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## Sociology

Prerequisites Restricted to majors in Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization:

Science 5-8 or program coordinator approval

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture, 2 hours lab.

**Course Description** 

This course introduces students to the physical world and how humans and other

organisms fit into that world. The events that lead to the Earth's present configuration, natural phenomenon and water resource questions will be

discussed.

SCIM504 Title Chemistry for Middle Grade Teaching.

Prerequisites Restricted to majors in Elementary School with Subject Matter Specialization:

Science 5-8 or program coordinator approval

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture, 1 hour lab.

**Course Description** 

This course will provide concepts and learning activities in Chemistry for middle school teachers. Emphasis will be on examining changes of state, solutions, and simple chemical reactions. These teachers will develop the knowledge and experience that will allow them to define the properties of chemical compounds and elements. Laboratory investigations of the properties of substances and their changes through various chemical interactions will provide a basis for the high school student to understand diverse types of chemical reactions and their applications.

SOCI100 Title The Sociological Perspective.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An introduction to the study of human groups, from peer groups to families to

societies. How and why culture, social structure, and group processes arise.

Consequences of social forces for individuals.

SOCI102 Title Racial and Ethnic Relations.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The social meaning of race and ethnicity. The social, psychological and

structural sources of racism; the consequences of this phenomenon to groups;

situation and comparative data. Meets General Education 2002 - Social Science. Meets World Cultures Requirement. Previous course SOCI 202

effective through Winter 2012.

SOCI104 Title Sociology of the Family.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

Discussion of "official" and "unofficial" (single parent, gay/lesbian) family relationships; compare current U.S. family forms with those of other historical periods and societies; examine trends in contemporary societies affecting family forms, such as changing work role of women, changed sexual norms in courtship and recent changes in divorce rate; analyze issues in the "politics of the family." Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science. Previous course SOCI 204 effective through Spring 2013.

SOCI105 Title

Black Family.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

The black family in American society; historical perspectives and contemporary conflicts surrounding the black family. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

Previous course SOCI 205 effective through Spring 2013.

SOCI106 Title

Individual and Society.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

The relationship between culture, social structure, various institutions and the individual's social perceptions, sense of self and self-presentation are explored in this course. The structure of small groups is also discussed.

Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science, Social Science. Previous course SOCI 206

SOCI106 Course Description

effective through Spring 2013.

SOCI112 Title

Sociology of Leisure.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

This course examines the sociology of sports and leisure from diverse theoretical perspectives. Activities explored include recreational and competitive sports (baseball, basketball, swimming, football, hockey, gymnastics) among children, high school, college, and adult age groups; youth and adult games (cops and robbers, power rangers, cards, etc.); sex; drinking; gambling; mushroom collecting; and T.V. (football games and soap operas). Topics discussed include the role of leisure and sport activities in character development, gender activity, and social relationships; the effect of leisure and sport activities on education and occupational mobility; risk and injury in leisure and sports; and the political, economic, and ideological role of

leisure and sports activity in the reproduction of society.

SOCI113 Title

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

Social Problems. 3 hours lecture.

How social structure and social institutions are related to problems such as

discrimination, environmental pollution, violence, and poverty.

Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science, Social Science.

SOCI201 Title

Foundations of Sociological Inquiry.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 112 or SOCI

113 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI 219.

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

4 hours lecture.

An introduction to the methods and theory of sociological inquiry. Topics include: comparisons of dominant paradigms of sociological thought, critical

analysis of basic concepts in the field, logic and rhetoric of sociological

analysis, and ethical and value issues in the practice of sociology. Emphasis will also be placed upon writing sociology: documentation, literature search, organization and style. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors

in Sociology.

SOCI207 Title

Social Structure of American Society.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 112 or SOCI

113.

Number and type of credits

**Course Description** 

3 hours lecture.

Empirical materials on social structure. Inter-institutional relations as the

form of the broad, general structure of American society.

SOCI208

Title

Men and Masculinities.

Prerequisites

SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 113 or SOCI 201.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

This course focuses on men and masculine identities in the United States and other countries. It reviews how masculine identities are constructed in

everyday lives and how societies shape such identities. In this class, we will examine the construction of masculinity in different areas such as work, school, sports, family and other social relationships. We also explore the diverse experiences of masculinities based on race, ethnicity, class and

sexual orientation.

