

SOCI: SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

SOCI 101. Introduction To Sociology. (3 Credits)

Students are taught the fundamental concepts and principles of sociology. Emphasis is on the empirical and theoretical bases of sociology, social structure, the variety of influences and pressures that help make individuals a part of society, the nature of social research, and the use of the sociological perspective in understanding social interaction. This course is required for all sociology majors.

SOCI 102. Introduction To Anthropology. (3 Credits)

The study of evidence of human evolution, developing cultures, racial groupings and people in preliterate societies.

SOCI 120. Intro Leadership Dev Multi Cu. (3 Credits)

This course is an exploration of traditional and contemporary theories of leadership in organizations. Topics include models of leadership styles and techniques, organizational change, motivating personnel, decision-making and problem solving, ethics, interpersonal relationships, conflict resolution in work place, and power. Given the enormous cultural diversity within organizations, it is essential that leaders take more deliberate approach to sourcing and developing talent across socioeconomic class, religion, academic field, and other backgrounds. In addition, this course will prepare the students on how to become better critical thinkers and utilize emotional intelligence in orchestrating leadership pattern.

SOCI 201. Social Problems. (3 Credits)

A survey course that deals with the problems that characterize United States society. Focus is on understanding the social forces, movements, policies, and changes in identification of and response to social problems of the society, and the theories that attempt to explain these phenomena.

SOCI 208. Soci African Amer Exp. (3 Credits)

An examination of African Americans in the United States as a social group. Focus is on the socio- historical developments and current trends in the experiences of African Americans with equal attention given to developmental experience on the continent of Africa prior to colonization, the transportation of Africans to the "New World," enslavement, and experiences up to the 21st century. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 210. Sociology of the HBCU. (3 Credits)

This course will provide an in-depth exploration of the ways in which the socio-cultural, political, economic, and intellectual movements inspired the need for and establishment of the HBCU's during different epochs in American culture. Through this exploration, students will analyze the ways in which socio-historic phenomena, such as enslavement, segregation, exclusion, Jim Crow, the civil rights movement, and the quest for self-identity, influenced the need for higher education in the HBCU.

SOCI 214. Social Psychology. (3 Credits)

An introduction to the concepts and theories that attempt to explain the behavior of the individual in society. Major topics include culture and personality, social roles, leadership, prejudice and propaganda. Review and analysis of current concepts and experimentation in the field are also included.

SOCI 221. Authentic Leadership. (3 Credits)

This course will prepare students to become leaders of organizations as they embark on parts of personal leadership development. Authentic Leadership requires personal curiosity and reflection from students, enabling them to think critically and develop personal openness through sharing in class discussions, leadership development groups and one-on-one sessions with class instructor. Leadership development concepts created and used in the course will be continuously applicable for students and useful for the rest of their lives as they strive to be authentic leaders.

SOCI 270. Contemporary Protest Movements. (3 Credits)

SOCI 301. Leadership Emot'l Intell Membe. (3 Credits)

This course will enable students to understand and develop the skills needed to foster emotionally intelligent leadership. Students will broaden their horizons in leadership by learning their strengths and limitations. Students will explore strategies to build emotional intelligence into strength to improve leadership performance in organizations.

SOCI 302. Marriage & Family. (3 Credits)

This course focuses on the family as a social institution, its development, functions and change in the United States and other societies. Changing values, gender roles, marital choice, socialization, and the effects of contemporary social change on the family, as we know it is studied. 201608.

SOCI 304. Ethnic And Race Relations. (3 Credits)

A study of the status of the various racial, religious, and ethnic minority groups in American society. Focus is on the forces relevant to establishment and maintenance of patterns domination and subordination between racial and ethnic groups. Critical analysis is made of discrimination, segregation, exploitation, hostility, and feelings of cleavage. American race and ethnic relations will be compared with those in other major societies. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 - Introduction to Sociology.

