

Sociology (SOCl)

SOCI 201 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3)

A general overview of the concepts, theories, research methods, and findings of sociology. The purpose is to train students to view the world through a sociological perspective. Satisfies GE, category D1 (Individual and Society). CAN SOC 2.

SOCI 300 SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS (4)

Consideration of the ways in which sociological questions are formulated and answered. Examination of and practice in conceptualization, theory construction, deductive and inductive reasoning, and other elements of sociological analysis, with an emphasis upon sociological research methods. Required for majors.

SOCI 301 STATISTICS FOR SOCIOLOGISTS (4)

Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics for the social sciences. Emphasis on the integration of statistical analysis with sociological approaches to theory, research design, data collection, and presentation of quantitative research. Introduction to statistical analysis software in lab setting. Recommended for majors. Grade only.

SOCI 305 PERSPECTIVES ON THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE (4)

A weekly lecture series on the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights. Guest lecturers and SSU faculty provide a variety of sociological and interdisciplinary perspectives on the topics. The course explores the intellectual, emotional, and ethical aspects of the Holocaust and seeks to deepen students' understanding of organized society, political leadership, democratic participation, and human nature. Students also attend a weekly discussion group to explore and synthesize information presented in the weekly lectures. Requirements include written position, midterm, and final papers. Prerequisite: upper division standing. Satisfies upper-division GE, category D5. (Contemporary International Perspectives)

SOCI 306 SOCIOLOGY OF CAREER PLANNING (3-4)

How to identify and locate liberal arts jobs in government, business, private institutions, or self-employment. Choosing a career, job-hunting skills and techniques, and keeping a job. Study of such work-related issues as dual-career families, equal opportunity, and professionalism.

SOCI 312 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (4)

Considers gender as a social construction and a product of social life. Analyzes how gender inequalities shape social structures, institutions, and interaction for both women and men. Challenges biological explanations for gender differences and inequalities. Focuses on analysis of gendered experiences as they relate to race/ethnicity, class, and sexualities.

SOCI 314 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (4)

The social causes and consequences of insanity, delinquency, criminality, addiction, social unconventionality, and other "deviant" behavior. Examines the conversion and commitment to deviant world views, and the social processes involved in the transformation to a deviant identity. Crosslisted as CCJS 441.

SOCI 315 SOCIALIZATION (4)

Analysis of the social processes through which human beings are inducted into social groups, in both childhood and adulthood. Particular attention is given to the socializing effects of schools, work, family, and friends.

SOCI 317 EMOTIONS AND ADULT LIFE (4)

Emphasizes the social context and social development of emotional responses throughout adulthood. Analyzes the reciprocal relations between social definitions and subjective feelings in connection with life events. Addresses both basic emotions such as fear, anger, pleasure, and excitement, and the more complex emotions such as love, jealousy, grief, sympathy, pride, shame, and despair. Crosslisted as GERN 317. Satisfies GE, category E (Integrated Person).

SOCI 319 AGING AND SOCIETY (4)

Examination of aging throughout adulthood. Analysis of theories of aging, their foundations in social science theory, and their policy implications. Exploration of the meanings and consequences of increasing longevity for society and the individual, with emphasis on the social psychological implications for women, minorities and those who are poor. Crosslisted as GERN 319. Satisfies GE, category D1 (Individual and Society).

SOCI 326 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (4)

Introduces relationships between self and society, including the formation and change of attitudes and values, interaction and interpersonal dynamics, and the cultural influences on them. Topics include symbolic interactionism, personal and social identities, motivation, prejudice and the consequences of ethnicity, class, and gender. Crosslisted as PSY 326. Satisfies GE D1 (Individual and Society).

SOCI 330 SOCIOLOGY OF MEDIA (4)

This course will conduct an analysis of structural censorship in the United States and the importance of a free press for the maintenance of democratic institutions in society. Students will become familiar with independent/alternative news sources and prepare summaries of news stories for public release. This is a Project Censored related class.

SOCI 331 MASS COMMUNICATION THEORY AND RESEARCH (4)

A critical analysis of the nature and functions of mass communications in contemporary society. Overview of the history, structure, function, and influence of the mass media. Development of critical and analytic skills necessary to determine when and how 'truth' is manipulated to serve special parochial or cultural interests. Crosslisted as COMS 301.

