

SOCIOLOGY

Courses (SOC)

Refer to Curricula and Courses and University Policies sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

SOC 101. Introductory Sociology: The Study of Society (3) [GE]

This course is prerequisite to all upper division courses in sociology. Major ideas, concepts, and methods in the study of society to include socialization, culture, social structure, social stratification, deviance, social control, and social change.

SOC 150. Introduction to Social Problems (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Contemporary social problems. Topics may include poverty, inequality, unemployment, crime and deviance, population and ecological problems, health, family issues, and the role of ideology and interest groups in the definition of social problems.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

SOC 320. Sex/Gender Roles in American Society (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Ways femininity and masculinity are constructed through social arrangements associated with interpersonal relations, family, education, occupations, and economic and political systems. How gender relations are portrayed in mass media and how they are accomplished in community life.

SOC 335. Mass Communication and Popular Culture (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Development of popular culture as influenced by the growth of mass media of communication, including popular music, television, film, newspapers, and advertising. The power, functions, and effects of the mass media in society and in social change.

SOC 355. Minority Group Relations (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Sociology 101 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences required for nonmajors.

Historical and comparative analysis of race and ethnic relations. Origins and maintenance of ethnic stratification systems; discrimination and prejudice; the adaptation of minority communities; role of social movements and government policies in promoting civil rights and social change.

SOC 443. Crime and Society (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Social origins, forms, and functions of criminal law. Sociological theories about causes and consequences of crime. Measurement and distribution of violent crimes, property crimes, victimless crimes, white collar crime, and their impact on communities and society.

SOC 445. Sociology of Deviance (3)

Prerequisite: Sociology 101.

Conformity and nonconformity; the relationship between individual liberty and social control; stigma and the labeling of deviant behavior such as prostitution, alcoholism, drug addiction, and crime.

SOC 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

SOC 499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.
