

SOCIOLOGY (SOCl)

SOCI 1030 Sociology of The Family (3 Credit Hours)

Consideration of the family as a social institution and a special form of small group. Examination of theoretical and empirical research focusing upon mate selection, marital interaction, and child socialization. Topics include contemporary demographic trends and cultural practices.

SOCI 1040 Gender & Society (3 Credit Hours)

Examines the social construction of gender and the consequences of gender equality. Topics include socialization, intimate relations, paid and unpaid work, violence, and social change.

SOCI 1050 Intro to Education & Society (3 Credit Hours)

This course is an introduction to sociological research, concepts, and theories about education. In the course, the purpose and function of education for the individual and society are critically considered, and a substantial amount of time is spent discussing the links between education and inequality. Topics that are discussed in detail include: the potential and limitations of schools, schools as agents of socialization, cross-national differences in educational systems, social relationships in schooling (the influence of community, social capital, parents, and peers), within and between school inequalities (school effects/ ability grouping), the effects of school characteristics and ascriptive forces on schooling outcomes, and variation in schooling outcomes themselves (achievement, attainment, labor market outcomes). Students will gain an appreciation of the role of schools as powerful determinants of the opportunities that individuals experience in modern societies.

SOCI 1060 Urban Sociology (3 Credit Hours)

The social patterns, processes, and institutional structure of urban life.

SOCI 1080 Deviant Behavior (3 Credit Hours)

Examines forms of human behavior that have been defined as deviant by the larger society. An emphasis is placed on understanding the social construction of such definitions, especially their cross-cultural variations, as well as motivations and social implications for those whose behavior is judged as deviant.

SOCI 1090 Social Problems (3 Credit Hours)

Examination of critical contemporary social problems and social policy options. Emphasis is placed on understanding the multidimensional sources of crisis, unrest, and instability as well as policy options and tradeoffs associated with ameliorative efforts. Topics vary by semester and instructor.

SOCI 1210 Sociology of Religion (3 Credit Hours)

Introduces students to sociological study of religious phenomena, including religious beliefs, practices, and behaviors as conditioned by sociological factors. A key emphasis is the relationship between religious systems and other social institutions, e.g., politics, family, economy, and social stratification.

SOCI 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Semester Abroad.

SOCI 1300 Criminology (3 Credit Hours)

Emphasizes the public's perception of the crime problem and various sociological measures of amounts and trends of criminal behavior in society. Causal and noncausal theories of criminality, and the sociological implications of various selected offenses are explored.

SOCI 1460 Asian-Amer Communities (3 Credit Hours)

This course will provide a sociological introduction to America's rapidly growing Asian American populations and to the major issues facing these populations.

SOCI 1470 Global Social Change (3 Credit Hours)

Examines global change and its implications for individuals and groups via exploration of issues of globalization of the economy, international development, urbanization, immigration, social movements, changing gender relations, etc. Emphasis will be placed on how such changes have come about and course focus will be international in scope with emphasis on Latin America, Asia, and/or Africa.

SOCI 1510 Work In American Society (3 Credit Hours)

Examines the concepts of occupations, professions, and work organizations. It considers issues about employee selection, job involvement, alienation, satisfaction, performance, and compensation; industrial mental health, occupation safety, health and medicine; social conditions of work in bureaucratic organizations, work groups and union membership; supervision and human resource management; and the changing conditions of work resulting from technological change, social change, shifts in the occupational structure and the interface of work with other institutions such as the family.

SOCI 1890 Service Learning: SOCI 1300 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Service Learning.

SOCI 1891 Service Learning: SOCI 1300 (1 Credit Hour)
Service Learning.

SOCI 1893 Service Learning: SOCI 1300 (1 Credit Hour)
Service Learning.

SOCI 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)
Transfer Coursework.

SOCI 2010 Foundations of Sociology (3 Credit Hours)
To provide substantive exposure to basic sociological concepts, theories, methods, and tools.

SOCI 2050 Population and Society (3 Credit Hours)
An examination of the dynamic relationship between population and society. The course focuses on the contemporary demography of developed and developing countries, with an emphasis on societal problems linked to population.

SOCI 2100 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Special topic announced each semester.

SOCI 2101 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Special topics in Sociology.

SOCI 2102 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Special topics in Sociology.

SOCI 2103 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Special topics in Sociology.

SOCI 2110 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Special Topics in Sociology.

