SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
An overview of major subjects in sociology, including sociological perspective, culture, social interaction, social stratification, gender, race and ethnicity, social groups, organizations, family, religion, population, urbanization and social changes.

SOCI 1306 Social Problems 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course examines contemporary social problems using sociological principles, emphasizing the role of social structure, culture, and differing perspectives in shaping social realities. Students develop critical thinking skills by evaluating competing explanations and responses to issues such as drug addiction, violence, and inequalities.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 6 hours

SOCI 2301 Marriage and Family 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This class critically examines traditional and contemporary families including controversies regarding single-parent families, alternative lifestyles, working women, reproductive rights, father's rights, and their public policy implications.

SOCI 3306 Race & Ethnic Relations 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course examines how social categories such as race and ethnicity have been defined and understood in different societies, and how these definitions have influenced access to resources and opportunities. Students will analyze major theoretical perspectives on prejudice, discrimination, and intergroup relations. All materials are presented for scholarly analysis only.

SOCI 3310 Sociology of Gender 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course examines how concepts of gender have been defined, understood, and expressed in different societies. Students will analyze theoretical perspectives on identity, social norms, and institutions, and explore how these frameworks influence documented social patterns and outcomes. The course addresses gender and race as academic subjects within sociology. All materials are presented for scholarly analysis only.

SOCI 3311 Medical Sociology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Study of the social and demographic influences on health and disease, social epidemiology, health care professions, alternative medicine, the US health care system and crisis, and health care systems in other societies.

SOCI 3315 Singlehood in the US: A Cultural and Historical Perspective 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course will explore singlehood in the US from cultural and historical perspectives. The course examines how changes in love, romance, and marriage have influenced conceptions of singlehood

SOCI 3326 Social Psychology and Human Interaction 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
The objective of this course is to provide theory and research to the student to examine human interaction within social relationships at the advanced level. Topics include socialization, communication, group dynamics, altruism.

SOCI 3330 Urban Sociology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Study of city growth and urbanization in the United States and the world, the urban ecological structure and process, urban sprawl, education, crime, transportation and various urban problems.

SOCI 3340 Sociology of Sexuality 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Investigates sociological explanations of human sexuality using a gender constructionist framework. Trends in sexual attitudes will be explored, along with issues of sexual expression/desire, gender socialization, sexual aggression and sexual diversity.

SOCI 3355 Global Social Trend 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course will discuss a wide range of topics from theoretical questions of what is culture and examinations of postmodern culture to specific examples such as tabloid talk shows' discussions of sex.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 6 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301

SOCI 3365 Social Stratification 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Theory and research that examines historical and current patterns of social inequality, class, differentiation and mobility. Power, status and socioeconomic variations among groups and populations are explored.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301

SOCI 3375 Deviant Behavior 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
The objective of this course is to enable the student to examine deviance with a broader perspective and understanding. Theories of deviance, types of deviance, and the inequality inherent in the imposition of the deviant label.

SOCI 3380 Criminology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Nature and significance of criminality; significance of race, ethnicity and gender on arrest statistics, perceptions, and public knowledge of crime; etiology of illegal behavior; trends in social reactions to crime and criminals; evolution of biological, psychological, and sociological theories of criminal behavior.

SOCI 3390 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
An overview of the criminological theories regarding juvenile offending and the juvenile justice system. Attention is given to the history, development, and roles of theoretical positions and practices in the areas of juvenile delinquency.

SOCI 4300 Seminar in Sociology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Focuses on a selected topic of contemporary concern and significance in sociology. May be repeated for credit when topic varies.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 9 hours

SOCI 4301 Directed Studies in Sociology 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Individual study with a faculty member in a subject area of mutual interest. May be repeated for credit when the subject varies.
May be Repeated for a maximum of 9 hours

SOCI 4310 Population Problems 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Introduction to theories, concepts, and issues of population study, with emphasis on trends, compositions, and implications of social problems.

SOCI 4320 Sociology of Education 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Multicultural influences on the school system and the democratic society will be examined in this course. The course will use sociological analysis to address the major problems in schools and education today.

SOCI 4325 Aging Population and Health 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course provides a demographic study of the human aging experience and the older population from a global and cross-cultural context. The course recognizes aging studies as providing a multidisciplinary perspective in the study of biological, psychological and social changes that occur during the life cycle. Special attention is given to the global demography of aging populations.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301

SOCI 4330 Comparative Family Studies 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course explores various sociological perspectives to integrate material on race-ethnicity, gender, class and sexual orientation on contemporary diverse families. This course will focus on the family issue from comparative points of view. Historical and cross-cultural study will be explored to understand the impact on family across culture and time.

SOCI 4335 Global Health Disparity 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course provides different perspectives on global health and stratification. Various issues on health, human rights, global public health and environment influence will be covered in the course.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301

SOCI 4340 Change & Social Movement 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course explores how and why ordinary people erupt into the streets and try to exert power in confrontations with elites, authorities or opponents, as well as the impact these confrontations have on the public, the media and the state. The course includes historical and cross cultural research on social movement activism, mobilization, and change.

SOCI 4342 Epidemiology and Global Health 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
This course focuses on a selected topic of contemporary concern and significance in social epidemiology and global health. Topics on social dominants, global inequity, working conditions and environment of health in a global setting are covered.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301

SOCI 4345 Terrorism and Political Violence 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
An examination of selected aspects and dynamics of terrorism and political violence. Identify social, cultural, historical and technological factors that escalate conflict and fuel terrorism.

SOCI 4350 Sociology of Religion 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Using the conceptual tools of sociology, this course examines religious beliefs, practices, symbols, and rites, as well as formation of religious movements, sects, and institutionalization. All addressed will be how religion intersects with social class, gender, race and ethnicity. The material incorporates cross-cultural and historical studies.

SOCI 4380 Research Methods 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Philosophy and methods of social research, including research design, methods of data collection, data analysis and uses other sources of social data. Qualitative and quantitative techniques of inference, analysis and research writing.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301 and (PSYC 2471 or PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342)

SOCI 4385 Social Data Analysis 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Basic concepts and statistical techniques for applied social research. Introduction to use of SPSS statistical software to data entry and statistical analysis, including correlation, bivariate analysis, and multivariate analysis.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301 and (PSYC 2471 or PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342)

SOCI 4390 Social Theory 3 Credits
Department: College of Arts and Sciences
Development of social theory from the perspectives of early thinkers, such as Comte, Spencer, Durkheim, Weber and Marx to contemporary schools of functionalism, conflict, interactionalism, feminism, exchange and postmodern theory.
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301 or SOC 131