SOCIOLOGY

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 the 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. 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 spatial-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. Administered by Sociology. RB: (LB 133) or some familiarity with basic concepts and methods in sociology. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Approval of department. 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 redevelopment.

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

424 Organizations and Society Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Approval of department. Formal and informal 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 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 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.

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 Agriscience. Administered by Environmental Studies and Agriscience. P: EC 201 or EC 202 SA: RD 470  
Concepts, principles, models, and skills for community and economic development. Community participation in local development initiatives.

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 Social Movements and Collective Identities  
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Approval of department.  
How social movements emerge, change, and are challenged by others. Identity issues within social movements.

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

484 Special Topics in Sociology  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 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.  
Supervised individual readings and study in sociology.

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.  
Supervised individual research in sociology.

486 Agriculture 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.

487 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. Responses of movements and policies to environmental problems.
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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.