SOCI 2180 Wealth, Power and Inequality (3 Credit Hours)
Survey of theoretical and empirical literature on the distribution of wealth, power, and prestige within and across societies and historical periods. Emphasis is placed on the impact of social change on stratification systems.

SOCI 2210 Sociology of Reproduction (3 Credit Hours)
This course is an introduction to the Sociology of Human Reproduction. We frequently think about reproduction as a natural/biological event, but like other aspects of human life, it is socially constructed: shaped by and experienced in and through various social practices. We will cover topics ranging from childbirth to breastfeeding, contraception to childlessness, and even little-known issues such as man" -opause (i.e., male menopause). Much of the social science work on human reproduction comes from either demographic or feminist traditions so course readings reflect this dual genealogy."

Prerequisite(s): (SOCI 1040 and 2010) or GESS 2900.

SOCI 2220 Sociology of Medicine (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to the sociological significance of medicine and medical procedures and professions.

SOCI 2230 Sociology of Law (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to the sociological significance of law and legal procedures and professions.

SOCI 2450 Society Through Cinema (3 Credit Hours)
Examination of social organization, interaction, issues, and problems via the depiction of these issues and themes in selected commercial and documentary cinematic statements as illustrative material. Weekly class meetings are divided into lecture, screening, and discussion. Specific topical foci differ by semester.

SOCI 2490 Lat Amer Social Structur (3 Credit Hours)
An historical examination of the human condition in Latin America emphasizing three primary spheres of social relations: political, economic, and ideological. Within each sphere the following themes are addressed: national-international relations, urbanization, rural social structure, demographic trends, cultural change, and stability.

SOCI 2500 Organizational Behavior (3 Credit Hours)
An introduction to the sociological study of organizations in the private and public sectors. Topics include models for studying organizations, organization processes (communication, decision-making, negotiation, leadership), the impact of structural culture, and environmental factors on organizational behavior.

SOCI 2600 Environmental Sociology (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines political and economic aspects of global and local environmental problems. Topics include how societies and the environment interact, why some environmental risks have gained most attention, how support for environmental concerns can be measured, responses by environmental social movements, and visions of sustainable societies in the First and Third Worlds.

SOCI 2650 Latin Amer & the Environment (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to the political economy of the environment in Latin America.

SOCI 2700 Soc Psych Everyday Life (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of issues involved in everyday social interactions, this course focuses on dimensions of interpersonal behavior against the background of sociological roles and role-playing, Emphasis is placed on the nature and process of interpersonal relationship, encounters, and public behavior against the backdrop of societal assumptions, norms, practices and beliefs. Related issues of affect/emotion, attitudes, cognition and perception will be discussed.

SOCI 2730 City of Paris (3 Credit Hours)

Paris, one of the most distinctive and historically rich cities in the world, is used as a living laboratory for an examination of social patterns, processes, and organization of contemporary urban life. Course materials and field investigations serve to contextualize modern Paris in the conditions that spawned its dramatic transformation over the past two millennia and its continuing evolution into the present. Much of this summer class is experiential: learn by doing-planning, exploring, observing, mapping, and interpreting. In-class and field projects focus on how cities and urban systems are organized, the structuring of public space and its uses, modes of interpersonal interaction, how people perceive and attach meaning to the built environment, how we "read" cities, and represent urban spaces and places in our minds via "cognitive maps".

SOCI 2890 Service Learning (1 Credit Hour)

Service Learning.

SOCI 2940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

Transfer Coursework.

SOCI 3030 Intro To Research Design (3 Credit Hours)

Logic and techniques of social research, the relationships between theory and method, and alternative strategies in data collection.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 2010, 2010, 2010 or 2010.

SOCI 3040 Intro Research Analysis (3 Credit Hours)

Basic training in descriptive and inferential statistics with social science applications. Topics include measurement, tabular and graphic displays of data, central tendency, dispersion, probability, estimation, hypothesis testing, and linear regression.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 2010 and 3030.

SOCI 3100 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special Topics in Sociology.

Corequisite(s): SOCI 3101.

SOCI 3220 Social Theory (3,4 Credit Hours)

An introduction to classical and contemporary sociological theory.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 2010.

SOCI 3940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

Transfer Coursework.

SOCI 4210 Urban Ethnography & Soc Justice (3 Credit Hours)

In this course students will develop a practical working knowledge of the theoretical and conceptual frameworks used in analyzing urban issues of social justice through a combination of classroom instruction, applied ethnographic field instruction, practitioner engagement, and professional development activities.