SOCI209 Title

Sociology of Poverty and Welfare.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 113 or SOCI 201 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Poverty and welfare institutions as social phenomena. The meaning of poverty,

absolute and relative deprivation, the functions of social welfare

institutions.

SOCI212 Title Sociology of Technology.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 201 or SOCI

112 or SOCI 113 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or

SOCI212 Prerequisites SOCI 219.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Social processes affecting technological innovation and the forms in which an

innovation is institutionalized or abandoned. The social consequences and

assessment of technological innovations.

SOCI215 Title Sociology of Sports.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 113 or SOCI 201 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will examine the major theoretical and substantive writings on the

sociology of amateur and professional sports. Topics to be explored from conflict, functionalist and symbolic interactionist perspectives include socialization and athletic identity, women in sports, race and class in sports, gender relations and sport participation, sport risk and injury, education and sports participation, sports in the media, sport and the reproduction of society, and fieldwork among college and professional

athletes.

SOCI219 Title Sociology of Aging.

Prerequisites SOCI 100 or SOCI 113 or SOCI 201 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description With a shift in America's population toward an older society, it becomes

important to understand the aging process and its implications for various social institutions. This course examines demographic characteristics which influence the aging process; various theories to explain the process; and

specific policies, nationally and locally, to address it.

SOCI220 Title Sociology of Rich and Poor Nations.

> **Prerequisites** ENWR 105 or ENWR 106 or HONP 100 or HONP 101 or SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI

> > 113 or SOCI 201 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** This course deals with the disparity in standards of living among the nations

> of the world today as well as with the strategies social scientists and social planners have formulated to eradicate poverty where it occurs. This course focuses on the historical, political, economic, cultural, and sociological relationships that have contributed to the current division of labor in the world and world inequalities. Furthermore, it focuses on specific social

problems faced by poor nations while comparing social institutions in Western societies with their counterpart in non-Western societies. Meets Gen Ed 2002

- Social Science, Non-Western Cultural Perspectives.

SOCI230 Title Sociology of Conflict and Violence.

> SOCI 100 or SOCI 102 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 112 or SOCI **Prerequisites**

> > 113 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** Types of conflict and violence including war, crime, family and sexual

> violence, class and ethnic violence, and genocide; biological determinist and cultural explanations of violence; theories of nonviolent social change.

Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Social Science, Social Science.

SOCI240 Title Statistics for Social Research.

> SOCI 201 or MATH 109 or JUST 101 or JUST 102 or JUST 200 or JUST 201 or **Prerequisites**

> > departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee. Number and type of credits 4 hours lecture.

**Course Description** The use of statistics to summarize data, to show relationships among

> variables. Evaluating research reports based on statistics. Use of the computer to analyze data. Cross-listed with Justice Studies, JUST 240.

**SOCI301** Title Sociological Research Methods I.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 201.

SOCI301 Number and type of credits 4 hours lecture. Course Description Introduction to primary methods of gathering sociological data:

experimentation, survey research, participant observation, etc. Use of computers to analyze data. The formulation of hypotheses, survey design,

participant observation and the use of elementary statistics.

SOCI302 Title Sociological Research Methods II.

Prerequisites SOCI 301.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The formulation of hypotheses, survey design, participant observation and the

use of elementary statistics; certain broad problems in the philosophy of

social science.

SOCI303 Title Large Scale Organizations.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI

219 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The structure and functions of bureaucracy in modern society; the life cycle

of large organizations and their methods of operation; selected contemporary

problems.

SOCI304 Title Sociology of Work and Professions.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 209 or SOCI

220 or SOCI 230 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The development of modern forms of work; the shift from manufacturing to

service occupations; and problems of work alienation; current models of labor management relations in the U.S. compared to Western Europe and Japan; the effects of new technology on skill, employment levels, and on labor management

relations; conceptions of the professions and their role in society; the

process of an occupation becoming a profession.

SOCI309 Title Sociology of Health and Illness.

Prerequisites SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 201 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 220 or SOCI

230 or FCST 200 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The focus of this course is on the relationship between society and health

with a special emphasis on the role of culture and social structure. Health inequalities and the sociology of disability will be central concerns. Other

topics will include social and cultural definitions of health and illness, the social role of the "sick", comparative medical beliefs and practices and medical institutions.

SOCI310 Title Directed Independent Research.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Research and report under faculty direction. The student selects for

investigation an area of sociological concern with the approval of a faculty supervisor. Multiple semester selection permitted with approval. May be

repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.

SOCI311 Title Urban Sociology.

