SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC-100 Intro to Sociology  3 Credits
An introduction to the study of society, considering the fundamental concepts of sociology in each of three great areas: social structure, social processes, and social problems. Sociology deals with the way individuals, groups, and institutions are related to one another. (meets Social Science requirement)

SOC-100C Introduction to Sociology  3 Credits
An introduction to the study of society, considering the fundamental concepts of sociology in each of three great areas: social structure, social processes, and social problems. Sociology deals with the way individuals, groups, and institutions are related to one another.

SOC-220 Marriage & Family Social Conte  3 Credits
This course provides students with a sociological perspective of marriage and family living. Themes include: the social construction of gender and the consequences for relationships and social institutions; intimacy in family relationships; communication, conflict and stress in the family; the realities of parenting; integrating work and family life; separation divorce and remarriage; later life families. (meets Social Science requirement)

SOC-230 Social Problems  3 Credits
A selective sociological analysis of major problems confronting American society, discussion of individual and social disorganization, poverty, urbanization, deviancy, effects of mass media, and other issues.

SOC-258 Soc of Sport & Human Movement  3 Credits
This course will examine the historical and contemporary interpretations of the role of play, games, sports, dance, fitness, and recreation in a variety of cultures. This class will also address sociocultural issues such as gender, socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity in sport. This course is only offered odd years in the Fall.

SOC-265C Introduction to Statistical Methods  3 Credits
A course in basic statistical concepts and methods of collecting, summarizing, presenting, and interpreting data in the behavioral sciences; including descriptive statistics (use of graphs and charts), normal distribution curve, measures of central tendency, deviation and dispersion, hypothesis testing, statistical fallacies, correlation, and topics in probability. Students majoring in Accounting, Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology must take MATH/PSYC/SOC 265C to fulfill the core curriculum requirement in mathematics. Students majoring in Mathematics are exempt from taking the core curriculum requirement in mathematics.

SOC-291 Special Topic in Sociology  1 Credit
Study of a special topic in Sociology. May be repeated for credit.

SOC-292 Special Topic in Sociology  2 Credits
Study of a special topic in Sociology. May be repeated for credit.

SOC-293 Special Topic in Sociology  3 Credits
Study of a special topic in Sociology. May be repeated for credit.

SOC-305 Criminology and the Criminal Justice System  3 Credits
This is a survey course that introduces students to the motivations for criminal behavior and societal responses to them. Law, crime, and crime control will be presented as social phenomena that can be adequately understood only in terms of larger social and cultural contexts.

SOC-310 Introduction to Social Work  3 Credits
This course will introduce students to the profession of social work across a variety of contexts. Special attention will be given to the values supporting social work, areas/fields of practice, and the social functions filled by social workers.

SOC-312 Death, Grief, and Loss System  3 Credits
This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the study of death and dying. This course will discuss the intellectual, emotional, social, psychological, experiential, and spiritual aspects of death and loss as part of one's personal discovery.

SOC-320 Social & Cultural Change  3 Credits
The study of change, its processes and consequences in non-Western and contemporary societies. Special emphasis will be given to cross-cultural change involving migrants, minorities, religious contacts, as well as change at the personal level. Prerequisite: ANTH-102C; SOC-100C recommended.

SOC-324 Social Psychology  3 Credits
An examination of interpersonal behavior as it is influenced by social processes, culture, face-to-face interactions, and personality characteristics; including interpersonal and group behavior in relationship to social values, norms, attitudes, roles, and social needs. Prerequisite: SOC-100C or PSYC-103C

SOC-332 Marriage & the Family  3 Credits
The institutions of marriage and the family are explored from the sociological perspective which emphasizes the influence of societal norms on human behavior and social structures. Commonly held conceptions of traditional marital forms and alternative forms of cohabitation both historical and modern are examined using the analytical tools of social science theory, research methods, and statistics. Prerequisite: SOC-100C or PSYC-103C

SOC-334 Gender/Culture/Society  3 Credits
Gender as a social construction with powerful consequences is explored in this course along with those cultural values and ideologies which perpetuate the discourse of differences. Contemporary studies of gender cross-culturally will enable an appreciation of the broad diversity in the application of gender constructs and their resultant cultural effects.

SOC-336 Managing Crisis  3 Credits
This course examines the phenomena of social crises and emergencies. It will examine Crisis Theory, response, coping skills and intervention methods. Implications for gender, race, social class, and diverse backgrounds will be explored in light of how those differences influence differing needs, norms, and ways of coping.

