SOCIOLOGY

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MAJORS IN SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology Department offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The curriculum is designed to equip students with a broader and deeper understanding of human diversity. The concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to prepare students for the range of issues faced by those working in criminal justice policy and within the criminal justice system. Students are rigorously trained in theory and research methods. The degree program in sociology prepares students for employment in the professional and private sector and pursuit of higher degree programs.

Students wishing to declare a sociology major must apply for admission into the department. Applications are available in the Sociology Department. All majors in sociology must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. A grade of "C" or better is required in all core sociology courses. Sociology majors are strongly encouraged to take at least one W course in sociology.
The department offers the following:

Sociology, B.A.
Sociology, B.S. - Concentration: Criminology and Criminal Justice
Minor in Sociology
SOCIOLOGY, B.S. - CONCENTRATION: CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Overall GPA of 2.0 required
120 Overall Credits Required

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WRITING REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Education Program

45 Credits Required

Students must complete a comprehensive three-tiered Liberal Education Program (LEP). View all requirements of the tiers on the Liberal Education Program.

While the choice of courses that fulfill the requirements is generally left up to students, some departments require that students select specific courses to complement their major. This major has specific Tier requirements/restrictions for the following:

There are no categories with specific requirements in this program

Writing Requirements (“W-Courses”)

Three W-courses are required. These may not be taken until after a student has passed ENG 112 — Writing Arguments. W-courses may count toward LEP, major, or cognate requirements, as well as free electives. Course sections that meet this requirement are designated by section numbers ending in “W”.

Transfer students who enter with 60 to 89 credits are required to pass two W-courses, while transfer students who enter with 90 credits or more must pass one W-course.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

36 Credits Required

Core:

18 Credits Required
'C' or better required
SOC 100 — Introduction to Sociology
SOC 201 - Social Science Statistics
SOC 255 — Methods of Social Research
SOC 260 — Applied Social Theory

Diversity
Select one from:
• SOC 310 — Racial and Ethnic Relations
• SOC 315 — Sociology of Gender
• SOC 363 — Social Inequality in the U.S.

Capstone:
Select one from:
• HON 495 — Departmental Honors
• SOC 490 — Sociology Seminar
• SOC 497 — Sociology Internship

Criminology:

18 Credits Required
SOC 362 - Criminology

Plus: 15 Credits Required from among the following:
• SOC 266 - Socialization and Social Control
• SOC 334 - Probation, Parole, Pardon
• SOC 338 - Juvenile Delinquency
• SOC 350 - Drugs and Society
• SOC 366 - Penology
• SOC 367 - Criminal Justice and Social Inequality
• SOC 368 - Sociology of Law
• SOC 404 - Gender and the Law

COGNATE REQUIREMENTS

No cognates are required for this program.

FREE ELECTIVES

Remaining credits to reach Overall Credits Required (listed above).
SOCIOLOGY, B.A.

This program has a separate admission process. Please consult the admission requirements for this program for more information.

Overall GPA of 2.0 required
120 Overall Credits Required

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

36 Credits Required

Core
18 Credits Required
Grade of ‘C’ or better is required in all core SOC courses.

Requirements:
SOC 100 — Introduction to Sociology
SOC 201 - Social Science Statistics
SOC 255 — Methods of Social Research
SOC 260 — Applied Social Theory
Select one course emphasizing diversity from:

- SOC 310 — Racial and Ethnic Relations
- SOC 315 — Sociology of Gender
- SOC 363 — Social Inequality in the U.S.

One capstone course from the following:

- HON 495 — Departmental Honors
- SOC 490 — Sociology Seminar
- SOC 497 — Sociology Internship

**Sociology Electives**

18 Credits Minimum Required in Sociology

Courses used toward LEP may not be counted toward this requirement. With the Sociology Department advice and permission, PSY 227 - Social Psychology may be taken in place of an elective sociology course.

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**FREE ELECTIVES**

Remaining credits to reach Overall Credits Required (listed above).
SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology
Study of the structures and processes of society with emphasis on American institutions and the socio-cultural context of human behavior and its consequences. Examination of population, urbanization, social stratification, social conflict, and social change.
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 credits

SOC 102 - Critical Thinking: Exploring Social Issues
Training in how to construct critical thinking arguments on social issues, utilizing sociological theory and data.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 201 - Social Statistics
Principles and problems of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting statistical data applied to the field of sociology.
Prerequisite(s): 3 credits in social science.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 203 - Social Organizations
Essential concepts on social organizations, including ways in which social organizations are shaped by the larger society, as well as ways in which social organizations impact the larger society. Includes analysis of private, public, for-profit, and non-profit organizations across social institutions and domains, and how organizational processes contribute to a group’s success or failure.
Last Offered: Summer 2016
3 credits

