

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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## SOC 100 Interdisciplinary Lecture

This is an interdisciplinary course in which students learn about a common theme using theories and concepts in sociology and other disciplines ranging from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 210 Sociology of the Family

Uses a conceptual approach to marriage and the family. Includes historical, cross-cultural and subculture variations, family problems, and current trends in family organization. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 250 Introduction to Sociology

Introduces basic concepts in sociology focusing on culture, group processes, deviance, social inequality, and social institutions such as the family, education, and religion. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 270 Social Problems

Surveys a current social problem each week using a sociological approach. Includes such problems as the environment, wealth and poverty, ethnicity, gender, and age. Covers history and attempts to remediate the problem. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 299 Independent Study

Student-designed courses approved by a faculty member. Prior approval of goals, objectives, procedures, and assessment plan as directed in the Independent Study Manual is required. May be taken multiple times with a different topic for credit. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

## SOC 303 Applied Quantitative Analysis

Social science statistics is the science of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting numerical data. This class operates under the premise that a familiarity of the logic behind statistically-based numerical arguments is critical for both a deeper understanding of academic inquiry as well as the real world. In this way, this course will attempt to introduce a basic understanding of descriptive and inferential social statistics to uncover the methods involved in formulating these numerical arguments. Letter grade only.

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 305 Quantitative Analysis

**Prerequisite:** Completion of MATH 102 or Quantitative Reasoning or Maple Math Test A with a minimum score of 16, or Maple Math Test B with a minimum score of 11 or Guided/Directed Math Placement with a minimum score of 20  
Introduces basic concepts and applications of descriptive and inferential statistics. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 310 Advanced Quantitative Analysis

**Prerequisite:** Completion of ANTH/SOC 305  
This course focuses on the application of advanced statistical methods with a particular emphasis on regression techniques such as the following: linear regression, logistic regression, probit regression, Poisson regression, negative binomial regression, random effects regression, fixed effects regression, etc. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 311 World Religions: East

Examines the origin and development of those religions, which undergird East, South, and Southeast Asian worldviews and societies. Not challengeable. Also REL 305.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 314 Sexuality and Gender Issues

Explores human sexuality and gender issues from the perspective of biology, psychology, sociology, and anthropology. Includes cross-cultural comparisons. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 315 Race and Ethnicity

Provides historical, theoretical, and empirical basis for understanding how and why systems of racial and ethnic social stratification emerge, are maintained, and change. Emphasizing power, it analyzes and compares the experiences of different US racial and ethnic groups. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 317 Health, Wealth, and Poverty

This course introduces key ideas in the sociology of health and medicine, with a particular emphasis on socioeconomic inequities in health and health impacts of poverty. Specific health disparities examined will reflect the Healthy People goals and include those related to obesity, health care access, maternal and child health, infectious disease, injury, and violence.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## SOC 320 Sociology of Deviance

**Prerequisite:** Completion of PSY 101 or PSY 250 or SOC 250 AND Written Communication B  
Discusses social deviance in American society and reactions to deviance and their consequences. Includes criminality, mental disorder, drug abuse, and other stigmatized statuses and behaviors. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 321 Juvenile Delinquency**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B  
Includes theories of delinquency and the influence of the family, schools, drugs, peers, and neighborhoods. Covers juvenile gangs, police processing of juveniles, courts, and placements. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 322 Introduction to Criminology**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 250 AND Written Communication B  
Explores theories and types of criminal behavior. Includes predatory, occupational, professional, organized, and victimless crime. Covers law enforcement, the judicial process, and sanctions. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 325 Racism & Anti-Racism Through Film**

In this course students will examine the socio-historical and political evolution of racism and anti-racism through documentary film. Students will trace the origins and continued significance of race, racism, and anti-racism from the pre-colonial era to the present. While the primary focus will be on the United States, students will also examine race, racism and anti-racism in a global context. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 326 Criminal Justice System**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B  
Includes the history and evolution of the justice system in the US. Surveys crime and criminal behavior, and the police, courts, and corrections. Includes landmark court decisions. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 329 Correctional Systems**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B  
Traces the evolution of prisons and jails as social institutions. Discusses correctional goals and philosophies as well as inmate demographics and rights. Includes current thinking, practices, and alternatives to incarceration. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 330 Social Class and Inequality**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 250 AND Written Communication B  
Explores major theories of social, political, and economic inequality. Stresses power relationships. Can be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 331 Gender Inequality**

This course focuses on the ways gender structures the world and the resulting inequalities. Changes in women's status compared to men's status will be examined in historical context, and contemporary patterns of gender difference will be examined in areas such as policy and politics, the labor market, family, and socioeconomic status. Social and political responses to gender inequality will be explored.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 334 Women's Experience in the US**

An interdisciplinary survey course of women's experience in the United States, taught from a feminist perspective. Explores the cultural and social diversity found among women including gender, ethnicity, race, social class, age, physical disability, and women's movements. Also ANTH 334. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 335 Black Experience in the U.S.**

Examines African-American experience in US society, including heritage, history, culture, and political movements. Not challengeable. Also ANTH 335.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 336 Latino Experience**

Examines the Latino experience in US society, including heritage, history, culture, and political movements of a variety of Latino groups. Not challengeable. Also ANTH 336.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 337 Asian-American Experience**

