

Sociology (SOCI)

Courses

SOCI 4063. Organizations in Society. 3 Hours.

Review of literature on work and organizations, with focus on race, class, gender inequalities, and interactions between society and organizations; discussion of topics related to white collar crime and deviant behavior inside modern corporations. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

SOCI 4183. Social Network Analysis. 3 Hours.

Introduces the fundamentals of Social Network Analysis (SNA), and its applications for research in various social science fields. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. This course is cross-listed with PLSC 4613.

SOCI 4603. Environmental Sociology. 3 Hours.

The course provides a social perspective on environmental issues. It examines the linkage between society, ecological systems and the physical environment. It provides conceptual framework(s) for analyzing environmental issues, considers the role of humans in environmental issues, and enhances understanding the complexity of the relationship between societal organization and environmental change. Prerequisite: Junior or above standing. This course is cross-listed with HDFS 4603, SUST 4603.

SOCI 5001. Proseminar. 1 Hour.

An informal forum for graduate students and faculty to present and discuss ongoing research interests as well as the current state of the discipline. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 500V. Advanced Problems in Sociology. 1-3 Hour.

Individual research on problems or problem areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5013. Advanced Social Research. 3 Hours.

An examination of experimental and quasi-experimental designs used in the analysis of sociological data with focus upon appropriate units of analysis and design selection, sampling, interview techniques, and questionnaire construction. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor consent.

SOCI 503V. Special Topics. 1-6 Hour.

Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in depth in regular courses. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 5043. Public Policy, Children and Families. 3 Hours.

The study of the impact of public policy on children and families, and the ways in which policies are created, modified, and changed. Includes the history of public policy concerning children and families. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5083. Applied Qualitative Research. 3 Hours.

An introduction to research strategies including intensive interviewing, participant observational fieldwork, content analysis, historical analysis, and comparative research. Emphasis on the practical aspects of designing and executive research involving multiple methods of data gathering and analysis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5113. Seminar in Social Inequality. 3 Hours.

Major theories of stratification; types of stratification systems, comparisons of modern and traditional systems; emergent trends. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5133. The Community. 3 Hours.

A sociological analysis of the theory, methods and materials used in the study of the community. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5153. Sociological Perspective on Social Psychology. 3 Hours.

Principles, concepts and methods used in analyzing effects of social structures and processes on the self and interaction. Topics include exchange theory, role analysis, symbolic interactionism, social construction of reality, socialization, interpersonal competence, organizational and leadership development, social dislocation, and stress. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5233. Theories of Deviance. 3 Hours.

A survey of major theories-classical, developmental, ecological, functionalist, conflict, subcultural, control, and phenomenological-explaining morally condemned differences in society. Particular emphasis is on practical implications of each perspective for policy and social control. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5253. Classical Social Theory. 3 Hours.

A survey of social theory up to the late 20th century. An introduction to the classical sociological themes that continue to inform research, analysis, and policy formation. Major issues will include the relationship between the individual and the community, and the sources of stability, conflict, and change. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5263. Contemporary Social Theory. 3 Hours.

Analysis of contemporary social theories & major theoretical debates. Emphasis is on critical evaluation & application of theoretical perspectives to current social issues affecting families and communities. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5311L. Applied Data Analysis Laboratory. 1 Hour.

Provides instruction for data transformations required for the advanced statistical procedures used in the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Also provides instruction in the use of advanced statistical procedures covered in SOCI 5313. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5313. Applied Data Analysis. 3 Hours.

Covers basic concepts and applications of the general linear model to a variety of sociological research issues and problems. Also provides an introduction to binary dependent and multivariate categorical data analysis for sociological research. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Familiarity with statistical computer programs is assumed.

SOCI 5413. Seminar in Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.

An examination of the causation of crime, focusing primarily on sociological theories. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5423. Research in Criminology. 3 Hours.

Examination of empirical research in criminology, focusing on methodological problems, strategies, and findings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5433. Victimization. 3 Hours.

Study of the causes, correlates, and consequences of victimization, focusing on theories of victimization and the role of victims in the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5443. Seminar in Terrorism. 3 Hours.

Examination of the causes and consequences of terrorism. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5453. Social Control. 3 Hours.

Study of sociological theories and research on formal social control, primarily institutional responses to criminal behavior. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5463. White Collar Crime. 3 Hours.

Study of the nature of white collar, professional, and corporate crime. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5473. Crime and Community. 3 Hours.

Examination of how neighborhood structural characteristics and social organization affect crime, as well as how the presence of crime and disorder in a community can affect neighborhood social organization. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5503. Research Internship. 3 Hours.

Supervised research experience. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.

Master's Thesis. May be repeated for degree credit.