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Department of Sociology
College of Social Science

100 Introduction to Sociology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

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

161 International Development and Change
Spring. 3(3-0)

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 or SOC 131 or SOC 161
Social structural and social psychological perspectives 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 Justice. Administered by Criminal Justice. P: CJ 110 or (SOC 100 or concurrently) R: Open only to students in the Criminal Justice or Sociology major or approval from the school.

241 Social Psychology
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Not open to students with credit in PSY 235.
Relationship of individuals to their social environment. 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 quality. Descriptive analysis. Presentation of conclusions.

282 Methods of Social Research II
Spring. 4(3-2) P: 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 Entomology and Geological Sciences and Plant Biology. Administered by Entomology. RB: 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 spatiotemporal scales. Sustainability of the Earth system.

322 Sociology of Work
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.

330 Social Stratification
Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement.
Theories of structural social inequality. Formation and change of social classes and class structures. Socioeconomic classes in modern societies. Consequences 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 democracy. Social bases of political behavior and participation. Sociopolitical movements.

361 Contemporary Communities
Fall. 3(3-0)
Approaches to the study of contemporary communities. 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 transformations in developing nations. Structural problems, behavioral patterns, and institutional changes at local and societal levels. Socioeconomic interdependencies in the world system.

363 Rural Sociology
Fall. 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
Fall. 3(3-0)
Social theories and research on urban development, organization, and change. Urban social life. Sociological aspects of urban planning and redevelopments.

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

424 Complex Organizations
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.
Complex formal organizations and bureaucracies. 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) Interdepartmental with Animal Science and Environmental Engineering. Administered by Animal Science. RB: ISB 200 or ISB 202 or ISB 204 or ISB 208H 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 regulations.

433 Law and Social Change
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Economics and Policy and Environmental Studies and Applications. Administered by Environmental Studies and Applications. R: Open to juniors or seniors. SA: RD 433
Function of law in a modern society. Concepts of power, public regulation, civil rights, and property rights. Limits on freedom.

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, mortality, and migration on population structures. Successful and unsuccessful population policies.

452 Environment and Society
Fall. 3(3-0) P: 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.

452L 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.
470  Theory and Practice in Community and Economic Development  
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Economics and Policy and Environmental Studies and Applications. Administered by Environmental Studies and Applications. P: EC 201 or EC 202 SA: RD 470

475  Sociology of Health Care Systems  
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.


476  Social Psychology of Health  
Fall. 3(3-0)


477  Visual Sociology  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: SOC 100

Use of visual images to understand power, ideology, politics, and cultural constructions.

478  Sociological Theory (W)  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 12 credits in sociology.


479  Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society (W)  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: 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.

480  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 sociology theory and research from the classics.

481  Contemporary Sociological Theory  
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 815

Theories and conceptual schemes of contemporary social theorists. Relevance for sociological research.

482  Contemporary Sociological Research in the Family  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)

Family structure. Family and marital attitudes. Family and social policy.

483  Critical Perspectives in Sociology  
Fall. 3(3-0)


484  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.

485  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.

486  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.

487  Social Class and Social Change  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0)

Theory and research on social class. Class and institutional structures.

488  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.

489  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.

490  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.

491  Animals and Social Transformations  
Spring. 3(3-0)

Historical examination of the human-animal relationships.

492  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.

493  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.

494  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.

495  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.

496  Gender, Justice and Environmental Change: Issues and Concepts  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Environmental Studies and Applications and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography. Administered by Anthropology. 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.

497  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.

498  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.

499  Social Ecology  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0)

Interaction of technology, environment, social organization, population, and culture in processes of social evolution. Role of organization and structure in determining sustainability of developing and industrialized societies.
865 Environmental Sociology
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
Effects of attitudes, social structure, and policy on the causes and consequences of natural resource depletion, pollution, energy use, growth, and technological risks. Reappraisal of movements and policies to environmental problems.

868 Science and Technology
Fall of even years. 3(3-0)
Social aspects of science and technology. History of science studies. Contemporary perspectives, controversies, and cases. Role of science and technology in development.

869 Community and Conservation
Fall of even years, Summer of even years. 3 credits.
Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Resource Development. Administered by Sociology. RB: Social Science methods, social science theory and environmental coursework. Use of experiential, participatory, field-based mode of inquiry to develop understanding of social and cultural issues associated with conservation. Understanding of different social positions and perspectives.

870 Theories of Social Psychology
Spring 3(3-0)

873 Social Organization of Health and Medicine
Spring, 3(3-0)

881 Analysis of Social Data I
Fall, 3(2-2) RB: One course in statistics. R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology.
Applications of statistical techniques to social science data. Multiple regression. SPSS. Interpretation, strengths, and weaknesses of various statistical practices.

882 Analysis of Social Data II
Spring, 3(2-2) RB: SOC 881 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology.
Applications of multiple regression, path analysis, and factor analysis to social science data. Interpretation, strengths, and weaknesses of commonly used statistical practices.

885 Methods of Sociological Inquiry
Spring, 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Sociology major or approval of department.

890 Individual Readings
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 9 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 16 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty-supervised readings in Sociology.

899 Master's Thesis Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 9 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 16 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Master's thesis research.

901 Topics in Structural Inequality
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Current research on socioeconomic class, gender inequality, racial and ethnic inequality, power structures, social conflict, urban dynamics, or social change.

950 Topics in Rural and Environmental Studies
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Adoption of innovations, consolidation of food production enterprises, or community response to farm crises.

954 Techniques of Population Analysis
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0)

970 Topics in Wellbeing and Health
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Topics such as family work and stress, risk and uncertainty, social epidemiology, and life course.

974 Social Attitudes
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 870 or SOC 872
Attitude and behavior measurement. Structure and function of social attitudes. Persuasion and attitude change.

977 Social Epidemiology
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) RB: SOC 851 or SOC 872 or SOC 873
Social, economic, and ecological factors in health problems within a community or society. Application of social models and methods to epidemiology. Social policies of health promotion and disease prevention.

985 Qualitative Field Research
Fall, 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in Sociology.
Qualitative research methods. Participant observation, interview, and field documents. Design, data gathering, and analysis.

986 Survey Research Principles
Spring, 3(3-0) RB: SOC 881
Design, analysis, sampling, questionnaire construction, interviewing, and data processing.

989 Topics in Sociological Methodology
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Evaluation research. Experimental or comparative research methods.

999 Doctoral Dissertation Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 99 credits in all enrollments for this course.
Doctoral dissertation research.