Examines the Asian-American experience in US society, including heritage, history, culture, and political movements of a variety of Asian-American groups. Not challengeable. Also ANTH 337.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 338 Native American Experience**

Examines the Native American experience in US society, including history, culture, and political movements. Also ANTH 338. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 340 Social Psychology**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B and completion of PSY 101 or equivalent

Focuses on the interaction of society, culture, and personality in socialization, perceptions, attitude formation, and behavior. Includes altruism, aggression, group processes, leadership, and the mass media.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 341 Urban Sociology**

Examines the underlying factors of urbanization in human settlement patterns and evolution of cities in America.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 342 Urban Crime Patterns**

Examines the spatial patterning of crime and its relationship to the urban environment.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 345 White-Collar Crime**

Examines the issues relating to white-collar crime.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 346 Environmental Sociology**

Examines the relationship between human society and the natural world.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 348 Social Networks**

Examines the theoretical and substantive themes within social network science.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 350 Law and Society**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B

Focuses on a broad overview of the law from a sociological perspective. Includes legal systems, theoretical perspectives, law and social control, law and dispute resolution, law and social change, and the legal profession. Not challengeable. May be taken for letter grade only.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 370 Social Change**

This course explores social change and development over the entire course of human history with a special focus on the modern capitalist world system that began about 500 years ago and has since expanded to most of the globe. Within this framework we will examine social change in the United States from its early position and role in the development of the world system to its emergence of the World War II as a world superpower and for a short time as a hegemonic superpower. Special attention will be given to changes in basic institutions such as the economy, state, family, science, education and communication, religion, and also several other important aspects of social structure like the class systems, demographic changes, and urbanization patterns.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 371 Birth, Migration and Aging**

A basic understanding of the way the population is changing is increasingly important for addressing social problems and issues, and for business and government decision-making. This course introduces students to the study of populations, including data, statistics, and substantive topics. Topics covered include causes and consequences of population changes related to mortality, fertility, migration, aging, and urbanization.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 375 Drugs and Society**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 250 and Written Communication B

This course approaches the study of drugs from a sociological-criminology perspective. Students are introduced to several dimensions of drug in society, including historical and contemporary social controls, theoretical explanations for use, the drug-crime nexus, addiction and dependency, and cultural socialization processes. Letter grade only.

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 380 Political Economy of Crime**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 305

This course examines how the political and economic institutions affect the prevalence of crime in human societies. Particular attention is given to how the decisions of the political and economic elite can worsen poverty and inequality as well as how the decline of socioeconomic conditions generate criminogenic environments. Finally, this course will use secondary data to explore these topics, both within the United States and cross-nationally, using a variety of regression techniques. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 390 Research Methods**

Methodology and research design in the behavioral sciences, including qualitative and quantitative methods. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 399 Independent Study**

Student-designed courses approved by a faculty member. Prior approval of goals, objectives, procedures, and assessment plan as directed in the Independent Study Manual is required. May be taken multiple times with a different topic for credit. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

**SOC 400 Sociological Theory**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 250 AND Written Communication B

The history and development of sociological theory. The course traces the roots of sociology through the work of Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Harriet Martineau, George H. Mead, W.E.B. DeBois, among others. Core ideas are linked to the biographies and intellectual contexts of each theorist. Issues associated with positivism, objectivity, value neutrality, and humanism frame discussions of theories. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 401 Criminological Theory**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 250, SOC 322, and Written Communication B

Historical and contemporary criminological theories including the nature of law and crime, micro theories, macro theories, and integrative theories. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 409 Selected Topics in Sociology**

Faculty-designed courses in areas of expertise. May be repeated once with a different topic. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

**SOC 497 Internship**

Applies behavioral science theoretical principles and methods under supervision of working professionals. For majors in the behavioral sciences. Requires junior standing. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

**SOC 498 Senior Capstone Project**

**Prerequisite:** SOC 303, SOC 250, and SOC 390

In this course students will complete a Senior Capstone Project over one ten-week term. The Senior Capstone course requires students to have an appropriate approved topic on which students will create a research question, literature review, hypotheses, use existing data provide by instructor, analyze the data, and write a formal manuscript of the findings using traditional ASA formatting. Letter grade only.

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 499 Senior Thesis**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 305 and SOC 390

Culminating activity required by all majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments Academically, students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 499A Senior Thesis A**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 305 and SOC 390

Culminating activity required by all majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments Academically, students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 2,4

**SOC 499B Senior Thesis B**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 499A

Culminating activity required by all majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments Academically, students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 2,4

**SOC 499C Senior Capstone C**

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SOC 305 and SOC 390

Culminating activity required by all majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments Academically, students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Not challengeable.

**Semester Hours:** 4

**SOC 499D Senior Capstone D**

This research-intensive course provides students the opportunity to apply what they have learned during their undergraduate career. Students will complete a group-based or individual research project of an appropriate, approved topic. Students will create a research question, literature review, hypotheses, collect original data or use existing data provided by instructor, analyze the data, and write a formal manuscript or similar outcome of the findings that is of a publishable/presentable quality. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Letter

**Semester Hours:** 4