SOCI 305. Org'l Politics & Influence. (3 Credits)

This course will examine the tools and techniques for identifying and effectively interacting with organizational and political changes. Topics will include negotiations in politically-charged environments, organizational politics, and influencing processes. Pre-requisite: SOCI/ CJUS 120.

SOCI 311. Social Movements & Social Chan. (3 Credits)

The study of the effects of collective behavior on social structure. The factors and processes of social change are studied from the position of various theorists and theories of contemporary society. 201608.

SOCI 314. Sociology Of Religion. (3 Credits)

The study of religion in terms of belief systems, practices, and its functioning as a social institution. Major theoretical perspectives on religion in its function as an agent of social change, in maintaining the social status quo, and in the lives of individuals and societies are emphasized. The major world religions are surveyed from sociological perspectives. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 317. Methods Soc Research & Stat. (3 Credits)

The logic, design and use of social research. Major emphasis is on social research techniques and procedures, the relationship between theory and research, and use of quantitative data analysis techniques. The structure and use of qualitative research techniques are also examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 - Introduction to Sociology.

SOCI 318. Sociological Theory. (3 Credits)

The study of the works of major theorists whose works constitute the foundation of the discipline of sociology. The social impact of the major theoretical perspectives in contemporary sociology and the relationship of theory to research are included. Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and 6 additional hours of sociology courses. 201608.

SOCI 320. Black Social Thought. (3 Credits)**SOCI 325. Sociology Health and Illness. (3 Credits)**

This course examines the social contexts of health, illness, and medical care. It gives prominence to the debates and contrasting perspectives which characterize the field of medical sociology. Topics include the social, environmental, and occupational factors in health and illness, the politics surrounding health care and the patient's perspectives on illness. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 333. SOCI Hip Hop & the Media. (3 Credits)

This course is designed to analyze and critique the social, political, cultural, economic, and historic roots of the media industry from a sociological perspective. It frames the media as disseminating information, ideas, and promoting forms of "entertainment" that ultimately shape public perception and social interaction. The main focus will be on the history of hip hop and the manner in which it has influenced the various forms of media as defined above. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 - Introduction to Sociology.

SOCI 344. Rural Sociology. (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to rural social structures and institutions in American society. It emphasizes the differences and the similarities in rural and urban communities, leisure and recreation, family life belief systems and social problems. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 352. Urban Issues. (3 Credits)

The factors and forces that result in development and change of and within urban environments are studied. Emphasis is on critical analysis of the types and sources of issues that characterize urban life and urban areas in the United States. Policies and group efforts aimed at addressing these issues will also be examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 355. Rights Law Legal Issues Activi. (3 Credits)

This course explores the historic and contemporary constitutional amendments, laws, policies, programs, and legal issues that serve to both promote and deter activism and social movement.

SOCI 356. Population Issues. (3 Credits)

The determinants and consequences of trends in population size and composition, distribution through fertility, mortality, and migration are examined. Theoretical perspectives on population growth and change and the consequences for nations as well as for individuals are also studied. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 - Introduction to Sociology.

SOCI 362. Juvenile Delinquency. (3 Credits)

Development and change of general values, attitudes, and social policy related to children. Parenting practices, the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, theories of childhood, delinquency and the delinquent are studied, with special emphasis on the juvenile justice system in the USA. 201608.

SOCI 365. Socio for Developing Societies. (3 Credits)

This course is an examination of the social institutional structure of developing societies in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. It includes a discussion and analysis of systems and social life as well as the impact of western and other cultural influences on social change these societies. Prerequisite: SOCI 101.

SOCI 370. African American Women Society. (3 Credits)

This course will examine the political, economic and social roles of African American women in the United States. Special emphasis is placed on such topics as the myths and realities of gender identity for African American women, family life and the challenges posed by black feminism, work patterns, organizational activities, and cultural production. Through these means it will explore the interrelationship between race, ethnicity, class, and gender. Prerequisite: SOCI 101 - Introduction to Sociology.

