

Sociology Course Descriptions

- 1301. Principles of Sociology** (SOC 1301) 3(3-0)
Study of the nature of human societies, social processes, social interaction, groups, culture, institutions, and social change.
- 1306. Social Problems** (SOC 1306) 3(3-0)
Survey of contemporary social problems and current trends in the direction of their solution. Prerequisite: SOC 1301.
- 2306. Human Sexuality** (SOC 2306) 3(3-0)
Biophysical and psychological aspects of human sexuality. Credit may not be obtained in both SOC 2306 and PSYC 2306.
- 2361. Pluralistic Societies** 3(3-0)
Macrocultural and microcultural variables such as ethnicity, religion, age, socioeconomic status, language, gender, and exceptionality and their impact upon major institutions such as education, labor markets, and government.
- 2363. Women, Change and Society** 3(3-0)
Interdisciplinary approach utilizing political, historical, and sociological factors to analyze the status of American women. Aspects of sex role socialization, institutional interaction, social problems, and social movements are analyzed. Credit may not be obtained in both SOC 2363 and WMST 2363. Prerequisite: SOC 1301 or 6 hours of social science.
- 3301. Social Psychology** 3(3-0)
Theory and phenomena of social psychology. The nature and type of social variables and the methods used to study them. The effect of social variables upon the behavior of individuals. Credit may not be obtained in SOC 3301 and PSYC 3301. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Psychology or 12 hours of social science.
- 3302. Social Deviance** 3(3-0)
Survey of the sociological and psychological aspects of deviant behavior. Nature of deviance, types of deviant behavior, causal theories, and social policy implications. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 3302 and SOC 3302.) Prerequisites: SOC 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology or Criminology.
- 3321. Introduction to Criminology** 3(3-0)
Extent, types, sources, causation, patterns and organization, apprehension, punishment treatment, agents and agencies related to crime and criminals, including experiences such as field trips and visits to jails may be included. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOC 3321 and CRIM 3321.) Prerequisite: SOC 1301.
- 3322. Juvenile Delinquency** 3(3-0)
Incidence, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies, and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as trips to juvenile institutions. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOC 3322 and CRIM 3322.) Prerequisite: SOC 1301.
- 3332. An Introduction to Group Work** 3(3-0)
A study of the dynamics of groups with emphasis on theories and findings concerning groups. Prerequisite: SOC 1301 or 6 hours of social science.
- 3351. Urban Sociology** 3(3-0)
The culture, history, and growth patterns of cities; demographic, ecological patterns, and trends. Problems of housing and community organization. Prerequisite: SOC 1301.

- 3381. Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences** 3(3-0)
Statistics for students in psychology, sociology, and education. Emphasis upon descriptive and inferential techniques. Basic concepts in sampling data organization and statistic selection. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3381 and PSYC 3381.) Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.
- 4305. Advanced Human Sexuality** 3(3-0)
Psychosocial factors in human sexuality with emphasis on sexual adjustment, sexual dysfunctions, sexual variations, and new approaches in sex therapy. Appropriate field trips may be included. Prerequisite: SOCI 2306. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4305 and PSYC 4305.)
- 4307. The Family and Marriage** 3(3-0)
History and development of the family as an educational and social institution; factors involved in family integrity; role of the individual in family relations; marital adjustments; and family conservation in light of the present-day social and economic conditions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or 6 hours of social science.
- 4308. Selected Topics in Sociology** 3(3-0)
Literature and research in areas of sociology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.
- 4320. Law and Society** 3(3-0)
An in-depth examination of law and society through the philosophy and evolution of legal systems and legal institutions. The major functions of law as agents of social control, dispute resolution, and societal engineering are addressed. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4320 and CRIM 4320.) Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology or Criminology.
- 4324. Technology and Society (SOCI 4324)** 3(3-0)
A study of technology and society from the perspective of social values, ethics, sociology, social environment, politics, and economics. Prerequisite: 12 hours of social science.
- 4325. Sociology of Corrections** 3(3-0)
Overview of social psychological, cultural, sociological, and political factors related to the correctional enterprise. Includes treatment of the context of corrections, correctional practices, correctional issues, correctional institutions, and correctional perspectives. May include field trips to correctional institutions. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4325 and CRIM 4325.) Prerequisite: SOCI 3321 or CRIM 3321.
- 4341. Sociology of Aging** 3(3-0)
Study of the last stage in the life-cycle of man. The course emphasizes the interdisciplinary approach necessary in the field of gerontology, the biological, psychological, and social aspects of the aging process, along with the social impact of growing proportions of aged persons within the social structure of society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.
- 4342. Sociology of Death** 3(3-0)
Sociological perspectives of the dying process and death itself, including the cultural and institutional means of aiding survivors through the grief, mourning, and bereavement process. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.
- 4362. Race Relations** 3(3-0)
Critical analysis of the concept of race, analysis of subordinate peoples in various world societies and in the United States, emphasis on dynamics of problems of subordinate groups. Prerequisite: 6 hours of Sociology.
- 4364. Minority Women in U.S. Society** 3(3-0)
An integrated study of the impact that socioeconomic and ethnic/racial factors have on minority women within the United States. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4364 and WMST 4300.) Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or 6 hours of social science.

4382. Methods of Social Research

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Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts, and objectivity. Prerequisites: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4382 and ANTH 4382.)

4383. Social Theory

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Development of social theory as represented by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim, and Weber, to contemporary schools of thought, including functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism, structuralism, and world systems theory. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4383 and ANTH 4383.)

4386. Directed Research in Sociology

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Individual instruction course for advanced and qualified undergraduates to obtain supervised research experience in sociology. Student will assist with a research project by working under the individual guidance of a sociology faculty member. Requirements may entail library research, data collection, data entry, statistical analysis and/or assistance in planning and conducting parts of a research project. A paper on the research experience is required. Consent of instructor required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 semester credit hours. Prerequisite: SOCI 3381, SOCI 4382, or PSYC 3387 and 6 other semester hours of Sociology. Credit/Non-credit.