SOCI 4310 Crime Punishment & Comm NOLA (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines the relationship among community changes/characteristics, crime, and punishment focusing on New Orleans. It includes an intense community engagement component that involves residential outreach to assess viewpoints on common crime prevention, policing and punishment practices.

Corequisite(s): SOCI 4210 and SOCI 4890.

SOCI 4560 Internship (1-3 Credit Hours)

Open to especially qualified upper level students.

SOCI 4570 Internship (1-3 Credit Hours)

Open to especially qualified upper level students.

SOCI 4610 Ecology and Society (3 Credit Hours)

From local disasters to global crises, this course explores the grave consequences to human development springing from ecological catastrophes and the ways in which wellbeing, social equality, and economic advance are intimately linked to the environment.

Corequisite(s): EVST 4510.

SOCI 4880 Writing Intensive: SOCI 4910 (1 Credit Hour)

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Corequisite(s): SOCI 4910.

SOCI 4890 Service Learning: SOCI 4210 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Service Learning.

Corequisite(s): SOCI 4310.

SOCI 4910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Open to especially qualified upper level students with approval of instructor.

SOCI 4920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Open to especially qualified upper level students with approval of instructor.

SOCI 4940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

Transfer Coursework.

SOCI 4990 Honors Thesis (3 Credit Hours)

Honors Thesis.

SOCI 5000 Honors Thesis (4 Credit Hours)

Honors Thesis.

SOCI 5110 Capstone Component: SOCI 6320 (0 Credit Hours)

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SOCI 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Semester Abroad.

SOCI 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Junior Year Abroad.

SOCI 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Junior Year Abroad.

SOCI 6010 Adv Special Topics: SOCI (3,4 Credit Hours)

Special topic announced each semester.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6011 Adv Special Topics: SOCI (3,4 Credit Hours)

Adv Special Topics in Sociology.

SOCI 6012 Adv Special Topics: SOCI (3 Credit Hours)

Adv Special Topics in Sociology.

SOCI 6013 Adv Special Topics: SOCI (3 Credit Hours)

Adv Special Topics in Sociology.

SOCI 6014 Adv Special Topics: SOCI (3 Credit Hours)

Adv Special Topics in Sociology.

SOCI 6020 Political Sociology (3 Credit Hours)

Analysis of both the distribution and institutional bases of power in society and the values which legitimate them. Class, bureaucracy, occupations, and political participation as these correlate with power.

SOCI 6030 Monog, Poly-Sexualities Societ (3 Credit Hours)

This class is a sociological exploration of the establishment and consequences of different kinship forms including monogamy, polygamy, polyamory, and polyqueer.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6060 Issues In Soc of Gender (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines research in several areas of the sociology of gender. Topics include the acquisition of gender identity, face to face interactions, the changing roles of women and men, the intersection of work and family, and social movements. Students will conduct original research in one of these areas.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6070 Sociology of Sexuality (3 Credit Hours)

An advanced sociology course on sexuality. The core theme of the course is to explore how the way we think about and experience the erotic, sex, and sexuality are constructed through and shaped by social processes. Considerable time will be spent on sexuality as a system of stratification that is separate from but intersects with inequalities on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, and class.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6080 Mental Health and Illness (3 Credit Hours)

Mental health has been typically understood as one of the defining characteristics of "normality"; in contrast, mental illness has long been stigmatized and contested. This course aims to show that the boundaries between the two have been far from stable and depend on the social and historical contexts in which they are drawn. Prerequisites: SOCI 2010, SOCI 3030, SOCI 3040, and SOCI 3220.

Prerequisite(s): (SOCI 3040 or 3040) and (SOCI 3220 or 3220).

SOCI 6090 Sociology of Medicine (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of social and psychological factors affecting the prevalence and incidence of disease in human populations. Topics also considered include the organization of the health professions, comparative medical systems, social change and health care, and social factors affecting the utilization of health services.

SOCI 6100 Sociology of Health & Illness (3 Credit Hours)

Advanced seminar in the social causes and effects of health, illness, and healthcare.

Prerequisite(s): (SOCI 3030 or 3030) and (SOCI 3040 or 3040).

