Courses

SOCI 2013. General Sociology (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 1013). 3 Hours.
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. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

SOCI 2013H. Honors General Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)
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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SOCI 3001L. Social Science Data Analytics Lab. 1 Hour.
Provides opportunities to implement social science data analytics skills through completing a series of data modules. The course prepares students to interpret data meaningfully within a variety of future employment fields. Students gain familiarity working with a number of marketable datasets, such as those generated by big data. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3001.

SOCI 3011. Special Topics. 1 Hour.
Designed to develop the tools to write effectively in the social sciences, including skills related to organizing manuscripts, writing problem statements, identifying and synthesizing research, and revising and editing. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013 or CRIM 2003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 3 hours of degree credit.
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3011.

SOCI 3023. Criminological Theory. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is equivalent to CRIM 3023.

SOCI 3023H. Honors Criminological Theory. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is equivalent to CRIM 3023.

SOCI 3053. Serial Crime. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3053.

SOCI 3063. Victimology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3063.

SOCI 3103. Religion and Society. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SOCI 3153. Urban Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SOCI 3173. Latinos, Migration, and the U.S. South. 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. (Typically offered: Fall)

SOCI 3193. Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality. 3 Hours.
A critical examination of the layers of the global systems that shape and construct social inequalities. Overview of sociological theories and research on how race, class, gender, and sexuality intersect and function separately to organize systems of inequality. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3193H. Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in America. 3 Hours.
A critical examination of the layers of the global systems that shape and construct social inequalities. Overview of sociological theories and research on how race, class, gender, and sexuality intersect and function separately to organize systems of inequality. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy, SOCI 2013 or SOCI 2013H and junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is equivalent to SOCI 3193.

SOCI 3203. Corrections and Social Control. 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: CRIM 2003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3203.

SOCI 3223. Social Psychology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3263. Families and Social Change. 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. (Typically offered: Spring)

SOCI 3273. Sociology of China. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with AIST 3273.
SOCI 3301L. Social Data and Analysis Laboratory. 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 3303L. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3301M. Honors Social Data and Analysis Laboratory. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is equivalent to SOCI 3301L.

SOCI 3303. Social Data and Analysis. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3303H. Honors Social Data and Analysis. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is equivalent to SOCI 3303.

SOCI 3313. Social Research. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3313H. Honors Social Research. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is equivalent to SOCI 3313.

SOCI 3413. Special Topics. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 3413H. Honors Special Topics. 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. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

This course is equivalent to SOCI 3413.

SOCI 3423. Social Theory. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 3423H. Honors Social Theory. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is equivalent to SOCI 3423.

SOCI 3513. Criminal Evidence. 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: CRIM 2003. (Typically offered: Fall)

SOCI 3723. Deviant Behavior. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is cross-listed with CRIM 3723.

SOCI 399VH. Honors Course. 1-6 Hour.
Honors. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 12 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4003. Internship in Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4013. Special Topics in Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4013H. Honors Special Topics in Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

This course is equivalent to SOCI 4013.

SOCI 403V. Individual Study in Sociology. 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. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SOCI 4043. Seminar in Sociology. 3 Hours.
Capstone course in sociology. This course is intended to apply and demonstrate the knowledge and skills developed over a college career. Sociological theory and current research findings are applied to everyday life. Emphasis is given to personal, professional and career development. Prerequisite: Senior standing, (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is cross-listed with CRIM 4063.

SOCI 4143. Juvenile Justice. 3 Hours.
Examination of juvenile justice system and juvenile crime, including historical development of the system and treatment of juvenile delinquents along with legal, correctional, and treatment processes and philosophies. Emphasis on current issues facing delinquents, the system, and delinquency prevention in addition to trends in juvenile crime. Prerequisite: CRIM 2003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

This course is cross-listed with CRIM 4143.
SOCI 4153. Race and Society. 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. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with AAST 4153.

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. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with PLSC 4613.

SOCI 4253. Social Impact of Data Analytics. 3 Hours.
Teaches students to assess social science data by raising awareness regarding the social impacts of data analytics. Particular attention is paid to the ethical issues involved in the potential benefits and risks across each of the four phases of the data cycle: data collection, consolidation, analytics, and use. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically offered: Spring)

SOCI 4263. Sociology of Mental Health and Illness. 3 Hours.
Develops critical thinking, writing, and research skills by applying a sociological perspective to studying mental health and illness, including definitions, theories, measurements, and social correlates. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

SOCI 4263H. Honors Sociology of Mental Health and Illness. 3 Hours.
Develops critical thinking, writing, and research skills by applying a sociological perspective to studying mental health and illness, including definitions, theories, measurements, and social correlates. Prerequisite: SOCI 2013. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)
This course is equivalent to SOCI 4263.

SOCI 4443. Terrorism and Homeland Security. 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution of modern terrorism and homeland security, focusing primarily upon American terrorist movements (ideologies, motives, and tactics). Social, political, and criminal justice responses to terrorism are also considered. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Spring)
This course is cross-listed with CRIM 4443.

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 of the complexity of the relationship between societal organization and environmental change. Prerequisite: Junior or above standing. (Typically offered: Spring)
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. (Typically offered: Fall)

SOCI 500V. Advanced Problems in Sociology. 1-3 Hour.
Individual research on problems or problem areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

SOCI 503V. Special Topics. 1-6 Hour.
Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in depth in regular courses. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

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 executing research involving multiple methods of data gathering and analysis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

SOCI 5413. Seminar in Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.
An examination of the causation of crime, focusing primarily on sociological theories. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

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

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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SOCI 5443. Seminar in Terrorism and Homeland Security. 3 Hours.
Examines the evolution of modern terrorism and homeland security, focusing primarily on the dynamics of American terrorist movements (ideologies, motives, and tactics). Social, political, and criminal justice responses to terrorism are also considered. (Typically offered: Spring)
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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

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. (Typically offered: Irregular)

SOCI 5503. Research Internship. 3 Hours.
Supervised research experience. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

SOCI 5603. Environmental Sociology. 3 Hours.
(Formerly SOCI 4603.) 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. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SOCI 4603 and SOCI 5603. (Typically offered: Spring)
This course is cross-listed with HDFS 5603.

SOCI 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Master's Thesis. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.