Sociology

Sociology majors must receive a grade of C or higher in order to count completed courses toward the major. Graduate students must earn a B or higher to apply completed courses toward the degree.

LOWER DIVISION

SOC 104. Introduction to Sociology [3]. Study of social patterns across groups, social institutions, and societies. Socialization, social interaction, inequalities, change, social issues, and social science research. Relationship of self and society. [LD-LD]

SOC 113. Sociology Skills Development [2]. Develop independent academic success strategies. Improve student writing abilities: summarize, analyze, and apply course concepts to social, cultural, and economic contexts of student lives. [Coreq: SOC 104 EOP]

SOC 225S. Social Issues & Action [4]. Why do some social issues become a focus of concern? How do inequalities shape definitions and responses? Course service learning experiences connect students to local organizations and actions.

SOC 235 / ANTH 235 / COMM 235 / CRGS 235 / PSCI 235. Act to End Sexualized Violence [1]. Analyze how sexualized violence impacts communities and operates as social control; learn to recognize victim-blaming, promote survivor-centered responses, foreground enthusiastic consent, and take action to transform our campus community. [CR/NC]

SOC 275. The Emerald Triangle [1]. This course examines the production, distribution and use of Marijuana in “The Emerald Triangle.” We consider perspectives from: Law Enforcement, Environmental and Human Health, Legalization, Medical Use, and Land Use. [CR/NC]

SOC 280. Special Topics [1-4]. Pressing social issues and popular topics. [Rep.]

SOC 282L. Sociological Statistics Lab [1]. Application of statistics knowledge. Skills training in SPSS quantitative data analysis. [Prereq: STAT 108(C) or STAT 108(C) with a passing grade of C]

SOC 302. Forests & Culture [3]. Explore relationships between human civilizations and nature/forest in global and historical contexts. Themes include deforestation, ecological degradation, conservation, life-places, bioregionalism and ecological futures. Majors also take SOC 302M. [D-DU]

SOC 302M. Forests & Culture for Majors [1]. Required corequisite for sociology majors enrolled in the 3-unit GE course of the same title. Majors will meet with instructor outside of GE section time to discuss movies, books, or paper. [Coreq: SOC 302.]

SOC 303. Race & Inequality [3]. Problems of racialized power and inequality: causes, processes, theoretical considerations, and social movements. Multiple perspectives on problems and peacemaking efforts. Majors also take SOC 303M [D-DU-D]

SOC 303M. Race & Inequality for Majors [1]. Required corequisite for sociology majors enrolled in the 3-unit GE course of the same title. Majors will meet with instructor outside of GE section time to discuss movies, books, or paper. [Coreq: SOC 303.]

SOC 305. Global Transformations [3]. Economic, political, social, and ecological dimensions of globalization. Theories and research in global political economy, world systems, transnationalism, and social movements in historical and comparative contexts. Majors also take SOC 305M [D-DU]

SOC 305M. Global Transformations for Majors [1]. Required corequisite for sociology majors enrolled in the 3-unit GE course of the same title. Majors will meet with instructor outside of GE section time to discuss movies, books, or paper. [Coreq: SOC 305.]


SOC 306M. The Changing Family for Majors [1]. Required corequisite for sociology majors enrolled in the 3-unit GE course of the same title. Majors will meet with instructor outside of GE section time to discuss movies, books, or paper. [Coreq: SOC 306.]

SOC 308. Sociology of Altruism & Compassion [3]. Altruism and compassion as an antidote to a divided world. Create a more caring society by understanding what motivates people to action. Majors also take SOC 308M [D-DU]

SOC 308M. Sociology of Altruism & Compassion for Majors [1]. Required corequisite for sociology majors enrolled in the 3-unit GE course of the same title. Majors will meet with instructor outside of GE section time to discuss movies, books, or paper. [Coreq: SOC 308.]

SOC 310. Sociological Theory [4]. Foundational people and theories in sociology. Social, economic, political, intellectual, biographical contexts of theory development. Appraise theoretical relevancy to contemporary society. Writing intensive course. [Prereq: SOC 225S; junior standing or greater.]

SOC 316 / WS 316. Gender and Society [4]. Nature of gender dynamics linking personal experiences to the structure and functioning of institutions, to cultural/subcultural aspects of society, and to interests of the powerful. [D-DU]

SOC 320. Environmental Sociology [4]. Examines the dynamics of the “natural environment” and society. Emphasis on exploring environmental crises, theoretical perspectives on nature, climate, and sustainability.

SOC 321. Sociology of Sport [4]. Sport as a social institution and cultural phenomenon. Analysis through social justice lens of processes, patterns, issues, and values. Role in (re) production and transformation of culture and society.

SOC 330. Social Deviance [4]. “Outsiders” by virtue of age, physical status, ethnic heritage, socioeconomic status, or social and occupational roles — elderly, disabled, poor, women, nonwhites, police officers. Role engulfment, anomie, and alienation.

