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Department of Sociology
College of Social Science

100  Introduction to Sociology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Nature of sociological inquiry. Concepts and prin-
ciples of sociology. Institutional features of modern
society. Structure and dynamics of social organiza-
tions.

131  Social Problems
Fall. 3(3-0)
The role of social movements, the legal system,
political policy and opinion in the resolution of poverty,
crime, racism, sexism, and ecological problems.

161  International Development and Change
Spring. 3(3-0)
Global issues of development and change. Popula-
tion growth, poverty, structural inequalities, envi-
ronmental degradation, social conflicts, social move-
ments. Alternative development strategies and future
perspectives.

215  Race and Ethnicity
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0)
Racial and ethnic problems in contemporary society.
Prejudice, discrimination, conflict, and racial and
ethnic identity and segregation in western and non-
western societies.

216  Sex and Gender
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 100
Social structural and social psychological perspec-
tives on gender. Issues related to gender inequality
in selected institutions such as economy, family,
education, and politics.

220  Criminology
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal
or (SOC 100 or concurrently) R: Open only to students in the
Criminal Justice or Sociology major or ap-
proval of school. Introduction to the socio-legal foundation of crime.
Crime typology and measurement procedures. Theory and public policy. Societal responses to
crime and criminals.

241  Social Psychology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in PSY 235.
Relationship of individuals to their social environ-
mant. Social influences on personality, attitudes and
behavior.

281  Methods of Social Research I
Fall. 4(3-2)
Design and execution of research on social behavior
and institutions. Data collection, structure, and qual-
ity. Descriptive analysis. Presentation of conclu-
sions.

282  Methods of Social Research II
Spring. 4(3-2) P:M: SOC 281
Survey methods. Experiments. Selected quantitative
techniques of data analysis.

315  Family and Society
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Family development. Diversity of family form and
organization in relation to personality, class, race, and
gender.

316  Youth and Society
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)
Behavioral analysis of youth. Youth subcultures.
Youth at risk. Social change and youth behavior.

319  Introduction to Earth System Science
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Entomol-
ogy and Geological Sciences and Plant Bi-
ology and Zoology. Administered by Ento-
mology. P:M: Completion of one course in
biological or physical science. Systems approach to Earth as an integration of
geochemical, geophysical, biological and social
components. Global dynamics at a variety of spatio-
temporal scales. Sustainability of the Earth system.

321  Industrial Sociology
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I
writing requirement. Industrialization in western and non-western socie-
ties. Social organization of work. The workplace as a
social system. Labor-management relations in vari-
ous cultural settings.

322  Sociology of Work
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I
writing requirement. Social significance of work. Forces changing con-
temporary occupational structure. Career patterns.
Occupational status and mobility. Social organiza-
tion of various types of work. Gender and work.
Social influence on work attitudes.

330  Social Stratification
Spring. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writ-
ing requirement. Theories of structural social inequality. Formation
and change of social classes and class structures.
Socioeconomic classes in modern societies. Conse-
quences of social stratification. Current stratification
trends.

331  Political Sociology
Fall. 3(3-0)
Social power theories, dynamics, and structures.
The economy and the polity. Power elites and de-
mocracy. Social bases of political behavior and participation. Sociopolitical movements.

361  Contemporary Communities
Fall. 3(3-0)
Approaches to the study of contemporary communi-
ties. Differential levels of community complexity.
Social problems and dynamics of community change and development in local settings and their
relation to external institutions.

362  Developing Societies
Spring. 3(3-0)
Dynamics of agricultural and industrial transforma-
tions in developing nations. Structural problems, beha-
vioral patterns, and institutional changes at local and societal levels. Socioeconomic interde-
pendencies in the world system.

363  Rural Sociology
Spring. 3(3-0)
Overview of rural societies in transition. Adjustments of rural people, families, and communities to societal
changes. Survival strategies. Social aspects of contemporary agriculture and rural development
processes.

368  Science, Technology and Society
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Lyman
Briggs School. Administered by Sociology. RB: (LBS 133) or some familiarity with basic
concepts and methods in sociology. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Role of science and technology in social change. Values and ethics in contemporary perspectives, controversies, and cases. Science and technology as forms of knowledge.

375  Urban Sociology
Spring. 3(3-0)
Social theories and research on urban development, organization, and change. Urban social life. Sociolo-
gical aspects of urban planning and redevelop-
ment.

415  Russian Contemporary Society
Spring. 3(3-0)
Social change in Russia. Social structure, values, and behavior.

419  Advanced Earth System Science
Spring. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Ento-
mology and Geological Sciences and Plant Biology and Zoology. Administered by En-
tomology. P:M: ENT 319
Systems science theory applied to analysis of the
biological, geological, physical, and social causes
and consequences of global changes. Issues of sustaining the Earth system.

424  Complex Organizations
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I
writing requirement. R: Not open to fresh-
men or sophomores.
Complex formal organizations and bureaucracies. Intergroup and interorganizational relationships. Structural and
procedural problems of organizations. Utility of analytical models of organizations.

427  Environmental Toxicology and Society
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmen-
tal with Animal Science and Environmental
Engineering. Administered by Animal Sci-
ence. RB: ISB 200 or ISB 202 or ISB 204 or
ISB 206H or BMB 200 or BS 111 or BS 110
Impact of environmental chemicals on health and
modern society. Cellular and organ functions and
their interface with the environment. Limitations of scientific investigation and environmental regula-
tions.

