Courses

Applies a sociological perspective and develops critical thinking. Focuses on culture, identity, race, ethnicity, gender, class inequality, crime, deviance, globalization, social change, and social institutions. Overview of sociological theories and methods for systematic understanding of society.

SOCI 2013H. Honors General Sociology (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.
Develops critical thinking, writing, and research skills by applying a sociological perspective. Focuses on culture, identity, race, ethnicity, gender, class inequality, collective behavior, crime, deviance, globalization, social change, and social institutions. Overview of sociological theories and methods for systematic understanding of society.
This course is equivalent to SOCI 2013.

Sociological analysis of major social problems, with emphasis placed on social justice, poverty and economic inequality, racial and ethnic relations, gender, crime, education, and other contemporary issues. Develops critical thinking.

SOCI 3023. Criminology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Advanced survey of theories of crime causation. Examines broad sociological paradigms, as well as both individual and aggregate-level explanations of crime causation. Applies criminological theories to contemporary issues associated with crime and criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.
This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3023.

SOCI 3023H. Honors Criminology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Advanced survey of theories of crime causation. Examines broad sociological paradigms, as well as both individual and aggregate-level explanations of crime causation. Applies criminological theories to contemporary issues associated with crime and criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013, honors and junior standing.
This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3023, SOCI 3023.

SOCI 3053. Serial Crime (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Exploration of the historical development of criminal profiling related to serial homicide, serial sex crimes, serial stalking, and serial arson. Examination of behavioral and criminological theories, focusing on different profiling techniques and their strengths and challenges. Case studies and published research on serial crime will be used whenever possible. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.
This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3053, SOCI 3023.

SOCI 3063. Victimology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Introduction to the scientific study of victimization. Examines conceptual boundaries of victimology research, covers theories, statistics and trends relevant to victimology; reviews the victim blaming and defending perspectives; explores practical applications of victimology, and evaluates the social, legal, and criminological issues that stem from concern over victims. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.
This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3063.

SOCI 3103. Religion and Society (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Theories and research on: religious symbols and rituals, becoming and staying religious, the formation and maintenance of religious organizations, religion and social inequality, religion and social change, and globalization.

SOCI 3153. Urban Sociology (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Examines growth of cities, urban inequalities, politics, social movements, built environment, ecology, sustainability, cultural identity, global cities, and immigration. Implications considered for policy and planning. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

SOCI 3173. Latinos, Migration, and the U.S. South (Fa). 3 Hours.
Examines social, economic, and population changes in the U.S. South, including shift of Latinos’ settlement patterns, actions taken by policy makers to adapt to new demographic context, and mechanisms immigrants use to facilitate their induction into the southern community. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

SOCI 3193. Race, Class, and Gender in America (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
A critical examination of the layers of the U.S. society that shape and construct social inequalities. Overview of sociological theories and research on how race, class, and gender function separately and in tandem to organize systems of inequality. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.

SOCI 3193H. Honors Race, Class, and Gender in America (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
A critical examination of the layers of the U.S. society that shape and construct social inequalities. Overview of sociological theories and research on how race, class, and gender function separately and in tandem to organize systems of inequality. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy, SOCI 2013 or SOCI 2013H and junior standing.
This course is equivalent to SOCI 3193.

SOCI 3203. Corrections (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Overview of correctional systems and punishment. Focuses on theories of correctional philosophies, practices, and procedures, along with the historical development and modern practices of corrections, sentencing, facilities, and issues facing correctional populations. Also examines principles and practices of treatment and rehabilitation in correctional settings. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003.
This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3203.

SOCI 3223. Social Psychology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
A sociological approach to the study of the interaction between society and the self with an emphasis upon reference groups such as the family, friends, work, lifestyle, and deviance. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.

SOCI 3263. Families and Social Change (Sp). 3 Hours.
A sociological analysis of the diversity and inequality that exists among families, and the ways in which families have and continue to change over time. Topics discussed include sex, gender, and sexuality, race, ethnicity, and immigration, class and economic transformations. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

SOCI 3273. Sociology of China (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Examines many aspects of Chinese people, their cultures, and practices, and also looks at Chinese Americans in the U.S. both historically and currently. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013.

SOCI 3301L. Social Data and Analysis Laboratory (Sp, Fa). 1 Hour.
The lab is an extension of the lecture in SOCI 3303. Using a variety of computer packages, the lab provides practical experience in managing and analyzing social data. Corequisite: SOCI 3303.

SOCI 3301M. Honors Social Data and Analysis Laboratory (Sp, Fa). 1 Hour.
The lab is an extension of the lecture in SOCI 3303. Using a variety of computer packages, the lab provides practical experience in managing and analyzing social data. Corequisite: SOCI 3303H. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy.

