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, Summer. 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)
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 to students in the Sociology Major or in the Criminal Justice Major or approval 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. 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)
Survey Methods. 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
Experiments. Selected quantitative techniques of data analysis.

310 Global Migration
Spring. 3(3-0)
Theory and research on the causes and consequences of human migration. Sociological, social psychological, historical, and demographic perspectives.

315 Family and Society
Fall, Spring, Summer. 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, Summer. 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 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. 3(3-0)

325 Play, Games, and Sports
Fall. 3(3-0)
How we learn about ourselves through playing, games, and participating in sports. Game development, and rule development and implementation in games and sports. Role of the media in determining appropriate behavior.

330 Social Stratification
Spring. 3(3-0)
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
Spring. 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
Fall. 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. P: 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 redevelopment.

412 Animals, People and Nature
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen. Sociological overview of the intersecting roles of animals, culture and nature in contemporary society.

416 Global Regions
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen. Overview of a specified global region within a context of global transformations.

424 Organizations and Society
Spring. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. 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. Administered by Animal Science. RB: ISB 200 or ISB 202 or ISB 204 or BMB 200 or BS 161 or BS 181H or LB 145 or BS 162 or LB 162H or LB 144. 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.

447 Community Economic Development
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability and Environmental Economics and Policy. Administered by Community Sustainability. P: EC 201 or EC 202 SA: ESA 470, RD 470. Theories, frameworks, policies, concepts, principles, models, and skills for community economic development. Community participation in local development initiatives.

451 Dynamics of Population
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen. 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) R: Not open to freshmen. Environmental conditions and social organization. Relation to resources, pollution, energy, and risks. Growth and limits to growth. Environmental attitudes, actions, movements, and regulation.
461  Basic Demographic Techniques and Applications  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen.  

463  Food Fight: Politics of Food  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability. Administered by Community Sustainability. P: CSUS 200 or SOC 100 RB: (CSUS 343) and Familiarity with social science theories and methods R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Social power and its influence in US agrifood system. Structural and cultural issues related to politics of food consumption, production, labor, processing, retail, techno-science, policy, resistance movements.  

475  Health and Society  

477  Visual Sociology  
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen. 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. How social movements emerge, change, and are challenged by others. Identity issues within social movements.  

488  Sociological Theory (W)  
Fall, Spring. 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 to students 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.  

498  Sociology Internship  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. RB: 9 credits in Sociology. R: Approval of department. Practical experience with a public, private, or non-profit organization.  

499  Social Issues and Change in Contemporary Society (W)  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Not open to freshmen. Selected major social problems in contemporary societies. Sources and consequences of social change. Application of sociological theory to selected cases.  

801  Global Transformations  
Fall. 3(3-0) RB: basic familiarity with sociological theory. The impact of political, economic, and cultural globalization on states, cities, and local communities.  

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 attitudes. 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.  

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.  

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.  

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. Administered by History. Methods and paradigms in the interdisciplinary study of migration used by historians, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers, and others.  

858  Gender, Justice and Environmental Change: Issues and Concepts  
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Criminal Justice and 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 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.
866 Sociology of Risk
Spring. 3(3-0)
Sociological analysis and representation of risk concepts: perception, assessment, communication, governance, management. Societal, cultural, organizational and social psychological dimensions.

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.

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.

883 Multi-Equation Quantitative Models
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Environmental Science and Policy. Administered by Sociology. P: SOC 881 and SOC 882 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Sociology and open to graduate students in the Environmental Science and Policy Specialization or approval of department. Quantitative methodology: multilevel modeling; structural equation modeling. Applications in sociology and environment.

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.

886 Sociology of Risk
Spring. 3(3-0)
Sociological analysis and representation of risk concepts: perception, assessment, communication, governance, management. Societal, cultural, organizational and social psychological dimensions.

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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.

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 even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Epidemiology. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 or approval of department RB: (LCS 829 or EPI 812) or equivalent R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department. Introduction to the field of social epidemiology and the social determinants of health. Contemporary theoretical and methodological issues in social epidemiology.

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.