SOC-343 Class,Race,Ethnicity & Gender  3 Credits
This course focuses on the distribution of power and resources across racial and ethnic/cultural groups, class structure, and gender. Phenomenological, institutional, and structural aspects of prejudice and discrimination are examined using the matrix of domination (the intersection of attributes related to class, race, ethnicity and gender) to explore the life experiences of individuals. Prerequisite: ANTH-102C or SOC-100C
SOC-345 Family Violence 3 Credits
Investigates the identification, causes, and prevention of all types of intrafamily abuse: child, spouse, sibling, and parent. Explores theories and research findings for practical application. Studies the sociocultural contexts in which abuse and violence occur. For students whose careers will bring contact with victims and/or perpetrators of family violence. Prerequisite: SOC-100C or PSYC-103C

SOC-346 Human Sexuality 3 Credits
Human Sexuality provides an overview of human sexual anatomy, physiology, gender identity, sex role development and expression, modes of sexual expression, sexual deviation, the meaning of sexuality within relationships, and ethical considerations. Prerequisite: SOC-100C and PSYC-103C (preferably both)

SOC-349 Religion & Society 3 Credits
The social structural approach to the study of religion, with particular emphasis on American society. Examines personal religious experience and expressions, structural forms, systemic relationships between religious systems and other social subsystems.

SOC-352 Urban Sociology 3 Credits
A study of urban life with emphasis on its organization, unique functions, and problems.

SOC-355 Survey of Human Services 3 Credits
Survey of Human Services explores the ways in which care is provided for the whole individual, surveying community resources and developing an understanding of the ways in which human services are carried out in various settings. Ethical issues and the significance of a Christian worldview in human services are also examined.

SOC-362 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice 3 Credits
The causes of juvenile delinquency are reviewed from a broad social systems perspective. Delinquent crimes, gang activity and violence are studied, as is the system of juvenile justice. Course is designed for those who will be working with juveniles.

SOC-365 Sociological Theory 3 Credits
An introduction to the theorists and theoretical models which result from examination and analysis of our empirical world of social relations, social structures, and social institutions. Prerequisite: SOC-100C

SOC-367 Sociology of Corrections 3 Credits
Provides an overview of modern adult corrections: specifically, probation, parole, incarceration, community-based corrections, and prevention programs. Includes survey of history, application and theory of punishment philosophies and practices. Studies contemporary correctional policies, practices, and issues.

SOC-369 Research Design & Methods 3 Credits
Examines the major qualitative and quantitative research methods used in applied Anthropology and Sociology. Particular emphasis will be given to design, preparation, and process of applied social research. Introduces students to various methods including unobtrusive observation, structured and unstructured interviewing, and survey research.

SOC-369L Research Design & Methods Lab 1 Credit
Introduces students to computer software utilized by social researchers to compile, manage and analyze data as a product of research.

SOC-371 Urban Studies System 3 Credits
A study of urban life with emphasis on its organization, unique functions, and problems.

SOC-373 Deviant Behavior 3 Credits
Explores how societies decide what behaviors are deviant, how they attempt to prevent and/or correct deviance and the consequences to the offenders and the social structures in which they occur. Emphasis is given to research that describes deviance, theories which explain the social conditions contributing to the emergence and perpetuation of deviance, and the analysis of society's programmed efforts to resolve the problems deviance produces.

SOC-374 Dynamics of Organizations 3 Credits
An exploration of the dynamics of organizations including theoretical perspectives of formal and complex organizations. Students survey and investigate the internal processes, relationships and interactions that are embedded into the explicit structural forms of organizations and the tacit deep structure of meanings that people use to negotiate their lives through these systems. This sense-making process is further expressed in linkages to the external environment and strategic recommendations that connect to the organizational culture.

SOC-375 Soc Issues of Health/Wellness 3 Credits
Explores the social forces that shape the health and illness of populations, the changing social definitions of wellness and social expectations. The course examines the role of society and culture in wellness-related decision making and health-care delivery systems.

SOC-376 Immigration and Diversity 3 Credits
This course will discuss topics of immigration and demographic change as interconnected social phenomena and will explore different generational cohorts as social forces that contribute to suburbanization, American consumerism, the birth and rebirth of social movements and various subcultures.

SOC-377 Migrants and Refugees 3 Credits
This course explores sociological explanations of migration to understand voluntary and involuntary movement of refugees and migrants. The course discussion includes the history of global refugee responses, immigration policies in the U.S. and its growing population of undocumented migrants and refugees, and global political instabilities and subsequent displacement of people from their places of security. The course aims to achieve deeper understanding of diversity embedded in migration stories, intended and unintended consequences of our reactions to refugee crises, and the social significance of development and globalization.

