Sociology

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Major: Sociology courses – a gateway course*; 320 or PLS 239; 330; 461 or 471 (culminating experience); six others, including at least one social inequality course (228, 318, 338); and courses from at least three of the following four areas: microsociology (333); institutions (115, 225, 315, 334, 335); deviance and law (226, 326, 336); social dynamics (219, 259, 319, 329, 339, 349, 359).

*Any one of the following courses can be used as a gateway or prerequisite course to upper level courses: Soc 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167 or 211.

Cognate courses – Mat 217.

Comprehensive evaluation, with passing grade. Total of 10 major courses, plus 1 cognate = 11.

Minor: Sociology courses – *a gateway course; 320 or PLS 239 or 330; any four others, not including 457, 461, or 471. Total of 6 minor courses.

Soc 115. College Microcultures. Examines the culture and structure of a campus as a social environment—misunderstandings in classrooms because of different assumptions in student and faculty cultures; barriers to deep learning; eighteenth century student riots; history of Greek and athletic organizations; evolution of student life; race, class, and gender issues on campus; formal and informal structures; “McDonaldization” of the academe. Intended as first-year seminar.

Soc 119. Globalization. Examines the process, causes, and consequences of globalization with a particular focus on such areas as the expansion of capitalism and its consequences, power and politics, poverty, changes in various kinds of inequalities such as class, race, ethnicity and gender, cultural adaptation and clash of cultures, nationalism, transnationalism, and emerging international social systems, technology, religious change and clash of religions, rising population environment factors such as pollution, depletion and storage of waste, and terrorism. Open to first-year students only. Spring Term.

Soc 160. Special Topics. Open to first-year students only.

Soc 161. Diversity and Difference. An examination of the history of the sociological causes of diversity and difference in societies. Partially satisfies Modern Society LADR. Serves as a gateway course in sociology. Not open to students who have taken Soc 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167 or 211.


Soc 164. Our Social World. Examines links between micro and macro (institutional, national and global) levels of social interaction and the impact of macro level social forces on our everyday lives. Topics include group influence on individuals, socialization; culture, deviance; race, class, and gender inequalities; institutions and organizations; population trends; and social change. Partially satisfies Modern Society LADR. Serves as a gateway course in sociology. Not open to students who have taken Soc 161, 162, 163, 166, 167 or 211.

Soc 166. People in Groups. Explores sociological approaches to the study of group dynamics and their role in understanding phenomenon in contemporary society such as race and ethnicity, the family and other institutions. Partially satisfies the Modern Society LADR. Serves as a gateway course in Sociology. Not open to students who have taken soc 161, 161, 163, 164, 167 or 211.

Soc 167. Culture and Conflict II. Addresses issues of internal (within the self), interpersonal (between persons), intracultural (between microcultures, counter-cultures, or subcultures), and
intercultural conflicts (between national cultures). The role of conflict in change and the lack of conflict – social order or conformity – will also be examined. In combination with Psy 167, satisfies the Modern Society LADR. Serves as a gateway course in sociology. Not open to students who have taken soc 161, 162, 163, 164, 166 or 211.

**Soc 219. Social Problems.** Analysis of causes and consequences of and possible solutions to social problems. Issues include such topics as poverty, racial and gender discrimination, crime, population, environment, prostitution, pornography, sexual orientations, and problems of family and work. Prerequisite: a gateway course.

**Soc 222. World Ethnographies.** A detailed look at cross-cultural analysis and representation of societies around the world. Identical to Anth 222. Prerequisite: Anth 112, MS 113, or a gateway sociology course. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.

**Soc 225. Sociology of Families.** Systems analysis of marriages and families; diversity of family types; mate selection processes; changing functions, structures, and roles; socio-legal issues; elements of healthy and dysfunctional families; break-up and reconstitution; and family policy. Prerequisite: a gateway course.

**Soc 226. Law and Society.** Examination of law as an institution and its relationship to the larger society. Topics include: legal systems and the legal profession, functions and dysfunctions of law, law and social control, and law and social change. Explores criminal, constitutional, international, and environmental legal issues. Offered alternate years during Spring Term. Prerequisite: a gateway course.

**Soc 228. Sociology of Gender.** A comparative study of gender roles. Topics include: origins of gender roles, gender role stereotypes and consequences, androgyny and gender roles, gender roles in developed and developing nations, changing patterns and the future. Prerequisite: a gateway course.