441  Personality and Social Structure
Fall. 3(3-0)
Individual behavior and personality, especially the
concept of self. Interdependence of social structures
and personality.

450  Forestry in International Development
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Forestry. Administered by Forestry. RB: FOR 404 R:
Open only to seniors or graduate students.
Biophysical, social and economic factors influencing
design and implementation of farm, village and
community level forestry and agroforestry projects.

451  Dynamics of Population
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or
sophomores.
Size, distribution, and composition of population by
age and sex. Theories of the effect of fertility, mor-
tality, and migration on population structures. Suc-
cessful and unsuccessful population policies.
Environment and Society  
Fall. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. C: SOC 452L concurrently. Environmental conditions and social organization. Relation to resources, pollution, energy, and risks. Growth and limits to growth. Environmental attitudes, actions, movements, and regulation.

Internship in Environment and Society  
Fall. 1(0-2) C: SOC 452 concurrently. A field internship experience with an organization whose goals and activities emphasize environmental policies and programs.

Sociology of Health Care Systems  
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Organizations, professions and institutions of health care systems. Provider-patient relationships. Social epidemiology. Socioeconomic factors influencing access. International comparisons.

Social Psychology of Health  
Fall. 3(3-0) Social psychological aspects of health and health care behavior. Mental health and stress. Patient-provider behavior. Role relationships.

Visual Sociology  
Fall. 3(3-0) P:M: SOC 100 Use of visual images to understand power, ideology, politics, and cultural constructions.

Intentional Social Change  
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Directions, sources, processes, patterns, and consequences of planned social change. Factors stimulating or hindering acceptance and success of designed social change.

Sociological Theory (W)  
Fall. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Development of sociological theory. Problems of theory construction. Current theoretical perspectives.

Special Topics in Sociology  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of Sociology. Experimental courses and courses taught by visiting scholars.

Individual Readings  
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department. Supervised individual readings and study in sociology.

Individual Research  
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department. Supervised individual research in sociology.

Sociology Internship  
Fall, Spring. Summer. 3(3-0) RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department. Practical experience with a public, private, or nonprofit organization.

Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society (W)  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Selected major social problems in contemporary societies. Sources and consequences of social change. Application of sociological theory to selected cases.

Classical Sociological Theory  
Fall. 3(3-0) Nineteenth- and early twentieth-century sociological theory from Marx to Pareto in socio-historical context. Development of contemporary sociological theory and research from the classics.

Contemporary Sociological Theory  
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 815 Theories and conceptual schemes of contemporary social theorists. Relevance for sociological research.

Contemporary Sociological Research in the Family  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Family structure. Family and marital attitudes. Family and social policy.

Critical Perspectives in Sociology  
Fall. 3(3-0) Critical perspectives in sociology and their relation to structural inequality. Research on power and inequality.

Intersections of Class, Race, and Gender  
Spring. 3(3-0) Class, race, and gender in the U.S. Differential opportunities and choices in social and economic life.

International Inequality and Development  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Theories of cultural action and social change in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Effects of research results on change and development.

Gender and Power  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Theory and research on gender and sexual inequality in socially-based systems of production and reproduction. Global and national gender inequalities in selected institutional settings.

Social Class and Social Change  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Theory and research on social class. Class and institutional structures.

Race, Politics, and Social Structure  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) National and international perspectives on the structures and manifestations of racial inequality. Concepts, methods, and quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Comparative Urban Theory  
Fall. 3(3-0) Social theories of urban development and change in international and comparative perspective. Relationship of urban theory to urban experience, practice, and policy in different societies.

Structural Inequalities and Families  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 831 Macrostructural forces and family life. Role of class, race, and gender.

Population, Food, and Development  
Fall. 3(3-0) Relationship of fertility, mortality, and migration to food production and distribution, and to international development. Demographic transition, wealth flows, famine, coping strategies, and environmental degradation.

Demography and Public Health  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Causes and consequences of transitions from high to low population growth rates. National and subnational comparisons of fertility and mortality.

Migration and Social Change  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Theory and research on the causes and consequences of human migration. Sociological, social psychological, and demographic perspectives.

Methods and Paradigms in Migration Studies  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History. Methods and paradigms in the interdisciplinary study of migration used by historians, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers, and others.

Gender, Justice and Environmental Change: Issues and Concepts  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Resource Development. Administered by Fisheries and Wildlife. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources. Issues and concepts related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Key debates and theoretical approaches to addressing environmental issues from a gender and social justice perspective. Gender and environment issues and processes from a global perspective.

Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change: Methods and Application  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Resource Development. Administered by Anthropology. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources. Methods and case studies related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Methodological and fieldwork issues from a feminist perspective in international and intercultural contexts. Qualitative and quantitative methods for integrating social and environmental data.

Rural Societies in Transition  
Spring. 3(3-0) Research and policy issues in rural studies. Comparative perspectives on agricultural restructuring, household strategies, community transformations, and sustainable development.

Agricultural Structure and Change  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Social dimensions of agricultural structure and change. Concepts, principles, research approaches, and policy issues. Farm work patterns, role of women, migrant workers, food systems, alternative agriculture, and part time farming.