Prerequisites SOCI 104 or SOCI 105 or SOCI 106 or SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 209 or SOCI

220 or SOCI 230 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Processes of urbanization and suburbanization; nature of urban social

relations, including racial and ethnic relations; urban ecological patterns

and demographic conditions. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

SOCI312 Title Environmental Sociology.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or SOCI 204 or SOCI 205 or SOCI 206 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 209 or SOCI

220 or SOCI 230 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

SOCI312 Course Description The role of sociology in understanding and analyzing the environment,

environmental issues and problems, and the sociocultural sources and structure of environmentalism and environmental movements. Various perspectives and approaches to explaining the relationship between society and the environment

are explored.

SOCI313 Title Sociological Theory: A Critical Analysis.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A comparison of important theories on key themes in sociology; the nature of

social interaction, the definition of power, stratification, social control and deviance, alienation and anomie, social structure and function, social

bases of knowledge and belief, and social conflict and change.

Title SOCI314 Environmental Justice.

> **Prerequisites** JUST 200 or JUST 201 or SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI

> > 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI 219 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** The domain of this course is the role of social inequities, especially those

> of class and race, in the distribution of environmental risks in societies at the local, national, and global levels and includes study of legal remedies and public policy measures that address environmental injustices. Cross

listed with Justice Studies, JUST 314.

SOCI315 Title Social Inequality.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI

> > 219 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

The inequalities of social ranking systems in societies. Theoretical and **Course Description** 

> empirical approaches to stratification delineating the variables of power, power elites, class consciousness, alienation and class mobility. Meets World

Cultures Requirement.

SOCI316 Title Sociology of Education.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 100, SOCI 113, SOCI 201, SOCI 204 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** The school as an institution of social control and social change. The social

organization of schools: social roles of students, teachers and other school

personnel. (Not to be used for teacher certification.)

**SOCI318** Title Sociology of Population.

> SOCI 104, SOCI 201, SOCI 220 or departmental approval. **Prerequisites**

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** Problems of population and demographic change; social foundations and

> consequences of changes in fertility, mortality, and migration. Population and socio-economic development. The uses of demographic data in planning,

policy making, and social research. Previous course SOCI 218 effective

through Winter 2013.

**SOCI330** Title Political Sociology.

> SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI **Prerequisites**

> > 219 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will endeavor to give the student a relatively complete

understanding of the social dynamics of political actions on various levels.

SOCI334 Title Comparative Social Analysis.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Comparative sociological schemes; the analytical blocks of total society;

kinship, family and marriage; policy and bureaucracy; social stratification and mobility; industrialization and urbanization; belief systems and value

SOCI334 Course Description orientations.

SOCI336 Title Sociology and Social Work.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI

219 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course focuses on the social functions, determinants, and consequences of

helping professions such as social work, and helping institutions such as public welfare. Particular emphasis is placed on the relations of helping professions and institutions with their socio-political environment and with

their clients.

SOCI340 Title Social Change in a Global World.

Prerequisites SOCI 201 or SOCI 207 or SOCI 208 or SOCI 209 or SOCI 212 or SOCI 215 or SOCI

219 or SOCI 220 or SOCI 240 or departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Company Description

Course Description This course will examine the ways in which people's food production and

consumption patterns are affected by and related to other aspects of their

social organization. The interrelationship between food

production/consumption patterns, political life, stratification systems, and demography will be examined. The main focus will be a comparison between different forms of social organization with respect to the management of food and population issues. Previous course SOCI 216 effective through Winter

2014.

SOCI390 Title Cooperative Education in Sociology.

**Prerequisites** Departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

**Course Description** The cooperative education option integrates academic study with a supervised

employment experience outside the formal classroom environment. The co-op

term is a semester off-campus, during which a student is supervised by a

faculty coordinator and the office of Cooperative Education and is responsible

for completing the terms of a learning contract.

SOCI400 Title Senior Project.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 and SOCI 240.

**Course Description** This course prepares students to design and complete a major project. This

will involve the gathering, presentation, and analysis of evidence relevant to

a particular theoretical or applied problem, using the relevant and

appropriate sociological concepts. Since different faculty members emphasize

different types of projects, students are urged to review individual syllabi

prior to registering for the course.