SOCI 332 DEATH AND AMERICAN CULTURE (4)

Examination of the relation of cultural values to practices, attitudes, and views about death. Application of sociological and social psychological theories to topics on death and dying, such as death conceptions, terminal care, suicide, war, and grief. Emphasis on the social psychology of dying, caregiving, grieving, and being suicidal. Crosslisted as GERN 332.

SOCI 335 AMERICAN (U.S.) SOCIETY (4)

Study of the major values, institutions, and social organizations in the United States. The social sources of change and stability in U.S. society.

SOCI 340 DRUGS AND SOCIETY (4)

Examination of the sociopsychological, political, economic, ethnic, and legal factors relating to drug use and abuse. Theories of causation and methods of rehabilitation will be critiqued. Crosslisted as CCJS 494.

SOCI 343 WOMEN AND SOCIAL POLICY (4)

Explores the effects of social welfare programs and policies on women's lives. Analyzes and critiques the ideologies that shape these policies and their implementation. Considers how gender intersects with race/ethnicity, family, age, religion, and place to affect policy outcomes. Specific topics will vary by semester.

SOCI 345 SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILIES (4)

Analyzes family as a social institution. Examines the interconnections between families and other institutions, with a focus on family change. Considers how families are affected by structures of race/ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality. Examines and challenges ideologies about families.

SOCI 347 AMERICAN CLASS STRUCTURE (4)

An overview of stratification in the United States. Analysis of the effects of this system on those who participate in it, through the study of theoretical, ethnographic, and community studies. Analysis of how class affects power, prestige, opportunity, culture, and consciousness, as well as the interaction of ethnicity, gender, and class.

SOCI 350 CITY AND COMMUNITY LIFE (4)

Examination of the social psychology of urban and community life. Particular attention will be paid to the analysis of the culture of public life, place and place attachment, patterns of interaction in urban and neighborhood settings, and the sociological debate surrounding loss of community.

SOCI 360 SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES (4)

An overview of sexuality across institutions of society. Uses theoretical, conceptual, and empirical tools to analyze sexuality as a social fact. Explores the social construction of sexuality and how sexuality is socially created organized and constrained.

SOCI 363 SOCIOLOGY OF RACE AND ETHNICITY (4)

Examines race and ethnic relations in the US from a theoretical, historical, and comparative perspective. Explores the emergence of racial and ethnic minorities through such historical processes as Colonialism, slavery, and immigration. Studies the current relations among racial and ethnic groups in the US.

SOCI 365 HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (4)

Preparation for sociological practice in human service agencies, both public and private nonprofit. Includes training in such skills as organization planning, grant writing, volunteer management, report writing, communication consulting, and group dynamics. Discusses the ethics and professional responsibility of sociologists.

SOCI 366 JUVENILE JUSTICE (4)

An exploration of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, with emphasis on serious or violent crime. The major theories of delinquency causation will be reviewed. The course will be devoted to the juvenile justice system and how it processes youths accused of crime. The nature and function of all major segments of the juvenile justice system will be discussed, including law enforcement, juvenile court, and corrections. The legal rights of juveniles will also be reviewed. Finally, the current policy issues in juvenile justice will be explored. Crosslisted as CCJS 497.

SOCI 375 CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (4)

A critical examination of the writings of major sociological theorists, including Marx, Weber, and Durkheim. This course will involve students in critical analysis of central sociological theories and offer them tools for understanding the development of sociological theory and its unique role in sociology. Satisfies upper-division GE, category D1 (Individual and Society). Required for majors.

SOCI 377 CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (4)

Emphasis on contemporary trends in theory, including topics such as culture, social identity, modernity and post-modernity, and the social construction of knowledge and reality. Includes critical assessment of problems, methods, and theories characteristic of sociological inquiry in the 20th and 21st Centuries. Prerequisite: SOCI 375 recommended but not required.

SOCI 380 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY (4)

An analysis of the relation between political processes and ideologies and the larger society. Emphasis on the social consequences of power arrangements, political economy, and political structures. Comparisons between societies will be made.

