

SOCIOLOGY

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DESCRIPTION

Sociology is the scientific study of human social behavior, with a focus on interactions within social groups and systems. SOC 204 and SOC 205 introduce students to core concepts, theories and research in sociology. It is recommended, but not required, that the courses be taken in sequence. The additional sociology courses apply the sociological perspective to specific issues within society, emphasizing past and current social phenomena, patterns, conflicts and contexts.

See the Course Description (SOC prefix) section of this catalog for individual sociology courses and course prerequisites.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SOC 204 Sociology in Everyday Life 4.00 Introduces the sociological perspective and the scientific study of human social behavior. Focuses on the core concepts, theories, and research on human interactions within social groups and how people are shaped by their social locations (status, roles, race, class, sex, age, etc.) within society's structures, stratification systems, and institutions, and by cultural processes such as socialization and group dynamics. Prerequisite: RD 115 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 205 Social Change in Societies 4.00 Explores how societies change by utilizing sociological perspectives to compare and contrast the impacts of changes on individuals and our social institutions (such as the family, economy, politics, education, and religion). Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 206 Social Problems 4.00 Applies the sociological perspective to the study of social problems, including their identification, analyses of causes and consequences, and considerations of possible solutions. Explores topics such as inequality, poverty, crime and delinquency, substance abuse, discrimination, domestic violence, the environment, global stratification, and international conflict. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 211 Peace and Conflict 4.00 Explores causes and manifestations of violence in actions involving oneself, society, one's nation, and the global community. Alternatives to oppressive behavior, undemocratic institutions, and the violent resolution of conflict are considered. Prerequisite: WR 115, RD 115, and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 213 Diversity in the United States 4.00 Frames social status differences within the context of social structure and culture. Examines how inequalities and privilege play out through social status and are reinforced through both culture and

social structure. Includes statuses such as: race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, etc. Includes concepts such as: privilege, social stratification, cultural bias, institutional inequality, and social construction. Prerequisite: WR 115, RD 115, and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 214A Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 1 4.00 This is the first of a three-term sequence designed to address issues of institutional oppression through classroom and community presentations utilizing interactive theater. Provides skills in the area of social analysis, group facilitation, social change interventions, creative production and basic acting. This course requires Instructor permission. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 214B Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 2 4.00 This is the second of a three-term sequence designed to address issues of institutional oppression through classroom and community presentations utilizing interactive theater. Provides skills in the area of social analysis, group facilitation, social change interventions, creative production and basic acting. Prerequisites: SOC 214A and its prerequisite requirements and instructor permission. Audit available.

SOC 214C Illumination Project: Tools for Creative Social Activism 3 4.00 This is the third of a three-term sequence designed to address issues of institutional oppression through classroom and community presentations utilizing interactive theater. Provides skills in the area of social analysis, group facilitation, social change interventions, creative production and basic acting. Prerequisites: SOC 214A and SOC 214B and their prerequisite requirements and instructor permission. Audit available.

SOC 215 Social Issues and Movements 4.00 Explores important social issues and movements from around the world. Examines the impact of social changes and actions on individuals and social structures. Focuses on organized social responses and movements to social problems, utilizing a multicultural and critical-thinking approach. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 218 Sociology of Gender 4.00 Focuses on how socialization is affected by gender. Topics include how gender is reflected in culture through values, norms, language, media, power, violence, various theoretical approaches, significant social institutions, social movements and issues. Recommended: SOC 204 or SOC 205 or instructor permission. Prerequisite: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 219 Religion & Culture: Social Dimensions 3.00 Explores the relationship between culture, social structure, and religion, through a comparative and cross-cultural examination of religious beliefs, practices, and organization. Audit available.

SOC 223 Social Gerontology/Sociology of Aging 4.00 Explores the diversity of individual and population aging and their consequences for individuals, families, communities and societies, through a life course and social change perspective. Recommend: Introductory sociology course or instructor permission. Prerequisites: WR115, RD115, and MTH20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 228 Introduction to Environmental Sociology 4.00 Examines the relationship between society and the environment, with a focus on how industrialization and our increasing demand for natural resources has significantly impacted the planet's ability to meet the needs of humanity and other species. Explores the structural and cultural causes and consequences of such topics as production, consumption, population, development, pollution, and environmental justice and how to respond to these issues through policies and actions. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 230 Introduction to Gerontology 4.00 Introduces current practice, programs, and policies in the field of gerontology. Addresses professional standards of practice and service delivery, as well as advocacy and policy directions, from a person-directed perspective, responsive to social inequalities and cultural diversity. Recommend: Introductory sociology course or instructor permission. Prerequisites: WR115, RD115, and MTH20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 231 Sociology of Health & Aging 4.00 Introduces age-related health issues in social and cultural context. Includes the social structuring of age, health and illness; demographics and patterns of health and illness of diverse older adults; issues related to medical and healthcare services; health and long-term care policy and programs. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 232 Death and Dying: Culture and Issues 4.00 Introduces the institution of death in the United States. Includes a broad multicultural, interdisciplinary approach, including sociological, psychological, historical, ethical, cultural, and religious approaches to death, dying, and bereavement across the lifespan. Recommend: SOC 204, 205, or instructor permission. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

SOC 234 Death: Crosscultural Perspectives 4.00 An interdisciplinary study of the cross-cultural variations regarding human responses to death and the differing cosmological implications these suggest. Death, a cultural universal, is addressed in its diversity from both anthropological and sociological perspective. The topic of death as experienced by several major regions and cultures of the world is explored including Asia, India, Bali, Middle East, Melanesia and Native Americans; historical trends in Western Europe and the Americas are assessed regarding the evolution of contemporary perspectives on mortality. ATH 234 and SOC 234 cannot both be taken for credit. Recommend: A prior course in Anthropology or Sociology. Audit available.

SOC 280A Cooperative Education: Sociology Extend knowledge of sociology through work and/or volunteer time spent in settings that provide learning experiences. Instructor permission required.

SOC 280B Cooperative Education: Community Service & Action Seminar 2.00 This interdisciplinary seminar provides an integrative framework for students engaged in community service and cooperative education work. Focuses on social interaction, group and organizational processes, and public policies related to service, advocacy, and social change placements.

SOC 298 Independent Study: Sociology Advanced, individualized study of areas of sociology not considered in other courses to meet special interests or program requirements. Includes a term project and readings approved by the instructor. Instructor permission required. Recommended: prior study of sociology. Audit available.