SOCI401 Title Sociology of Emotions.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture. **Course Description** 

Humans have a unique capacity to experience a large variety of emotions. This

course examines how cultures label, shape, and guide their members' emotional

experience. It also explores the interplay between social-structural

arrangements (e.g., family and economic systems) and emotion, illustrating links between macro-social patterns. Students will conduct original research

on social factors related to emotionality.

SOCI402 Title Social Contexts of Mental Illness and Treatment.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 309 or SOCI 336.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Social conceptions of mental health and illness; social factors in the causes **Course Description** 

> and treatment of mental illness. Mental institutions--their structures and ideologies. Comparative psychotherapies in social context; mental health

personnel and professional ideologies; social movements and mental health and

SOCI402 **Course Description** illness.

SOCI404 Title Sociology of Religion.

> SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental **Prerequisites**

> > approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** The social bases of religious belief and activity; religious movements,

denominationalism, sectarianism, secularization, pluralism, the social bases

of belief and unbelief, and cross-cultural and historical comparisons.

SOCI405 Title Deviance and Social Control.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** Theoretical perspectives on human deviance. The social organization of

specific types of deviance and of formal and informal social control.

SOCI407 Title Sociology of the Mass Media.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** A sociological analysis and cultural critique of various mass media with an

> emphasis on radio, television, newspapers, and the internet. The course will examine their function and their relationship with constituent audiences.

SOCI408 Title Social Movements.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** This course focuses on the study of concerted collective behavior for social

> change, or social movements. Various approaches to the understanding of social movements, including the natural history, case study, and analytical models, will be examined. Emphasis will be placed on relating theoretical work to contemporary empirical examples of social movement activity.

SOCI411 Title Selected Topics in Sociology.

> SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental **Prerequisites**

> > approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture. **Course Description** The area to be covered is chosen by the instructor each semester. The course

> may be selected more than once with approval. Limited to only the general areas of sociological theory, research methodology, problems of institutional processes, and application of methodology and theory to social situations or community issues and problems. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 9.0

credits.

**SOCI416** Title Qualitative Research in Sociology.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

Number and type of credits

1 hour lecture, 2 hours other. **Course Description** 

The course will explore qualitative research from diverse theoretical perspectives. It will examine the personal, political, and scientific

dilemmas that researchers typically face attempting to gather objective data about the "backstage regions" of the subjects' world. Topics may include the researcher's role in the field; developing rapport and trust; emotions and fieldwork; age, race, sex, and gender issues in research; politics and ethics in fieldwork; researching "high risk" settings; and techniques of data

collecting in interviewing and fieldwork.

SOCI420 Title Sociology of Law.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

SOCI420 3 hours lecture. Number and type of credits

> **Course Description** The impact of the social usages of law on all levels of operation as an

> > instrument of social policy, social control and social regulation.

SOCI426 Title Sociology of Sexuality.

> **Prerequisites** SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

> > approval.

3 hours lecture. Number and type of credits

**Course Description** The course examines theoretical and empirical work in the sociology of

sexuality. It seeks to understand the social foundations of sexual behavior and sexual identity. It explores the relationship between sexuality and politics, focusing on current as well as historical conflicts over sexual

behavior and ideologies.

SOCI430 Title

Sociology of Gender.

**Prerequisites** 

SOCI 301 or SOCI 304 or SOCI 309 or SOCI 311 or SOCI 312 or departmental

approval.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

The social determinants of differences between women and men and the effect of sex role differentiation in the social institutions of marriage and family, the economy and work situation, formal education, health, mass media, and religion; special emphasis is placed on the impact of social change on sex roles in contemporary society. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

SOCI500

Title

3 hours lecture.

Data Collection for Research and Evaluation.

Number and type of credits

5 Hours lecture

**Course Description** 

This course introduces students to quantitative data collection and analysis. Students will learn how to design and execute research projects that meet the needs of both private and non-profit research organizations by considering client needs, ethical considerations, budgetary constraints and project planning challenges. The main components of the course include designing and administering data collection instruments, data coding, and interpreting, tabulating and reporting quantitative data. The course will also focus on using statistical packages such as SPSS in analyzing survey data. By the conclusion of the course, students will also be prepared to effectively present the findings of their research using written, verbal and visual methods of communication.