SOCI 381 POPULATION AND SOCIETY (4)

Variables such as gender, race, ethnicity, age, social development, politics, and environment are explored in relation to population change. The uses of population studies for consumer marketing, political campaigns, jury selection, and social planning are addressed, with an emphasis on California and Sonoma County concerns.

SOCI 382 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR (4)

Social movements are a significant source of social change in modern societies. This course analyses the structure and dynamics of social movements, with attention to the roles of organizations, resources, leadership, recruitment, commitment, values, ideology, political culture, and countermovements. Case studies will emphasize the civil rights, women's rights, and environmental movements in the United States.

SOCI 383 SOCIAL CHANGE (4)

Theories and methods for analyzing social change, past, present, and future, such as the relationship of the plow, steam engine, and computer to the rise of the agricultural, industrial, and information ages; the development, dissemination, and impact of such major technologies as the printing press, the automobile, VCRs, and computers.

SOCI 384 SOCIOLOGY OF CONSUMPTION (4)

This course explores how goods, commodities, and market logic have saturated all forms of contemporary social life. Analysis of the theoretical ideas and historical factors that shape and influence modern consumerism are also considered. Explores how the dynamics of globalization and issues of identity politics influence consumer consumption.

SOCI 385 SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE (4)

Examines the role culture plays in consensus formation, in domination, in resistance, and as a social force creating meaning in our lives. Culture refers to shared beliefs, values and norms, personal and political identities, ideologies, and the things we consume daily.

SOCI 414 METHODS SEMINAR: SOCIAL INTERACTION (4)

Examination of everyday interaction in natural settings. Emphasis will be placed on ethnographic approaches to the understanding of social encounters, situations, identities, and human relationships. Particular attention will be given to the work of Erving Goffman. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 417 SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS (4)

Identifies the social sources of behavior defined as mental illness. Compares and contrasts psychological, biochemical, and sociological theories of insanity. Analyzes psychiatry and other forms of therapy, mental hospitals, the role of the mental patient, and mental health policy.

SOCI 418 METHODS SEMINAR: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SELF (4)

Examination of the social sources of self-concept, personal identity, and individual world views. Special attention will be given to the theories of Mead, Cooley, James, and Schutz, as well as to research techniques for the study of social identity, its development and change. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 425 METHODS SEMINAR: URBAN SOCIOLOGY (4)

Examines the social consequences of the transition from rural to urban forms of social organization. Special attention directed to the social structural, cultural, and social psychological characteristics of urban life. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 430 SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE (4)

An examination of leisure in the United States. Topics include the uses of uncommitted time by various groups, an examination of leisure subcultures, the relation of leisure patterns to other societal values and institutions, and social issues related to the increased leisure of our society.

SOCI 431 SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION (4)

Study of world religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism), tribal beliefs, American sects, and denominations. Theories of religious development, values, change, and effects on society. Satisfies GE, category C3 (Philosophy and Values).

SOCI 432 GROUP WORK WITH OLDER ADULTS (4)

This service-learning course introduces students to the fundamentals of group work with older adults. The class provides an overview of the phases of group development and basic skills and techniques for facilitating effective groups. Theoretical perspectives from sociology and psychology are used to examine how groups function, the value they have for older adults, and common themes in groups for older adults. To enhance learning, students go to senior sites in the community to co-facilitating weekly intergenerational dialogue groups. Crosslisted with GERN 432 and PSY 432.

SOCI 434 CINEMA AND SOCIETY (4)

An examination of film as a window to the social world and of sociology as a tool to understand it. The course uses films as data that can be analyzed to learn about such sociological topics as gender, crime, collective behavior, organizations, and the family. In addition, sociology is used to examine the structure and functions of film in contemporary society.

SOCI 435 MEDIA CENSORSHIP (4)

Seminar provides an opportunity to gain new insights into social problems through an intensive analysis of the role and impact of mass media in contemporary society. Students will analyze the levels of coverage of important news stories in the United States and write publishable synopses of the stories with the least coverage. This is a Project Censored related class.