SOCI 6120 Race/Ethnicity In Amer (3 Credit Hours)

Sociological examination of the dynamics of race and ethnic relations in the United States. This course provides an opportunity for students to read about, think, and discuss issues of racial and ethnic relations in society. Topics include the social construction of racial classification systems, the historical record of the interaction between the races in America, public policy, and possible mechanisms for dealing with some of the issues that many consider most problematic in our society.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6130 Race, Crime and Control (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines the US Criminal Justice system as a mechanism of racial control. It covers the socio-historical construction of race, different theories and practices of racism and their manifestation and institutionalization in the contemporary US Criminal Justice system, and ongoing strategies of resistance and antiracism. Prerequisite: SOCI 3030, SOCI 3040 and SOCI 3220

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SOCI 6160 Crime and Human Development (3 Credit Hours)

This course will examine key conceptual and research issues such as the development of criminal behavior and criminal careers; stability and change in criminal behavior across developmental stages of the life course; trajectories, transition, and turning points through life; qualitative and quantitative approaches to studying crime and the life course, and social change and its link to individual lives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6180 Wealth,Power,&Inequality (3 Credit Hours)

Theories of stratification, status systems in various societies, measurement and research of social classes in the United States.

SOCI 6200 Issues In Soc of Family (3 Credit Hours)

This course will consider the sociological, political, and cultural criticisms of the traditional definitions of family. This course focuses on family demography, gay/lesbian family issues, African-American families, and the "family values" wars as organizing topics.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6210 Sociology of Culture (3 Credit Hours)

The sociology of culture provides a useful lens to examine culture in everyday life, in mass media, and in the fine arts.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6260 Gender, Work & Family (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the sociological intersections of gender, work, and family across a variety of countries, with emphasis on (but not limited to) the European Union and the United States. Major themes are (1) how national context influences the work-family nexus for adults (women and men) and children (girls and boys), (2) how people negotiate, share, and create culture as it relates to work-family issues, and (3) how the experiences and ideologies of parents and children vary within and across societies. The course will cover a wide range of sociological vantage points, from macroscopic to microscopic issues.

SOCI 6300 Urban Policy & Planning (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines how government policies and programs have shaped and affected cities and metropolitan areas in the United States and around the world over the last hundred years or so. The course investigates policies and planning actions pertaining to community organizing, welfare reform, adaption to climate change, post-disaster recovery and rebuilding, tourism and urban cultural production: real estate, housing, and uneven development, and sustainability. The course will focus on policies that have impacted the built environment and address relationships between cities, communities, and broader socio-political and economic processes. As a capstone course, assignments and course activities are designed for advanced undergraduate or for graduate students interested in connecting the course subject matter with a service learning project within the sociology of urban policy and planning.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6320 Global Political Econ & Enviro (3,4 Credit Hours)

This course provides an overview of sociological research pertaining to globalization and the environment. Topics include macro-comparative theories of development. and the interconnections among society, political-economic dynamics, the process of globalization. and natural system (ecology).

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6325 Global & Local Environ Justice (3 Credit Hours)

This service-learning course enriches student understanding of environmental justice at the global and local level. Students will sharpen their knowledge of various environmental movements. activism. and advocacy in the classroom. which will be supplemented with experience in the field. Specifically. students will collaborate with environmentally-focused organizations and nonprofits in the greater New Orleans area to implement environmental justice activities in the local community. SOCI 3040 is a pre-requisite for course enrollment.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3040.

SOCI 6330 Sociology of Education (3,4 Credit Hours)

This course will examine the social functions of educational institutions, the role of education in the American social and economic structure, and major controversies and debates concerning educational policy as social policy.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6340 Race & Ethnicity in Latin Amer (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores the development of racial categories throughout Latin America and the implications of these social constructs for group identities, community building, and social activism. We will begin with a theoretical overview of the scholarship on race and ethnicity in Latin America and on the process of racialization. We will explore the limitations of using a Western lens to understand race and racism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Students will learn to expand how they conceptualize these terms in order to better understand Latin America's distinct racial landscape. Students will engage the empirical scholarship of indigenous populations as well as on Latin Americans of African descent. Students will learn about the complexities of mestizaje he erasure of blackness and rising inter-ethnic conflict.

SOCI 6560 Soc Mvmts/Coll Behavior (3 Credit Hours)

An advanced theoretical and empirical analysis of the determinants of organized non-institutionalized forms of collective action. Topics include the interplay of structural conditions and voluntaristic actions, the logic of collective action, culture, and ideology as they shape social movement outcomes. The specific types or dimensions of collective action examined may vary from semester to semester.

