SOC 110. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Credits.
A systematic examination of the social components of human behavior, including the norms, laws, cultural patterns, and economic forces that organize everyday life. Students will analyze theories of society, the structure of social institutions, social conflict and stratification, as well as social interactions among diverse groups of people. F,S,SS.

SOC 115. Social Problems. 3 Credits.
A sociological analysis of major social problems in America. F,S.

SOC 250. Diversity in American Society. 3 Credits.
Students will explore diverse American identities through the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, social class, sexual orientation, age, and disability status. Theories of intergroup relations, prejudice and discrimination are covered. S.

SOC 252. Criminology. 3 Credits.
This course provides an in-depth investigation into the major criminological theories that explain the causation, occurrence and development of criminal behavior. Crime typologies and the social correlates of crime and victimization are discussed. Provides an explanation of the methods criminologists use to study crime trends and criminal patterns of behavior. F,S.

SOC 253. Delinquency and Juvenile Justice. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on theoretical explanations for the causes, dynamics, and consequences of juvenile delinquency. Students will explore a justice system specifically designed to handle American youth and will be introduced to basic terminology relating to juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system. F,S.

SOC 301. Basic Sociological Theory. 3 Credits.
A survey of the main trends in the history of sociological thought. Basic concepts and frames of reference central to sociological theory and analysis are emphasized. F,S.

SOC 306. Social Change and Social Movements. 3 Credits.
The focus of this course is on social change in American society in the context of current environmental and social problems. Topics include definitions of social change, patterns and causes of social change, theoretical explanations for social change, contemporary social movements and the theoretical explanation for their origins and planned social change strategies. On demand.

SOC 309. Selected Topics. 1-4 Credits.
Selected topics in sociology taught at the junior level. Repeatable to 40 credits with different topics. Repeatable to 40 credits. On demand.

SOC 323. Sociological Research Methods. 3 Credits.
This course explores various facets of the sociological research process. The main focus is on the design and implementation of quantitative research, with attention also given to other types of research, including qualitative research and content analysis. F,S.

SOC 326. Sociological Statistics. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to calculation and application of basic statistical techniques employed by sociologists. Students perform statistical analyses of real data sets using SPSS software. Prerequisite: MATH 93 or any higher mathematics course. F,S.

SOC 331. Community Sociology. 3 Credits.
This course addresses one of the most fundamental concepts in human relationships: community. What is community? How is community related to the physical environment and place? Who defines community? These are some of the core questions of both urban and rural sociology that we will address in this course. 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 475. Sociology Capstone. 3 Credits.
This course is a culminating experience for Sociology majors. Building on work in the major, students write an empirical research paper and present their findings to the Department. Prerequisites: SOC 110, SOC 301, SOC 323, SOC 326 and second semester junior standing. F,S.

SOC 489. Senior Honors Thesis. 1-15 Credits.
Supervised independent study culminating in a thesis. Total not to exceed fifteen credits. Prerequisite: Consent of department and approval of the Honors Committee. F,S.

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.