Social Sciences (SSCI)

SSCI 299 SOPHOMORE SEMINAR: HOW TO THINK LIKE A SOCIAL SCIENTIST (1)

Sophomores and Social Sciences faculty explore: What questions do social scientists ask? What evidence and methods do they use? How does theory shape social science research? Prepares majors for upper-division coursework, prospective majors to explore the social sciences, and all students to be social-sciences savvy citizens of the world.

SSCI 300 Introduction to Portfolio Development and Special Project (1)

Introduces the student to both the Liberal Studies Program and to the subject matter preparation program through a broad based, interdisciplinary approach that facilitates the student's need to understand the underlying relationship among all the courses in the program of study.

SSCI 400 Portfolio Evaluation (3)

Contents of each portfolio will reflect the courses students have taken to complete the program, and will include organized examples of their achievement in each of the core courses in history, political science, economics, and geography, and in the courses they have chosen in the breadth/perspectives part of the program.

SSCI 444 PEER FACILITATOR (2)

Provides students experience in assisting an instructor in SSCI 299 by attending lecture, doing course-related research, working with small groups of students, and assisting the instructor(s) with course administrative tasks. Prerequisite: upper-division or graduate standing and consent of the instructor. May be repeated once for credit. Cr/NC only

SSCI 495 Special Studies (1-4)

A supervised study of an area of interest selected student in consultation with a sponsoring faculty member. Regular meetings will be arranged for discussions and progress evaluations, and a project/paper and/or portfolio will be submitted.

SSCI 499 Internship (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

Sociology (SOCI)

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 Level D1 (Individual and Society).

SOCI 263 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (4)

This course 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. Satisfies GE Area D1 (Individual and Society), Ethnic Studies.

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)

An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics to test hypotheses in the social sciences. Emphasis on data collection techniques, statistical analysis and interpretation using SPSS, as well as written reporting of results. Satisfies the requirement for statistics in the sociology major. Prerequisite: SOCI 300 strongly recommended.

SOCI 306 CAREER PLANNING FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS (4)

Explores careers related to sociology from a sociological perspective, particularly careers undergraduate students can enter. Careers examined across four areas: private/for-profit sector, nonprofit foundations, public sector (city, county, state and federal government), and academia (including graduate school). Professional skills and portfolio also developed. Meets Sociological Experience requirement for majors.

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. Cross-listed 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. Cross-listed as GERN 317. Satisfies GE Area E (Integrated Person).