

# Sociology

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## Introduction to Sociology

### SOCIO 1100 - 3 Credits

Students explore the concepts and theories necessary to systematic understanding of our social worlds. Topics may include considering sociology as science, the nature of large- and small-scale groups, social stratification, historical eras and social change, and race, ethnic and gender relations. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Sociology of Sex, Gender and Power

### SOCIO 1120 - 3 Credits

Examines the difference between behavior based on biology and behavior based on what society says is appropriate in order to be masculine or feminine. Examines the question of what forces in society are most influential in determining the "place" of men and women with special emphasis on power. Examines how this influence works through the process of socialization and core social institutions, including marriage and family, education, religion, the economy and politics. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Special Project

### SOCIO 1800 - 1-4 Credits

Social science courses integrate two or more disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. Special project social science courses cover topics not otherwise covered by general education courses and other courses in the Catalog for the discipline. These courses require direct experience and focused reflection in an in-depth study of a specific discipline topic and/or the critical analysis of contemporary issues in the discipline. They are targeted to self-selected students with an interest in the subject matter and involve active participation. The course delivery incorporates an experiential component of no less than 30 percent but not to exceed 70 percent (to be determined by the disciplines). This experiential component may include field studies, interdisciplinary learning, and/or the practical application of discipline-related concepts, theories, principles and methods with a specific focus. All courses require an orientation session to deliver academic and experiential information (syllabus, academic requirements, field preparation, logistics, etc.)

## Selected Topics I

### SOCIO 1820 - 1-3 Credits

Introductory exploration and analysis of selected sociology topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college course schedule. This course may be taken four times for credit as long as different topics are selected. (1 to 3 lecture hours)

## Independent Study

### SOCIO 1840 - 1-4 Credits

Exploration and analysis of topics within the discipline to meet individual student-defined course description, goals, objectives, topical outline and methods of evaluation in coordination with and approved by the instructor. This course may be taken four times for credit as long as different topics are selected. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor (1 to 4 lecture hours)

## Introduction to Research Methods

### SOCIO 2200 - 3 Credits

Examination of social science research methods from theoretical, applied and ethical points of view. Acquaints students with qualitative and quantitative techniques and procedures used to measure human behavior, gather and analyze data, and evaluate and report on the findings. Prerequisite: At least one course in the social and behavioral sciences. Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Statistics for the Social and Behavioral

### SOCIO 2205 - 3 Credits

A basic examination of the application of statistical methods in the analysis of quantitative data. Use of computer technology and application software in academic and applied research. An understanding of frequently used statistical methods including selection based on scale characteristics and theoretical relationships, quantitative methods, appropriate use and inherent weaknesses. Prerequisite: Demonstrated geometry competency (level 2), and Mathematics 0482 (or college equivalent) with a grade of C or better or qualifying score on the mathematics placement test or qualifying A.C.T. math score and at least one course in the social/behavioral sciences or consent of instructor. Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours)

## Social Problems

### SOCIO 2210 - 3 Credits

Comparatively examines the linkages among social structures, culture and human experience in the context of the globalization process. Students examine a variety of topics, which may include the unequal distribution of power and wealth; issues of sex, gender and social class; hunger; the role of multinational corporations; war and international conflict; oppression of various kinds; crime; poverty; the media; other social institutions; resource/environmental use and depletion, and population. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

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## Racial and Ethnic Relations

SOCIO 2215 - 3 Credits

Provides a unique perspective to help understand how groups of people from different races, ethnic groups or other cultures interact. Examines differential power between groups and analyzes the social structures that are used to maintain these power differences. Focuses on cultural diversity and various dimensions of discrimination and prejudice, including an analysis of inequality and its origins, conditions under which inequality occurs and persists, changing inequality, and ways to deal with minority group problems. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Sexual Relationships, Marriage & Family

SOCIO 2220 - 3 Credits

A cross-societal focus on sex-roles, dating, mate selection and sexuality. Traditional and emerging marriage, family and child-rearing patterns are explored from multi-national and global perspectives. Marital dynamics, including expressiveness, marital power, conflict, family violence, divorce and the later years of marriage are featured. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Sociology of Violence

SOCIO 2225 - 3 Credits

Examines the nature and causes of violence in the context of contemporary society and how the structure of society itself, as well as various social factors, contribute to violence. Explores types of violent behavior, including interpersonal, collective and organizational. (3 lecture hours)

## Health & Illness in Contemporary Society

SOCIO 2251 - 3 Credits

This course examines illness as a phenomenon, which both influences and is influenced by society. As such, it can be viewed as a form of social deviance, which patients, healers and the larger society attempt to reduce. Perspectives provided by theory and research in the sociology of deviance, occupations and complex organizations are employed to gain an understanding of health and illness behavior, health practitioners and health institutions. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## Social Gerontology: Aging and Society

SOCIO 2252 - 3 Credits

This course focuses on aging with emphasis on demographic trends, individual aspects of aging, such as family and social support networks, retirement and adaption to aging. Particular emphasis is given to issues surrounding aging and society including the economy, politics, health and social services, and public policy - both nationally and at the local level. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## **Dying, Death and Bereavement**

**SOCIO 2253 - 3 Credits**

Examines the social meanings of dying and death, as well as grief and bereavement processes. Topics include the funeral, ethical issues, children and dying, hospice, suicide and bereavement history in America. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## **Sociology of Communication & Media**

**SOCIO 2290 - 3 Credits**

Analyzes the effects of a variety of media on society, social interaction and communications. Examines the structure and organization of traditional (such as printed media, television or radio) and new (such as electronic and digital) media and social networking technologies (such as MySpace, Facebook or Second Life) as well as their cultural, political, economic and social impacts. Specific topics include the role of the media in shaping or creating social issues and influencing the public, the ways in which organizations, interest groups and social movements gain access and use diverse media to shape public discourse on a global scale. Prerequisite: Course requires Reading Placement Test Score-Category One (3 lecture hours)

## **Special Project**

**SOCIO 2800 - 1-4 Credits**

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## Advanced Selected Topics I

SOCIO 2820 - 3 Credits

Advanced exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. Prerequisite: At least one course in the discipline or consent of instructor (3 lecture hours)

## Advanced Selected Topics II

SOCIO 2821 - 3 Credits

Advanced exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. Prerequisite: At least one course in the discipline or consent of instructor (2 lecture hours, 2 lab hours)

## Advanced Selected Topics III

SOCIO 2822 - 3 Credits

Advanced exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. Prerequisite: At least one course in the discipline or consent of instructor (1 lecture hour, 4 lab hours)

## Advanced Selected Topics IV

SOCIO 2823 - 3 Credits

Advanced exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. Prerequisite: At least one course in the discipline or consent of instructor (6 lab hours)

## Internship (Career & Technical Ed)yCoop Ed/Internship Occup

SOCIO 2860 - 1-4 Credits

Course requires participation in Career and Technical Education work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits. Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.

## Internship Advanced (Career & Tech Ed)

### SOCIO 2865 - 1-4 Credits

Continuation of Internship (Career and Technical Education). Course requires participation in Career & Technical Education work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits. Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.

## Internship (Transfer)

### SOCIO 2870 - 1-4 Credits

Course requires participation in work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits. Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.

## Internship - Advanced (Transfer)

### SOCIO 2871 - 1-4 Credits

Continuation of Internship (Transfer). Course requires participation in work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits. Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.