SOCI 436 METHODS SEMINAR: INVESTIGATIVE SOCIOLOGY (4)

This course is for the development of Sociology research methods for popular press publication. Students will learn interviewing techniques, review sources of public information, and use of the freedom of information laws. Students will write and investigate social justice news stories using sociological research methods and prepare a report for popular press publication. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 440 SOCIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION (4)

An exploration of sociological perspectives on human reproduction. Topics include reproduction and gender identity; the social implications of reproductive technologies, historical, and contemporary perspectives on normal pregnancy and childbirth, the cultural context for breastfeeding, and the politics of reproductive rights and choices in the United States. Crosslisted with WGS 440.

SOCI 441 METHODS SEMINAR: U.S. BY THE NUMBERS (4)

An empirical examination of individuals and institutions in U.S. society, with a focus on quantitative data. Teaches students about existing data sources, such as the U.S. Census and the General Social Survey, and how to analyze them. Provides preparation for work in policy analysis, organizational consulting, survey or market research, and other social science careers. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 445 SOCIOLOGY OF CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (4)

Examines childhood and adolescence in various historical and social contexts. Topics may include gender, race, and class inequalities in childhood; the nature of preadolescence and adolescence as social problems; the changing relationship between childhood and families, schools, and economy; the prolongation of adolescence; and the significance of peer groups.

SOCI 449 SOCIOLOGY OF POWER (4)

An analysis of the origin, development, dynamics, and application of power in human interaction, social organizations, and institutions. Problems of ensuring a balance of power and fairness in the exchange of needed services, benefits, and rewards will be emphasized.

SOCI 450 PUNISHMENTS AND CORRECTIONS (4)

A consideration of the problems created by pressures to punish and control criminals, the politics of control strategies. The use and misuse of probation and parole, the concept of correction, and alternatives to incarceration. Crosslisted as CCJS 450.

SOCI 451 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION (4)

A survey of issues concerning the structure of education in contemporary society, such as the social organization of the classroom, grading practices, political influences on schools, the contribution of education to the maintenance of capitalist society, teacher unionization, and student rights.

SOCI 452 METHODS SEMINAR: HEALTH CARE AND ILLNESS (4)

A dual focus on the social organization of health care and the social psychology of illness. Analyses of the structure of care, patient-practitioner relationships, and treatment ideologies. Emphasis on the patient's experience of illness, intimate relationships, and self-images. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 461 SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE (4)

The history of social welfare and social services in modern society. Comparison of government social services with nonprofit or private social services. Overview of major social service issues such as mental health, senior services, and aid to families. Recommended for anyone considering social work, counseling, or human service administration.

SOCI 463 METHODS SEMINAR: BUREAUCRACIES AND INSTITUTIONS (4)

Political, economic, social, and psychological analyses of administrative structures. The role of formal and informal organization, ideology in bureaucracy, decision making, morale, and conflict. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 470 METHODS SEMINAR: CULTURE AND IDENTITY (4)

Examines culture as central to processes of meaning making and identity. Explores identity politics as a form of resistance and domination. Focuses on the practice and analysis of ethnographic observation and in-depth interviewing. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 480 METHODS SEMINAR: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK (4)

A theoretical and empirical analysis of work in American society, examining the types of jobs open to women and men today, the rewards and dissatisfactions of these jobs, and how work has changed historically or may evolve in the future. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 482 SOCIOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENT (4)

The relations among major social institutions and the environment, and between national and global social inequalities and environmental degradation are examined. Differences in class, race, and gender mean that some people are disproportionately burdened by consequences of environmental degradation. Socio-environmental perspectives and practical alternatives to our acknowledged ecological crises are explored, including environmental social justice movements, critical social analysis, and alternative socio-economic approaches to consumption and employment that foster ecologically sustainable societies.

SOCI 484 METHODS SEMINAR: SOCIOLOGY OF GENOCIDE (4)

Using the tools of comparative historical methodology, students analyze the sociological factors typifying genocide and genocidal processes. Examination of the causes and consequences of the Holocaust and the characteristics of pre-20th Century genocide, the Armenian, Rwandan, and contemporary genocides are considered, as well. Prerequisite: SOCI 300.

SOCI 485 ORGANIZATIONS AND EVERYDAY LIFE (4)

Introduces key themes and concepts in the sociological study of organizations. Emphasis on applying theories and perspectives to organizational settings and circumstances likely to be encountered in everyday social life.