SOC 211 - Social Problems in the U.S.
Analysis of major current social problems in the United States. The definition of, causes for, and sociological theories related to such important problems as: dependency, juvenile delinquency, criminal justice, drugs, migration, population increase, mass communication, environmental pollution, family disruption, mental illness, and prejudice.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 215 - Women in Society
Problems of women’s roles in society. Comparative perspectives on the status of women across social institutions. An exploration of feminism and consideration of its goals and methods.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 216 - Men’s Studies
Sociological research in men’s studies. Theories of masculinity, male socialization, interactive patterns, intimacy patterns, and roles in the family. Data and discourse on change and persistence of male roles in society.
Last Offered: Fall 2016
3 credits

SOC 218 - Sociology of American Jewry
Study of contemporary American Jewish life and society from a sociological perspective. Pluralism, sociohistorical development, religious ritual, and gender issues as shapers of the American Jewish community.
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 credits
SOC 219 - Sociology of Modern Israel
The social factors, pre-statehood through the present, that have influenced the emergence of Israeli society as a new social and cultural entity in the Middle East.
Last Offered: Fall 2017
3 credits

SOC 235 - Environmental Sociology
Study of how social structure, behavior, attitudes and inequalities impact the physical environment. Topics include the environmentalist movement and its opponents, organizational mobilization to alleviate environmental hazards, and future planning for environmental protection in both urban and rural settings.
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 credits

SOC 250 - Apocalypse Now?
An examination of how apocalyptic predictions in this new millennium shape human organization and activity in the U.S. The culture of fear pervading American society as it relates to apocalyptic prophecies, messages, and catastrophic threats is a key theme in the course. Both secular and religious apocalypse is examined making historical and global comparisons.
Last Offered: Spring 2019
3 credits

SOC 251 - Sociology of Religion
Sociological perspectives on religion as both a persistent and changing social institution. The role of religion in both implementing and impeding social change, policy, and discourse; sociological explanations and studies on religious experience, identity, affiliation, and structure; and the impact of religion on controversial public issues, other social institutions and issues pertaining to class, race, and gender.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 255 - Methods of Social Research
Logic of scientific investigation of social phenomena: analysis of theoretical statements, problem formulation, and selection of indicators. Survey of major procedures and principal techniques of empirical work, and practical experience with some phases of the research process.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 260 - Applied Social Theory
Classic and contemporary macro and micro sociological theories. Emphasis on theory construction as applied to social issues.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or junior or senior status.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 265 - Self and Society
Relationship of self to others and society through exploration of micro-sociological theory and data. An emphasis on interpersonal and organizational behavior as shaped by social forces.
Last Offered: Winter Session 2018
3 credits

SOC 266 - Socialization and Social Control
Study of the social mechanisms for social control — formal and informal. Emphasis is on the socialization process, throughout the life cycle, and the development and role in society of folkways, mores, laws and customs.
Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of SOC or ANT.
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 credits

SOC 267 - Sociology of Sports
Sociological exploration of the world of sports and related leisure activities, and how these domains reflect, reify, and change society, as well as how body image plays a role in sports and leisure, which in turn impacts perceptions of self and society.
Last Offered: Winter Session 2016
3 credits
SOC 288 - Economic Sociology
Examination of the social positions of economic institutions and social factors that affect economic outcomes. Emphasizes on social and organizational contexts of economic life, social facets of market competition, the modern transition to finance capitalism, and the social side of monopolies and monopoloid arrangements. Attention is given to the international, social generation of poverty.
Last Offered: Spring 2019
3 credits

SOC 310 - Racial and Ethnic Relations
Analysis of race and ethnicity with an emphasis on diversity and culture, intergroup conflict and competition.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits of SOC.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 312 - The African American Experience
Analysis of the lives of African Americans in the United States. Emphasis on patterns of interaction, social and economic stratification, areas of conflict, and participation in the institutional life of U.S. society.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits of SOC.
Last Offered: Fall 2015
3 credits

SOC 315 - Sociology of Gender
A critical examination of the social construction of gender. Analysis of the impact of gender’s traditionally binary treatment. Theoretical insights on gender and its intersectionality with sexuality, race and ethnicity, social class and (dis)ability.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits in SOC.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 320 - Sociology of Children and Childhood
Examination of the social position of children and childhood in contemporary American and global society with recognition that children are active participants in their world. Emphasis upon basic areas of family, education, child care, work, juvenile justice, and peer culture. Analysis of the intersection of childhood, gender, social class, race, and ability/disability. Methodological considerations of studying children will also be discussed.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits in SOC.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 322 - Sociology of the Family
Sociological theory and data on the family as a major social institution. How social forces impact the roles, configurations, problems and needs of the family — and how family issues, in turn, influence the larger society, and both uphold and conflict with societal values. Includes emphasis on diversity along ethnic and lifestyle dimensions.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits of sociology.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 334 - Probation, Parole, Pardon
Sentencing patterns and problems, social investigation, release organization, and administrative procedures, group process, and role modification.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 338 - Juvenile Delinquency
Examination of juvenile delinquency. Studies kinds of offenses, police reactions, detention, court decisions, probation, rehabilitation, theories of causation and methods of prevention.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits
SOC 344 - Medical Sociology
Examination of the influences of social factors such as race, class, and gender on health and illness of individuals and groups in society. Included are discussions about ethical issues in health care research and application of sociological theories, as well as the review of global health issues such as AIDS, and the structure and outcomes of different health care systems including the U.S.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 345 - Aging and the Aged
The social position of the aged in contemporary society. Emphasis upon basic areas of family, work and community and the role of formal and informal community institutions. Some type of community involvement by the student is required.
Prerequisite(s): 3 credits of SOC, ANT, or PSY.
Last Offered: Fall 2015
3 credits