SOC 350. Social Movements [4]. This seminar introduces students to the study of U.S. and international social movements. Students study the causes, activities, successes, and failures of social movements, and their importance in the contemporary world.


SOC 372. Proseminar [1]. Structures career planning and professional development through resume building, job search, networking, and interview training. Develop proposal for capstone internship experiences of career plan. [Prereq: sophomore standing or greater; CR/NC]

SOC 401. Contemporary Social Theory [4]. 20th century theories: functionalism, conflict, interactionism, exchange, structural, phenomenological, existential, interpretive, and critical. [Prereq: SOC 310; junior standing or greater.]

SOC 411. Popular Culture [4]. Considers popular culture as an important arena of social and political struggle. Students explore a variety of social practices such as wrestling, hip hop, weddings, and television talk shows, and consider the ways that these practices are linked to larger systems of power. [Prereq: SOC 310 or equivalent theory (CI)]

SOC 466. Migration and the Global Economy [4]. Examines the political economy of migration and the criminalization of human movement. Explores livability in relation to global poverty, climate change, nationalism, and capital accumulation. [Prereq: CRIM 225S or CRIM 225S or SOC 225S; junior standing or greater.]

SOC 472. Graduate School Planning [1]. Develop criteria for researching graduate programs. Identify goals and match with programs. Develop application materials - CV and statement of purpose. Plan experiences to make you a stronger candidate. [Prereq: sophomore standing or greater; CR/NC]

SOC 475. Community Organizing [4]. Explores community organizing history, theory and practice. Emphasizes development of conceptual framework/practical skills for organizing effectively in the community for social, environmental and economic justice.
SOC 480. Special Topics (1-4). Pressing social issues and popular topics. [Prereq: junior or senior standing. Rep.]

SOC 482. Internship (3). Capstone. Student must secure campus or community 90-hour placement and instructor approval in the semester prior to enrollment. Paper on related research literature. [Prereq: SOC 372 or SOC 472; SOC 382; sociology majors SOC 410(C); CJS majors CRIM 410(C).]

SOC 492. Senior Thesis (3). Design and carry out original empirical research or extensive review of literature. Proposal due in semester before enrollment to receive permission number. [Prereq: SOC 372 or SOC 472; SOC 382; sociology majors SOC 410(C) or CJS majors CRIM 410(C).]

SOC 494. Sociology Workshop (1-2). Pressing social issues and popular topics. Focus intensive and short-term. May not be counted toward major. [CR/NC. Rep.]

SOC 499. Directed Study (1-4). Independent study of problems/issues or special theoretical/analytic concerns. [Prereq: IA. Rep.]

GRADUATE

SOC 560. Teaching Sociology (2). Explore pedagogy, theories of learning, teaching techniques, and issues in sociology classrooms. Develop teaching philosophy and portfolio in relation to own teacher identity.

SOC 583. Quantitative Research Methods (4). Discover the art and science of survey methods and data analysis in community research contexts. Develop statistical (descriptive, inferential, regression) analysis skills with emphasis on conceptual understanding and written interpretation. [Prereq: (STAT 108 or STAT 108i) and SOC 382, or equivalents.]

SOC 584. Qualitative Research Methods (4). Theoretical and practical elements of the interview; focus group; fieldwork and community action research. Develop and initiate original research project. Computer techniques for data management and analysis. [Prereq: SOC 382 or equivalent.]

SOC 590. Practicing Sociology (1-2). Introduces students to the field of sociological practice. Attention to ethics, professionalization & client-based work. Support for student field placements. [Rep 3 times.]

SOC 595. Teaching Assistantship (1). Assist instructor of record in teaching an undergraduate course. Required for MA students emphasizing teaching experience. [IA. Rep.]

SOC 605. Graduate Proseminar in Sociology (1). Develop professional sociological skills and engage with faculty research and professional activities.


SOC 650. Race, Ethnicity & Gender (4). Causes, processes, theoretical explanations of racism, sexism, discrimination. Possible solutions. Intergroup relations from global perspective.

SOC 665. Community, Ecology & Social Action (4). This graduate seminar links emancipatory sociology with practical skills designed to empower ordinary people to organize effectively in the community for social, environmental and economic justice. [Prereq: graduate standing.]


SOC 682. Teaching Internship (1-3). Students emphasizing teaching may apply. If selected, a student is supervised by a faculty mentor. Supervising faculty member monitors and mentors intern. [Prereq: SOC 560, SOC 595, IA.]


SOC 692. Master's Degree Project (1-5). See Graduate Program Manual. [CR/NC. Rep.]

SOC 699. Independent Study (1-4). Directed study of problems/issues or special theoretical/analytic concerns. [Prereq: IA. Rep.]