**SOCI556** 

Title

Data Analysis.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

**Course Description** 

This course introduces students to hands-on techniques in quantitative data analysis. The main components of the course are: 1. Data cleaning and organization; 2. Descriptive statistics for categorical and continuous variables; 3. basics of statistical theory; 4. inferential statistical tests; 5. simple linear regression; 6. basics of multiple regression; 7. measurement, scaling, index, and elementary factor analysis. This course will also focus on data and model interpretation. In class, students will analyze and interpret real data that are used by market research companies, government

agencies and social policy organizations

SOCI559	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Sociology of Deviance.  3 hours lecture.  The course will address the practical and political issues of defining, measuring, and responding to social deviance (e.g., mental illness, drug use, etc.). The course will concentrate on the role of formal agencies and institutions that deal with deviance and will examine problems in assessing various policy alternatives (e.g., decriminalization, deinstitutionalization, treatment, etc.).
SOCI560	Title Number and type of credits	Sociological Theory. 3 hours lecture.
SOCI560	Course Description	The practical and philosophical methods of the major sociological theorists are investigated and evaluated.
SOCI563	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Self and Society.  3 hours lecture.  The relationships between the human individual and his/her social environment; the formation, maintenance and transformation of self or identity; the structure and processes of small groups; symbolic communication; role theory, cognitive dissonance and inter-group conflict.
SOCI564	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Social Planning and Social Policy.  3 hours lecture.  The many elements and considerations in planning for a community, a state or a nation. The social context of planning; projective techniques; budgets, master plans, development programs and area proposals. The human, the economic, the ecological. Students will be expected to undertake a social planning project. A basic knowledge of statistics and the use of statistical data is desirable.
SOCI566	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	The Metropolitan Community.  3 hours lecture.  The many dimensions of the metropolitan community: human factors, problems an area faces, political difficulties, interaction between the center city and the other parts of the community. Emphasis on New York-New Jersey.
SOCI567	Title	Power and Social Stratification.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will analyze the role of class, status and power in industrial

society, and consider the relationship between issues of social stratification

and the social environment.

SOCI568 Title Survey Writing.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The use of surveys to measure attitudes, behaviors and program outcomes has

become widespread in business, research, marketing, politics, and media. In

this class, students will learn how to write surveys, collect data, and present survey results for applied research projects. Course topics will

include identifying variables, conceptualization, index and scale construction, visual questionnaire presentation, piloting, testing for validity and reliability, and survey administration. Under the guidance of the professor, students will be trained to construct and pilot their own questionnaire. An emphasis will be placed on the use of surveys to for needs

assessments, program evaluations and policy analyses.

SOCI569 Title Interviews and Focus Groups.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course introduces students to qualitative research methods used in the

social sciences. In this class, students will be exposed to typical

qualitative research techniques such as in-depth interviews, ethnographies, focus groups and content analysis. The main components of this course are 1) designing ethnographies 2) conducting in-depth interviews 3) designing focus groups 4) interpreting, tabulating and reporting qualitative data. The course will also focus on coding techniques and writing and reporting qualitative

findings.

SOCI570 Title Independent Projects.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Student investigates a topic of sociological relevance under the guidance of a

faculty member. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

SOCI571 Title Seminar in Applied Sociological Inquiry.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description Further develops competencies for the critical assessment of sociological

SOCI571	Course Description	literature, as it pertains to the formulation of research strategies for policy analysis and evaluation. Intensive study of a number of readings on applied areas of sociological concern. The comprehensive project based on the internship experience is written up during this course.
SOCI572	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Selected Problems in Sociology.  3 hours lecture.  The intensive exploration of a general problem in sociology. Participants contribute research into an aspect of the problem. Formed at the initiative of a department member or in response to student's interest with consent of
SOCI574	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	the instructor. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.  Sociology of Ethnic Relationships.  3 hours lecture.  This course will analyze relationships among ethnic groups, and evaluate the causes, consequences and resolution of ethnic conflict. It will also consider the various policy implications of discrimination in institutional contexts.
SOCI576	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	The Family as an Institution.  3 hours lecture.  This course will examine the family system in the West from both historical and contemporary perspectives. It will consider the implications of recent research on changing role structure and cultural values regarding marriage, and problems of adaptation in current family systems (e.g., dual-earner marriages, single-parent families, adolescent sexuality, family abuse, divorce and remarriage).
SOCI577	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Sociology of Poverty in the United States.  3 hours lecture.  This course examines major contemporary definitions and ideologies of poverty and public welfare, and considers the extent and patterns of distribution of poverty. Alternative socio-economic explanations of poverty and their implications for policy will be assessed, and problem-solving aspects of program and policy research analyzed.
SOCI578	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Community Resources and Aging.  3 hours lecture.  This course examines resources for the aging within their communities.