**Soc 229. Environmental Sociology.** Examines a sociological approach to the environment, including the social construction of nature; how inequality along the lines of race, class and gender affect the distribution of environmental impacts; and the importance of attitudes and behaviors to our interactions with the environment.

**Soc 259. Immigration and Transnationalism.** Examines how various immigrant groups negotiate cultural landscapes as previous identities conflict with present national loyalties and expectations. Also explores pan-ethnic cultural affiliations in urban America and investigates the impacts of transnational citizens on the home culture. Identical to Anth 259. Prerequisite: Anth 112 or a gateway sociology course.

**Soc 260. Special Topics.**

**Soc 307. Directed Study.** .50 unit.

**Soc 309. Research Practicum.** Offers practical experience with research skills and with detailed knowledge of specialized topics through participation in a faculty member’s ongoing research program. Experiences may include assistance with research design, data collection; coding, statistical analysis; qualitative data analysis, or written presentation of results. Offered every term. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. 0.50 unit. May be repeated once.

**Soc 315. Political Sociology.** An examination of the sociology of power and community at the national and international levels. Identical with PIS 315. Offered alternate Fall terms. Prerequisites: a 100-level Political Science course except PIS 160 or a gateway sociology course.

**Soc 318. Race and Ethnic Relations.** Historical and global perspectives on racial and ethnic group contacts and conflicts; social psychology of prejudice and discrimination; mechanisms of institutional discrimination; minority group strategies for change. Prerequisite: Either a gateway course or Anth 112.


Soc 326. Juvenile Delinquency. Examination of juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system. Explores the nature and extent of delinquency, theories of delinquency, empirical research on delinquency, and historical and contemporary efforts to control and prevent delinquency. Prerequisites: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 329. Cultural Adaptation of Native Americans: Plains and Pueblos. Comparison and contrast of the social characteristics and cultural evolution of “plains” and “pueblo” Indians as they adapted to their environments and to the onslaught of whites: includes two-and-a-half-week field trip to the southwest. Offered alternate years during Spring Term. Prerequisite: a sociology gateway course or Anth 112; Soc 318 is recommended. Identical to Anth 329. Satisfies Other Cultures LADR.


Soc 333. The Self and Social Interaction. Investigation of the self in social context. Explores processes of interaction and interpersonal influence, social boundaries, and social and institutional impacts on individuals. Prerequisite: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 334. Sociology of Sport. Sociological theories and concepts are applied in analyzing how sport affects society and how society affects sport. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 335. Sociology of Religion. Exploration of the influence of religion on society and of society’s impact on religion; examination of internal social and social-psychological processes within religious groups. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 336. Crime and Corrections. An examination of the criminal justice system; nature and extent of crime; past and present practices used to control crime and deal with criminals. Prerequisites: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 338. Social Class and Inequality. A study of the causes and consequences of inequality domestically and internationally and predictions for the future. Prerequisites: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 349. Social Change. Causes and consequences of social change in the United States and at the global level. Topics include: globalization, deindustrialization, technology, population, environment, social movements, revolution, sociological theory, and intentional and unintentional social change. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: a gateway course and one other sociology course.

Soc 357. Internship. Off-campus supervised field experience of a sociological nature, arranged by the student and subject to the approval of an instructor. Prerequisites: Four sociology courses.

Soc 359. Social Movements. An examination of theories of movements of protest, reform, and revolution, and of resistance to change. Comparison and contrast of case studies, including movements such as abolition, temperance, civil rights, and environmentalism. Identical to PlS 359. Offered alternate Fall Terms. Prerequisites: a 100-level Political Science course except PlS 160 or a sociology gateway course.

Soc 360. Special Topics. Coverage of sociological topics not included in the regular curriculum.

Soc 370. Directed Study. Individual study with a professor on a particular sociological topic, which is agreed to by both the student and professor.
**Soc 461. Senior Seminar.** A comprehensive, linking analysis of the major areas of Sociology as well as an introduction to new areas of sociological concern. Prerequisites: a sociology gateway course, 320, 330, and senior major status.

**Soc 465. Capstone Seminar.** Course content will reflect the topic for the annual Capstone. Open to all juniors and seniors and may be repeated once for credit. Students may enroll in only one Capstone seminar in a given term.

**Soc 471. Independent Study.** Scientific research methods and techniques applied to study of social phenomena. Prerequisites: 320, 330, 333 and senior standing.

**Soc 499. Comprehensive Evaluation.**