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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 of 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 and Zoology. 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 spatio-temporal 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.
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470  Theory and Practice in Community and Economic Development
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Economics and Policy and Environmental Studies and Agriscience. Administered by Environmental Studies and Agriscience. 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.

481  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.

488  Sociological Theory (W)
Fall. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: 12 credits in sociology. Development of sociological theory. Problems of theory construction. Current theoretical perspectives.

490  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.

496  Individual Readings
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department.

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

498  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.

499  Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society (W)
Fall, Spring. 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.

815  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.

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

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

831  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.

832  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.

833  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.

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

836  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.

838  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.

839  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.

840  Animals and Social Transformations
Spring. 3(3-0)
Historical examination of the human-animal relationships.

841  Social Movements
Fall. 3(3-0)
Major theories, conceptual issues, and methodologies from the foundation to the cutting edge of the sociological literature on social movements.

842  Sociology of Culture
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0)
Major theoretical approaches to the sociological study of culture and examination of the application of the approaches in sociological research.

850  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.

851  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.

852  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.

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

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

859  Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change: Methods and Application
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Environmental Studies and Applications in 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.

861  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.
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. Response 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.

884 Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis
Fall. 3(3-0) P: SOC 881 and SOC 882 RB: A solid knowledge of multiple regressions is required. Application of statistical methods to analyze data in a longitudinal design.

885 Methods of Sociological Inquiry
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the Sociology major or approval of department. Methods of social science. Comparison of methods. Philosophy of science and social science. Epistemology.

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.

931 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) Global sources of demographic data. Characteristics of populations. Life table modeling, fertility, mortality, and migration. Reliability of data and validity of models.