SOCI 6640 Sociology of Organizatn (3 Credit Hours)

Exploration and development of organizational structures, processes and consequences. Interdisciplinary focus drawing conceptual, theoretical, and methodological tools from sociology, management, economics, and applied fields such as law and public administration. The seminar will examine classic and current issues in the sociology of organizations and the influence of complex organizations on different contexts and institutions (e.g., economy, family, healthcare, politics).

SOCI 6650 Sustainable Dev in LatAm (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines the dimensions of sustainable development in Latin America from the theoretical perspectives of environmental sociology and the sociology of development.

Prerequisite(s): (SOCI 3040 or 3040) and (SOCI 3220 or 3220).

SOCI 6660 Forensic Sociology (3 Credit Hours)

This course will introduce students to the ways in which scholars and researchers apply social science knowledge, methods, and theories to legal problems such as criminal trials, civil disputes, and arbitration proceedings. The course will address socio-legal questions and problems related to the following areas of civil litigation: premises liability and inadequate/negligent security, product liability and human-factors related litigation, climate change, toxic torts and crim torts, racial segregation and fair housing, and employment discrimination lawsuits. Prerequisites: SOCI 3220; SOCI 3030; and SOCI 3040

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6700 Sociology of Law (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of the implications of law in the persistence and change of social systems, the relation of sociological theory and research to legal institutions, and law as an organization and profession.

SOCI 6873 Service Learning 20-hr (1 Credit Hour)

Service Learning 20-hr.

Corequisite(s): SOCI 6330.

SOCI 6890 Qual Research Methods (3 Credit Hours)

This course provides an introduction to key themes and practices in qualitative research methods, including major theoretical and methodological debates, project design, gaining access, and gathering and analyzing data.

SOCI 6891 Service Learning: SOCI 6330 (0-1 Credit Hours)

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SOCI 6892 Service Learning: SOCI 6010 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Service Learning: SOCI 6010.

Corequisite(s): SOCI 6330.

SOCI 6893 Service Learning: SOCI 6013 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Service Learning: SOCI 6013.

SOCI 6910 Gender In Latin America (3 Credit Hours)

A sociological examination of how changing political, economics and developmental issues in Latin America shape and are shaped by gender relations.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030 and 3040 or SOCI 3220.

SOCI 6930 Soc Movements/Latin Amer (3 Credit Hours)

An examination of the factors shaping the emergence, development, and decline of social movements in Latin America. Issues addressed include why people join movements, what constraints there are on building of social movement organizations, and in what ways are leaders and ideologies crucial to movement development.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6940 Politic Soci Latin Amer (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines theories of the bases and distribution of power in Latin America. Topics include the role of elites and domestic class coalitions in state formation and regime transitions, the role of civil society/labor, popular associations, political parties in democratization, and the role of culture, including religion, in political life.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6960 Urban Latin America (3 Credit Hours)

This course is a study of the causes and social effects of urban growth and decay in rich and poor countries in the Americas. Examines contemporary urban social classes and political coalitions, and how these are changing with shifting regional economies. The course discusses theories of urban societies and regional growth, and examines case studies and theories from Latin America.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 3030, 3040 and 3220.

SOCI 6970 Latin Amer Social Mobilization (3,4 Credit Hours)

Certain social networks and types of social practice specialize in subverting the state and dominant society. In this class we look diffusely at "social mobilization" and focus on manifestations beyond social movements. We look at protest, at crime and violence, and at religion. The goal is to understand social history, or the way people who are not in positions of institutional power come together to change their world, sometimes to make the world better and sometimes to make it worse. Our goal is to develop sensibilities and analytic outlooks that allow us to understand these types of social mobilization as a way of understanding social change in Latin America, beyond the institutions that political scientists and economists tend to focus on. Prerequisites: SOCI 3030, SOCI 3040, and SOCI 3220 or approval of instructor.

SOCI 6990 Special Topics-Latin Am (3 Credit Hours)

Course topics vary. Courses will include: Latin American Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in the Americas, Caribbean Societies, and Drugs and Alcohol in the Americas.

SOCI 7010 Readings (3 Credit Hours)

Graduate Level Independent Study.

SOCI 7350 Advanced Top Data Analys (3 Credit Hours)

Course topics vary. Topics include: Innovations in data analysis.

SOCI 9980 Masters Research (0 Credit Hours)

Masters Research.

SOCI 9990 Dissertation Research (0 Credit Hours)

Dissertation Research.