

Sociology

SO 101 Introduction to Sociology

Survey of the diverse field of sociology, introducing concepts, methods, principles that help in understanding such social processes and institutions as culture and socialization, group dynamics, social inequality, families, educational systems, social change. Interconnected: Social Science.

SO 195, 295, 395, 495 Special Topics (variable credit)

Topics and credit vary. See course schedule.

SO 202 Group and Organizational Behavior

Identical with SW 202. Analysis of small and large group systems, including how to work with groups, organizations. Experiential activities, leadership development.

SO 225 Race and Ethnicity in America

Examination of theoretical perspectives on ethnic and minority groups in America from historical and contemporary perspectives. Diversity. Winter Term odd years.

SO 240 Social Psychology

Identical with PSY 240. Examination of the interplay between sociology and psychology to understand the behavior of individuals and groups. Theory, research, applications that relate to social phenomena, such as attitude formation and change, conformity and obedience, aggression, prosocial behavior, interpersonal attraction, socialization. Prerequisite: PSY 101 or SO 101.

SO 270 Social Problems

Social problems in economic, government, education, and family institutions as well as inequality, conformity and deviance, the environment, the changing world. Emphasis on alternate social policy approaches to these problems. Winter Term even years.

SO 281 Field Experience in Community Sociology

Supervised exploratory experience in a community context. Incorporation of sociological concepts in an applied setting. P/D/F only. Prerequisite: SO 101.

SO 302 Communities

Societal, environmental factors influencing community growth, decline. Power structures; rural, urban differences; community influence on human well-being. Prerequisite: SO 101. Fall Term.

SO 306 Social Gerontology

Identical with SW 306. Dimensions of the aging process and cultural evaluation of oldness. Research findings on aging behavior, attitudes, roles, life changes, social relationships, health care systems. Multidisciplinary approach.

SO 316 Sociology of the Family

The family as a social institution. Social changes, cultural differences, personality and role development, structure, function, conflict. Winter Term odd years. Prerequisite: SO 101.

SO 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences

Identical with PS and PSY 321. Assumptions, principles, methods of scientific inquiry. Descriptive and experimental research techniques, hypothesis formulation, research design. Behavioral science statistics integrated with research design, methodology, data analysis, interpretation. Writing Intensive. Fall Term.

SO 335 Juvenile Delinquency

Sociological perspectives on delinquency, gangs, youth subcultures. Causes of and responses to delinquency. Police, justice, corrections as they affect youth. Fall Term. Prerequisite: SO 101.

SO 380 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Identical with WS 380. Examination and analysis of women's social, economic, political situation in Latin America, Africa, Asia, the United States. Use of anthropological and sociological analytic techniques and literature from the cultures to understand women's work, family roles, linkages among race, sex, and class, and the introduction of social change across cultures. Diversity. Fall Term even years.

SO 399 Supplemental Instruction: Sociology (½ course credit)

Teaching practicum in a specific area of study. Student SI leaders participate in leader training, attend classes for which they serve as leaders, prepare and lead study sessions that reinforce course content, model and teach effective study strategies. P/D/F only.

SO 402 Global Communities

Examination of communities of place and interest in an international context. Two weeks on campus followed by two weeks of travel to locations outside North America. Opportunities for interaction with community representatives and service in agencies. Diversity. May Term even years. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

SO 421 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis

Identical with PS and PSY 421. In-depth review and evaluation of principles of research design, conduct, data analysis. Research investigation designed, executed, reported by student in consultation with instructor. Topic chosen by student. Writing Intensive. Winter Term. Prerequisite: SO 321.

SO 422 Field Sociology

Supervised field research in North American locations. Qualitative research methods with an emphasis on case study, participant observation, interview techniques. Writing Intensive. May term odd years. Prerequisite: SO 321, PSY 321, or SW 321.

SO 450 Independent Study (variable credit)

Additional study in areas of interest under guidance of instructor. Prerequisite: Department approval.

SO 460 Perspectives in Sociology

Historical, conceptual, professional influences that shape sociology. Emphasis on community as an area of inquiry. Classical and contemporary perspectives, ethical standards, and relationship to other disciplines and society. Seminar with communication skills emphasis. Capstone. Fall Term. Prerequisites: SO 101, SO 302, and two additional credits in Community Sociology.

SO 481 Field Experience in Community Sociology

Supervised experience in preparation for a career in a community context. Incorporation of sociological concepts in an applied setting. P/D/F only. Prerequisites: SO 302, SO 321, department approval.