SOCI 490 TEACHING ASSISTANT IN SOCIOLOGY (1-4)

Open only to advanced students. Intended to give students experience in assisting the instructor in a sociology course by doing research and tutoring students in the class. Cr/NC only. May be repeated for credit, but only 4 credit/no credit units of SOCI 490 or 499 may be used toward the major. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

SOCI 495 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

A supervised study of a particular problem or area of interest selected by the student in consultation with a sponsoring faculty member. Regular meetings will be arranged for discussions and progress evaluations, and a term paper will be submitted. Grade only. May be repeated for credit, but only 4 units may be used toward the major.

SOCI 497 INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR (1-4)

Exploration of basic social problems. Resource persons from other disciplines may participate. Themes and topics will vary. May be repeated for credit.

SOCI 498 SENIOR SEMINAR (4)

Capstone course for the major that requires advanced sociological research. Several different topics are offered each semester. Past examples include women and aging, food and society, gender and politics, and the sociology of time. Check department for current offerings. Required for all majors. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: open only to sociology majors who have completed at least 20 upper-division units in sociology, including SOCI 300, 375, and a methods seminar.

SOCI 499 INTERNSHIP (1-4)

For advanced undergraduates in approved internships in organizational settings. Facilitates application of sociological insights to internship site, while also encouraging contribution to organization's mission. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Cr/NC only. May be repeated for credit, but only 4 credit/no credit units of Sociology 490 or 499 may be used toward the major.

SOCI 595 SPECIAL STUDIES (1-4)

Advanced research and writing. Students work under close supervision of faculty members. Subject matter can be variable. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: Graduate status, consent of instructor, and completed special studies form.

Spanish (SPAN)

SPAN 101 BASIC SPANISH, 1ST SEMESTER (4)

Spanish for beginners. Elementary oral expression and fundamentals of grammar; cultural readings and beginning practice in composition. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 101L.

SPAN 101L LANGUAGE LABORATORY (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) of weekly practice in the language laboratory. CR/NC only. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 101.

SPAN 102 BASIC SPANISH, 2ND SEMESTER (4)

Spanish for beginners, second level. Elementary oral expression and fundamentals of grammar; cultural readings and practice in composition. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 102L. Prerequisite: SPAN 101 or equivalent.

SPAN 102L LANGUAGE LABORATORY (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) of weekly practice in the language laboratory. CR/NC only. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 102.

SPAN 150 ELEMENTARY CONVERSATION (2)

Directed conversation in Spanish for elementary-level students. Includes individual and class assignments in laboratory. May be repeated for credit. Admission by consent of instructor.

SPAN 201 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH, 1ST SEMESTER (4)

Review of fundamentals and a study of complex structural patterns. Reading of authentic cultural materials used in Spain and Latin America. Weekly compositions. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 201L. Prerequisite: SPAN 102 or equivalent.

SPAN 201L LANGUAGE LABORATORY (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) of weekly practice in the language laboratory. CR/NC only. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 201.

SPAN 202 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH, 2ND SEMESTER (4)

Communicative grammar patterns in Spanish. Reading of current authentic cultural materials and weekly practice in composition. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 202L. Prerequisite: SPAN 201 or equivalent.

SPAN 202L LANGUAGE LABORATORY (1)

A minimum of two academic hours (100 minutes) of weekly practice in the language laboratory. CR/NC only. Must be taken concurrently with SPAN 202.

SPAN 250 INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION (2)

Practice in essential communicative fluency in Spanish. Prerequisite: SPAN 102 or equivalent.

SPAN 300 ADVANCED SPANISH LANGUAGE (4)

Activities in written and spoken Spanish designed to increase student's proficiency to the advanced level. Course will highlight selected points of grammar structure and form in the context of meaningful engagement with the language.

SPAN 301 ADVANCED COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION (4)

Compositions to achieve a mastery of the written language. Introduction to the preparation of critical essays and studies. Weekly compositions. Prerequisite: SPAN 300.

SPAN 304 INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH LINGUISTICS (4)

Introduction to the study of Spanish linguistics. Overview of different approaches to the study of language.

SPAN 305 INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE (4)

A survey of representative literary works from a variety of genres, time periods, and regions. Introduction to concepts and principles of literary analysis. Prerequisite: SPAN 300 or permission of instructor.