SOCI 3303. Social Data and Analysis (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, with special emphasis on common techniques in social research. Course focuses on the practical usage of data and application to real-world issues. Corequisite: SOCI 3301L. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.

SOCI 3303H. Honors Social Data and Analysis (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, with special emphasis on common techniques in social research. Course focuses on the practical usage of data and application to real-world issues. Corequisite: SOCI 3301L. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy, SOCI 2013 and junior standing.
This course is equivalent to SOCI 3303.
SOCI 3313. Social Research (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Study and experience in implementing a methodological "toolbox," including theorizing, designing, measuring, sampling, collecting, interpreting, and reporting empirical results for real-world social research applications. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.

SOCI 3313H. Honors Social Research (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Study and experience in implementing a methodological "toolbox," including theorizing, designing, measuring, sampling, collecting, interpreting, and reporting empirical results for real-world social research applications. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy, SOCI 2013 and junior standing. This course is equivalent to SOCI 3313.

SOCI 3413. Special Topics (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 3413H. Honors Special Topics (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy and SOCI 2013 or SOCI 2013H. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit. This course is equivalent to SOCI 3413.

SOCI 3423. Social Theory (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Examines the philosophical underpinnings of sociology; introduces notable classical and contemporary social theorists; develops an appreciation for the ways classical works continue to form the basis for contemporary social thought. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 and junior standing.

SOCI 3423H. Honors Social Theory (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Examines the philosophical underpinnings of sociology; introduces notable classical and contemporary social theorists; develops an appreciation for the ways classical works continue to form the basis for contemporary social thought. Prerequisite: Honors standing, junior standing and SOCI 2013. This course is equivalent to SOCI 3423.

SOCI 3513. Criminal Evidence (Fa). 3 Hours.
Examination of how evidence is collected, processed, and presented in court, with an emphasis on the competing interests of crime control and individual liberties. Prerequisite: CMJS 2003. This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3513.

SOCI 3723. Deviant Behavior (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Sociological overview of disconcerting conduct: its definition, theoretical understandings and research. Specific topics may include: interpersonal violence, self-destructive disorders, controversial lifestyles, substance abuse, as well as the relationship between inequality and disturbing acts. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. This course is cross-listed with CMJS 3723.

SOCI 399VH. Honors Course (Sp, Fa). 1-6 Hour.
Prerequisite: junior standing. May be repeated for up to 12 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4003. Internship in Sociology (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.
(Formerly SOCI 4006) Supervised experience in municipal, county, or state agencies, or any other agency which is approved by the instructor. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4013. Special Topics in Sociology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4013H. Honors Special Topics in Sociology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy and SOCI 2013 or SOCI 2013H. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit. This course is equivalent to SOCI 4013.

SOCI 403V. Individual Study in Sociology (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.
In-depth individual or group study with a faculty member on advanced sociological readings and/or participation in supervised research as an experience-based course. Faculty permission required in advance of enrollment. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4043. Seminar in Sociology (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Capstone course in sociology. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

SOCI 4063. Organizations in Society (Sp). 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 4113. Terrorism and Social Control (Sp). 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution of modern terrorism, efforts to counter its growth, temporal and spatial patterns of precursor conduct, and the investigation, indictment, prosecution, and punishment of terrorists in federal courts. Focuses primarily upon American terrorist groups (ideologies, motives, group characteristics, and tactics). Prerequisite: CMJS 2003. This course is cross-listed with CMJS 4113.

SOCI 4153. Race and Society (Fa). 3 Hours.
Sociological study of race within the U.S., with an emphasis on understanding how race operates within contemporary social institutions. Critical engagement and discussion of topics relating to race will be encouraged. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 or AAST 1003 or AAST 2023. This course is cross-listed with AAST 4153.

SOCI 4183. Social Network Analysis (Fa). 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 (Sp). 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 (Fa). 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 (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-3 Hour.
Individual research on problems or problem areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5013. Advanced Social Research (Fa). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Fa). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 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 (Fa). 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 (Sp). 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 (Sp). 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 (Sp). 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 (Sp). 3 Hours.
An examination of the causation of crime, focusing primarily on sociological theories. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5423. Research in Criminology (Fa). 3 Hours.
Examination of empirical research in criminology, focusing on methodological problems, strategies, and findings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5433. Victimization (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Examination of the causes and consequences of terrorism. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5453. Social Control (Irregular). 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 (Irregular). 3 Hours.
Study of the nature of white collar, professional, and corporate crime. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

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 (Sp, Su, Fa). 3 Hours.
Supervised research experience. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 600V. Master’s Thesis (Sp, Su, Fa). 1-6 Hour.
Master’s Thesis. May be repeated for degree credit.