SOC-378 Prisons and Jails 3 Credits
PREREQUISITE: ANTH-102C, PSYC103-C, or SOC-100C. Provides an overview of modern adult corrections, specifically probation, parole, incarceration, community-based corrections, and prevention programs. Includes survey of history, application and theory of punishment philosophies and practices. Studies contemporary correctional policies, practices, and issues.

SOC-382 Mental Illness in Society 3 Credits
This course examines the distribution of mental illness throughout society, the social conditions of processes that contribute to mental illness and mental health, and the individual experience of being labeled and treated as mentally ill.
SOC-422 Social Entrepreneurship 3 Credits
This course invites students to learn how innovative organizations tackle some of our world’s most difficult problems by applying the principles of social entrepreneurship. Students identify and discover their own personal values and calling to better understand where to best have impact. The course is designed to provide students with a broad perspective of how different types of organizations attempt to change the world for good. It also challenges students to think critically about how faith plays a critical role in bringing about lasting change.

SOC-442 Globalization & Development 3 Credits
Course considers anthropological approaches to the analysis of economic development and change, with special attention given to contemporary development concerns as perceived at the local level. The organization of large- and small-scale development organizations, including non-government organizations, in non-Western settings will also be examined. Class is also designed to meet the needs of students interested in participating in both overseas and domestic community/organizations/economic development.

SOC-450 Sociology Teaching Internship 1-3 Credits
Students may be a teaching intern for classes they have previously taken. Regular hours each week for classes and/or meetings are established at the beginning of the semester. The intern will assist the instructor in course-related activities. May be repeated for a maximum of six units.

SOC-455 Sociology Research Assistantship 1-3 Credits
The student assistant will be assigned to work on various steps of the research process from the formulation of the problem through the analysis of the data and preparation of the research report in written and/or oral formats. May be repeated for a maximum of six units. Prerequisite: SOC-100C, SOC-369 and MATH-265C, SOC-265C, or PSYC-265C

SOC-460 Field Practicum 1-4 Credits
Field experience in a social service agency such as an outpatient health facility, a community organization, or a social program. This course is controlled by the instructor and all field sites must be approved by the professor. The course instructor and the university manage the course requirements and responsibilities, which may include: a research paper, weekly journals, and various written assignments. The course requires weekly interaction between professor and student, as well as training and preparation that are comparable with other courses within the major. Thirty hours of field experience will be required for each credit hour. Students must take SOC 460A or SOC 462A as a major upper division requirement. May be repeated as SOC 462B for 1-4 units in a subsequent semester. Prerequisite: SOC-369 and SOC-369L

SOC-462 Research Practicum 1-4 Credits
This course provides an in-depth research experience. Students work closely with a faculty mentor at all levels of the research process - from the development of a conceptual framework and articulation of the research question to the creation of the research instrument, collection of data, and analysis of key findings. Students will submit an empirical research paper at the end of the term with the opportunity to present their research in a number of academic conferences and colloquia. Must take 3 units during the first semester. May be repeated for 1-4 units in a subsequent semester. Prerequisite: SOC-365 and SOC-369

SOC-462A Research Practicum 3-4 Credits
This course provides an in-depth research experience. Students work closely with a faculty mentor at all levels of the research process - from the development of a conceptual framework and articulation of the research question to the creation of the research instrument, collection of data, and analysis of key findings. Students will be introduced to SPSS (a data analysis program for Social Sciences) and will have the opportunity to present their findings in a number of settings. Thirty hours of research experience will be required for each credit hour. Must take SOC 460A or SOC 462A as a major upper division requirement. May be repeated as SOC 462B for 1-4 units in a subsequent semester Prerequisite: Prerequisites: SOC-365 and SOC-369

SOC-465 Transforming Communities Sem 3 Credits
An exploration of the role of local churches in developing sustainable solutions to poverty. The course reviews the history of faith-based efforts to strengthen human well-being in Latin America and El Salvador. Students will also identify and evaluate the characteristics of successful partnerships between churches and other local private and public institutions, and NGOs. A significant component of the class will consist of spending time with local churches that are engaged in poverty alleviation work.

SOC-470 Special Topic in Sociology 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in one of the fields of sociology. May be repeated for credit. Special topic courses are developed by faculty according to student interest and are offered periodically. Prerequisite: SOC-100C

SOC-480 Individual Studies in Sociology 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

SOC-490C Senior Seminar 3 Credits
This course is designed to serve as a rite of passage for graduating seniors. It particularly is intended to assist the student in integrating the multifaceted aspects of their educational experience with their short- and long-term life goals. This course fulfills the Core Curriculum Capstone requirement for Sociology majors.