SOC 350 - Drugs and Society
The use of various substances to change conscious experiences is woven into modern societies beliefs norms, and concerns about crime, deviance and public health. Paradoxically, societies that have high rates of illicit drug use also have the most visible anti-drug policies as exemplified by the US War on Drugs. This course examines drug use as a phenomenon and how perceptions of drug use shape policy.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Summer 2019
3 credits

SOC 361 - Urban Sociology
The growth of cities, their physical and demographic characteristics, planning and redevelopment, and particularly the behavior patterns and social relationships of modern urban living are considered.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits in SOC.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 362 - Criminology
Analysis of the formulation of criminal law, major types of crime, theories of criminal behavior, social organization of law enforcement, the courts, and the prisons. Theoretical emphasis on social construction of crime.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102 or ANT 252.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 363 - Social Inequality in the U.S.
Explores social stratification in the U.S., including social class as well as aspects of race, ethnicity, and gender, along with its causes and consequences.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100, plus 3 additional credits of SOC.
Last Offered: Spring 2017
3 credits

SOC 366 - Penology
Analysis of the definition and punishment of the offender in relation to social structure and historical context; the rise of the prison and possible alternatives to current methods of incarceration.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 367 - Criminal Justice and Social Inequality
Examination of social stratification in the application of law enforcement, judicial process, and correctional agencies and the impact of these processes on marginalized groups.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 credits

SOC 368 - Sociology of Law
The relationship of law, society, and the individual. The origin, evolution, and function of law. The legal profession, criminal justice system, and social change.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or SOC 102.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits
SOC 370 - Methods of Social Research
Logic of scientific investigation of social phenomena: analysis of theoretical statements, problem formulation, and selection of indicators. Survey of major procedures and principal techniques of empirical work, and practical experience with some phases of the research process.
Prerequisite(s): 12 credits in social sciences.
Last Offered: Summer 2016
3 credits

SOC 380 - Foundations of Sociological Theory
Classic and minority theorists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, their fundamental principles, and their contributions to the field. An emphasis on theory construction as applied to social issues.
Prerequisite(s): 12 credits of SOC, or junior status.
Last Offered: Summer 2016
3 credits

SOC 398 - Special Topics
Topics vary.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 404 - Gender and the Law
Survey course for the non-law student. Basic overview of the American legal system with emphasis on 19th and 20th century case law affecting women, including constitutional protections for equity, Title VII (including sexual harassment and comparable worth) and Title IX (including Educational and Sports equivalents).
Prerequisite(s): 300 level course in HIS, PSC, SOC, or WMS.
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 415 - Contemporary Feminist Theories
Seminar on recent feminist thought, including sexual rationalism, socialist and radical feminism, and analysis of the patriarchal state. Relationship to other sociological, psychological, and political thinking.
Prerequisite(s): HIS 213 or PSC 320 or SOC 215.
Last Offered: Spring 2018
3 credits

SOC 440 - Quantitative Analysis of Social Science Data
The application of statistical methods applied to problem situations typical of the social and behavioral sciences. Emphasis is placed upon the statistical analysis of problem situations and interpretation of statistics using the computer to perform standard statistical routines.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 255 (formerly SOC 370).
Last Offered: Spring 2016
3 credits

SOC 473 - Qualitative Research Methods
Fundamental techniques and principles of qualitative research. Strategies for observation and interviewing, analytic induction, analysis of material culture, and ethics in social research. Students will complete an ethnographic study.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 255 (formerly SOC 370).
Last Offered: Spring 2017
3 credits

SOC 480 - Applied Contemporary Theory
Sociological theories from the mid-20th century to the present, their fundamental principles, and their contributions to the field. An emphasis on applying theory to social issues.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 260 (formerly 380).
Last Offered: Spring 2017
3 credits
SOC 490 - Seminar in Sociology

Selected problems in sociology in which theory and research are integrated. Seminar presentation and a research paper are required.
Prerequisite(s): 18 credits of SOC including SOC 255 (formerly SOC 370) SOC 260 (formerly 380).
Last Offered: Spring 2020
3 credits

SOC 497 - Sociology Internship

The internship is a basis for performing sociological research. Work assignment to a governmental or private agency and a related research project explicitly grounded in sociology. Joint supervision by agency representative and departmental faculty.
Prerequisite(s): Departmental permission, plus SOC 255 (formerly SOC 370) and SOC 260 (formerly 380).
Last Offered: Fall 2019
3 to 6 credits

SOC 499 - Independent Study

No Description Available
Prerequisite(s): Departmental permission.
Last Offered: Fall 2018
1 to 6 credits