

# Sociology

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## Courses

### **SOC 500. Professional Seminar. 1 Credit.**

The course is intended as an introduction to graduate studies, the university and to the opportunities in the discipline of Sociology. Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in Sociology. S/U grading.

### **SOC 510. Sociological Inquiry. 3 Credits.**

This course focuses on the processes by which sociologists perceive, understand, and study social phenomena.

### **SOC 511. Contemporary Sociological Theory. 3 Credits.**

An examination and comparison of the major current sociological theories.

### **SOC 512. Advanced Sociological Theory. 3 Credits.**

Advanced overview of topics in the field of sociological theory. Prerequisite: SOC 511 or consent of instructor. On demand.

### **SOC 520. Advanced Research Design. 3 Credits.**

This course emphasizes the development of research design skills including survey research. Prerequisites: SOC 323 and SOC 326. S.

### **SOC 521. Advanced Statistical Methods. 3 Credits.**

An in-depth examination and application of the following topics as they relate to survey research in sociology: data processing; quantification and analysis of data; analytical statistical design; and procedures. The student will apply the various analytical statistical methods to available data. Prerequisites: SOC 323, SOC 326, and SOC 520. F.

### **SOC 528. Seminar in Research Methods. 3 Credits.**

An examination of special topics in the field of research methods. Prerequisite: SOC 323. Repeatable to 6 credits. On demand.

### **SOC 537. Graduate Cooperative Education. 3 Credits.**

A practical work experience with an employer closely associated with the student's cognate area. Prerequisite: Program of study committee and Director of Graduate Studies approval is required. S/U grading.

### **SOC 538. Seminar in Social Problems. 3 Credits.**

An examination of special topics with a focus on social problems and potential solutions. Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate school or consent of instructor. F, odd years.

### **SOC 539. Seminar in Sociology. 3 Credits.**

An in-depth examination of a particular sub-field in Sociology. Prerequisite: Admission to the Graduate School or permission of instructor. Repeatable to 6 credits. On demand.

### **SOC 540. Seminar in Social Policy. 3 Credits.**

An examination of special topics with a focus on social policy. Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate school or consent of instructor. F, even years.

### **SOC 569. Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship. 3 Credits.**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the topics of social entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurs, how social entrepreneurship can become a tool for social change, social science theories and research on social entrepreneurship. Prerequisite: Admission to the Certificate Program in Social Entrepreneurship. S.

### **SOC 592. Research Experience in Sociology. 1-5 Credits.**

Designed for students who are working on research under the direction of one or more faculty. This course provides the opportunity for guided experience in applied research projects. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Repeatable to 5 credits. S/U grading. S.

### **SOC 594. Readings in Sociology. 1-5 Credits.**

Designed for students who want additional instruction in sociological topics. Specific arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to registration. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Repeatable to 5 credits. F,S.

### **SOC 599. Internship in Sociology. 1-5 Credits.**

A learning experience in a selected community agency or organization determined by the student's area of interest. The student will select a Sociology professor to oversee the internship, and it is with this professor that the student will complete a contract for the course prior to enrolling. Fieldwork is under the supervision of agency personnel. Two to three hours per week are required in the field per credit hour for each week of the semester. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Repeatable to 5 credits. S/U grading. F,S.

### **SOC 996. Continuing Enrollment. 1-12 Credits.**

Repeatable. S/U grading.

### **SOC 998. Thesis. 1-9 Credits.**

Maximum of 9 credits. Repeatable to 9 credits.

## Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit

### **SOC 407. Political Sociology. 3 Credits.**

Sociological analysis of political and parapolitical groups; voting behavior; political socialization process; power elites, societies and systems of government; power structures. On demand.

### **SOC 431. Workplace Dynamics. 3 Credits.**

This course focuses on understanding contemporary workplace dynamics, informed by how the organization of work has changed across time. Theories underlying the organization of work are examined, with an emphasis on how workplaces are shaped by larger social forces, how they shape society, and how they intersect with other organizations. The course concludes with an exploration of diversity in the workforce, especially the ramifications of social class, gender, and race/ethnicity in organizational settings. On demand.

### **SOC 435. Racial and Ethnic Relations. 3 Credits.**

A survey of major USA racial and ethnic groups, the histories of their social encounters, and the theoretical perspectives associated with their experiences. On demand.

### **SOC 436. Social Inequality. 3 Credits.**

An examination of various forms and modes of portraying human inequality. An investigation of the role of inequality in human affairs, its measurement and significance. On demand.

### **SOC 437. Population. 3 Credits.**

A basic consideration of formal and social demography. The determinants and consequences of population change. On demand.

### **SOC 450. Deviant Behavior. 3 Credits.**

This course examines the nature, types and societal reactions to deviant behavior; special emphasis on the process of social typing, regulation of deviance, deviant subcultures, and identities. On demand.

### **SOC 492. Research Experience in Sociology. 1-5 Credits.**

Students enrolled in this practicum work on a research project under the direction of one or more faculty. The practicum is designed to provide hands-on research and/or statistical experience for those enrolled. Repeatable for a maximum of 10 credits. Repeatable to 10 credits. S/U grading. F,S.

### **SOC 494. Readings in Sociology. 1-5 Credits.**

Designed for students who want instruction in subjects not covered adequately in usual course offerings. Specific arrangements must be made with the instructor prior to registration. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Repeatable to 10 credits. F,S.