SOCI581	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Additionally, it will acquaint students with services provided by public and private agencies and relevant federal and state legislation.  Sociological Perspectives on Health and Medicine.  3 hours lecture.  This course will introduce the student to the interesting and complex relationships that exist between society, health and health care. Class lecture discussions will focus on the connections between social structure, the quality of the physical and social environment and health. Special attention will be given to work environments. This course will also deal with the effects of social factors on the experience of one's body, the perception of disease and on the construction of medical knowledge.
SOCI584	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	of disease and on the construction of medical knowledge.  The Sociology of the Criminal Justice System.  3 hours lecture.  This course examines the criminal justice system (the police, the courts, correctional institutions, probation and parole) and considers its manifest and latent functions. It explores sociologically the ways in which offenders are selected, processed and treated, and offers a view of the system from both occupational and experiential perspectives.
SOCI585	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	The Sociology of Police.  3 hours lecture.  The course will examine the urban police organization from diverse sociological perspectives. Subjects include the origin and function of the
SOCI585	Course Description	police, social organization of policing, police and the community, police discretion, police use of force, police corruption, and police stress. Police professionalization and social change in status, gender, and race relations within the organization will be examined in terms of their impact on policing the public. Various policy recommendations to improve the relations between the police and the community, and to reduce police corruption and violence will be discussed.
SOCI587	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	The Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency.  3 hours lecture.  This course will introduce students to the major sociological theories of

juvenile delinquency from both etiological and treatment perspectives. Of particular concern is the relationship between juvenile crime and the larger culture. Topics to be explored include juvenile crime in industrial society; delinquency and the school experience; juvenile crime and adolescent development; the family and delinquency; class, ethnicity, gender; and the juvenile justice system, with an emphasis on treatment programs and facilities.

SOCI588 Title Aging Individual in an Aging Society.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course examines the social causes of the "elder boom" as well as its

consequences for family, education, the economy, politics and religion.

SOCI590 Title Sociology of the Life Course.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course addresses societal responses to individuals passing through stages

of the life cycle: childhood, adolescence, middle age, and later life. It will explore the experience of aging and the social policies and institutions

which shape that experience.

SOCI591 Title The Sociology of Unequal Development.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course will provide an analysis of the major sociological approaches to

understanding the relations between societies at different levels of economic development, and the consequences of these relationships. Relationships between social institutions in the first and third worlds will be examined. Alternative strategies for dealing with poverty in the third world will be

discussed.

SOCI595 Title Internship in Applied Sociology: Crime and Justice.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description Students will select an institution dealing with an aspect of crime and

justice in the metropolitan area in which to become a participant-observer. Application of sociological perspective to the problems and structure of institutions is developed, under the supervision of a faculty member. Students should get faculty supervisor's approval of placement before the

course begins.

SOCI596 Title Internship in Applied Sociology: Aging.

SOCI597	Prerequisites Course Description  Title Prerequisites Course Description	Departmental approval.  Students will select an institution dealing with an aspect of aging in the metropolitan area in which to become a participant-observer. Application of sociological perspective to the problems and structure of institutions is developed, under the supervision of a faculty member. Students should get faculty supervisor's approval of placement before the course begins. Internship in Applied Sociology: Health and Illness.  Departmental approval.  Students will select an institution dealing with an aspect of health and illness in the metropolitan area in which to become a participant-observer. Application of sociological perspective to the problems and structure of
SOCI597	Course Description	institutions is developed, under the supervision of a faculty member. Students should get faculty supervisor's approval of placement before the course begins.
SOCI598	Title Prerequisites Course Description	Internship in Applied Sociology: Social Research and Policy.  Departmental approval.  Students will select an institution dealing with an aspect of social research and policy in the metropolitan area in which to become a participant-observer. Application of sociological perspective to the problems and structure of institutions is developed, under the supervision of a faculty member. Students should get faculty supervisor's approval of placement before the course begins.
SOCI603	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Reading Seminar in Sociology.  2 hours seminar.  May be taken by master's candidates concentrating in sociology prior to the comprehensive examination. The seminar will focus on general theoretical and methodological material and relevant readings in the student's particular area of sociology.
SOSC401	Title Prerequisites Corequisites	Methods of Teaching Social Studies.  Admission to Teacher Education Program in social studies education or departmental approval.
	Corequisites	SASE 450 or departmental approval.