentencing, prisons, recidivism, and evaluation research of penal programs.

SOC 396N.4 Introduction to Law and Society 3 Hours

Focuses on the noncrime aspects of the legal system, especially civil justice; the pursuit of perceived legal entitlements and grievances; studies of legal professionals and legal decision makers; and the use of the legal system to advance social change.

SOC 396N.5 Law, Legitimacy, and Control 3 Hours

Explores the interconnections between law, morality, and the sense of injustice. Examines the attributes of a moral system as they influence the collective assessment of legitimacy, the emergence of social movements for reform, and the resulting efficacy of law as an instrument of control.

SOC 396N.6 Deviance 3 Hours

Examines the characteristics, causes of, and societal reactions to several types of deviant behavior.

SOC 396P Topics in Seminars in Political Sociology, Development, and Globalization 3 Hours

SOC 396P.1 Political Sociology 3 Hours

SOC 396P.10 Introduction to the Sociology of Latin America 3 Hours

SOC 396P.11 Mexican Political System in Transition 3 Hours

SOC 396P.12 Gender and Politics 3 Hours

Provides a comprehensive introduction to the history of women's entry into politics internationally, the current state of women's political representation across countries and regions, and contemporary debates on why and how women's access to political power varies across countries. May include discussion of the ways in which gender intersects with other social identities, such as race, ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation.

SOC 396P.13 Housing Practices and Public Policy in Latin America 3 Hours

SOC 396P.14 Citizenship and Social Policy 3 Hours

SOC 396P.15 Economic Sociology 3 Hours

SOC 396P.16 Urbanization 3 Hours

SOC 396P.17 Poverty and Marginality in the Americas 3 Hours

Review of the past and present ethnographic analyses of the nature and experiences of poverty and marginality in Latin America and in the United States. Examines some of the most controversial issues and debates, and explores emerging research topics north and south of the border.

SOC 396P.19 Bourdieu and the Craft of Sociology 3 Hours

Examines Bourdieu's key notions as they become articulated in the craft of research and writing in his work, and that of others, with an underlying objective of learning how to think and conduct sociological research with or against Bourdieu.

SOC 396P.2 Social Movements 3 Hours

SOC 396P.20 Prosocial Behavior 3 Hours

Instruction steers away from traditional focus of sociology and considers pro-social behavior - actions intended to help or benefit others. Similar to the "positive psychology" movement, which asks what makes individuals resilient and happy rather than abnormal or depressed, examines what makes individuals, groups, and communities sacrifice, trust, volunteer, and generally work together.

SOC 396P.3 Social Change 3 Hours

SOC 396P.6 Elites 3 Hours

SOC 396P.7 Peace, Conflict, and Violence 3 Hours

SOC 396P8 Cultural Sociology 3 Hours

SOC 396P9 Economic Development and Social Change 3 Hours

SOC 396Q Topics in Seminars in Law and Human Rights 3 Hours

Theory and research on those instances in which legal regimes and/or legal institutions, such as prisons, raise human rights issues.

SOC 397D Publishing Papers in Sociology 3 Hours

SOC 397P Proseminar 3 Hours

A review of the requirements and responsibilities of professional sociologists.

SOC 698 Thesis 6 Hours

SOC 398T Supervised Teaching in Sociology 3 Hours

Explore the purposes and significance of teaching, teacher identity, student perceptions, and working as a Teaching Assistant. Examine critical pedagogy such as cultural, disability, and classroom interventions. Identify your emerging "Teaching Philosophy".

SOC 399W, 699W, 999W Dissertation 3,6,9 Hours