SOCI 377. Sociology of Law. (3 Credits)

Sociology of law is an exploration of the fundamental concepts of law, basic legal procedure and practice. It provides a general knowledge and affords the opportunity for a sociological critique and analysis of the way that law impacts society, how laws develop, and legal issues allowing students to utilize sociological theory in the analysis of law and legal issues. This course concentrates on strengthening and improving the art of logic and reasoning, improving skill in argumentation and debate, and case law research. Prerequisites: SOCI 101, 201, and 318.

SOCI 378. Urban Injustice. (3 Credits)

This course provides an overview of the social, political, economic, health, racial, and environmental issues that have an effect on urban and inner city communities and people. This course is a praxis course that allows students to apply knowledge gained in introductory level sociology coursework to understanding issues of urban injustice. Prerequisites: SOCI 101, 201.

SOCI 401. Effect Leadership Conflict Res. (3 Credits)

This course will analyze the sources of interpersonal conflict between leaders in organizations. Topics include models of organizational conflict, strategies for identifying and resolving conflict, theories of organizational change, implementation of change, and patterns of communication between individuals and groups in the workplace.

SOCI 402. Leadership Deve Practicum. (3 Credits)

This course provides an opportunity for students to integrate academic coursework with practical leadership experience. Students will be expected to engage in some type of leadership activity, which may be in a formal office in a student organization or more formal/informal types of community leadership.

SOCI 411. Comparative Social Institution. (3 Credits)

The effects of industrialization, urbanization and population dynamics on the structure and functions of social institutions are studied. Major theories of social structure and the linkages between institutions are included. Special emphasis is placed on the economic, political and religious institutions and their ideologies as causal influences in the lives of individuals and in societies. Prerequisites: 9 hours of sociology, including SOCI 318 - Sociological Theory 201608.

SOCI 413. Social Stratification. (3 Credits)

The study of the development, maintenance and change of institutionalized patterns of differential access to wealth, status, and power within the United States. Major social theories that attempt to explain the existence, constancy, and change of social inequality are emphasized. Prerequisite: 9 hours of sociology, including SOCI 318 - Sociological Theory.

SOCI 414. Sociology of Work. (3 Credits)

A survey course that provides intensive study of the occupational structure, occupations, labor force composition and participation, and work settings. Attention will be given to the linkages between government, business, and employee organizations. Theories that attempt to account for the structure and change of and within the occupational structure and the effects of these phenomena for individuals and groups will also be examined. Prerequisites: Nine (9) semester hours of sociology.

SOCI 419. Applied Research Methods. (3 Credits)

An advanced-level research methods course that is designed to give students practical experience in applying core concepts acquired in SOCI 317 (Methods of Social Research) in order to execute developed proposals and conduct social research. Prerequisite: SOCI 317.

SOCI 420. Senior Seminar. (3 Credits)

This course provides the experiences necessary for students to integrate and synthesize the knowledge and skills gained through successful completion of the sociology program of study. Readings, discussion, and written papers incorporating both quantitative and qualitative research methods on selected problems and issues in sociology are required. Topics include the various subdivisions within sociology with particular emphasis on the relationship of theory and research, social structure and social change, and the work of African American sociologists.

SOCI 422. Gerontology. (3 Credits)

The study and analysis of the social aspects and problems of aging and the aged in American society. Focus is on the effects of a growing population of senior citizens on the institutions of the society, individual response to aging and the aged, social policy, and services for older adults.

SOCI 430. Independent Study. (1-3 Credits)

Provides the student an opportunity to explore "in-depth" an area which the student encountered in a previous course or an area which is not part of the curriculum in Sociology. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Approval of the Department Chair.

SOCI 455. Special Topics in Sociology. (3 Credits)

This course is a Sociology Elective that will focus on a special topic and/or current specific interests, trends, ideological shifts, research, and publications that relate to the field and discipline of Sociology. May include Study Abroad. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior Level.