

SO: Courses in Sociology

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

SO 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 Cr

Survey of the basic concepts and methods with an emphasis on sociology as a mode of analysis. Introduces the student to a sociological way of thinking to better understand one's self and others. This study of behavior utilizes materials drawn from contemporary American society. Each semester.

SO 102 Introductory Field Service in Sociology 1 Cr

Practicum of supervised work and observation in approved social agencies rendering direct service to clients or client systems. Agencies include those dealing with hunger, suicide prevention, etc. The course also offers readings related to major issues. Strongly recommended for those considering a career in the human services. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in SO 101.

SO 200 Social Problems 3 Cr

An in-depth examination and discussion of selected American social problems, including poverty, sexism, racism, family violence, and health issues. Recommendations for alleviation of the problems with a particularly Christian viewpoint. Prerequisite: SO 101. Spring semester, even-numbered years. Fulfills national diversity requirement.

SO 202 The Culture and Justice System of Ireland 3 or 6 Cr

A sociological, inter-cultural, first-hand study of the Irish culture and criminal justice system. Particular emphasis is given to the manner in which the culture and history of Ireland have influenced the Irish justice system. Similarities and differences of Irish and American culture are highlighted. Students study by way of readings and tour the manner in which these aspects have effected the criminal justice systems of both cultures. Students will visit Irish courts, prisons, gaols and garda stations, as well as culture highlights of Dublin, Cork, Galway, Dingle, Beara, Wexford and Waterford. Prerequisites: SO 101 and SO 309 or a tour of a U.S. prison and permission of instructor. Limited enrollment selected by the instructor according to background of students, class standing, other courses taken in preparation as well as ability to function within a small group in an intimate setting within the Irish culture. Course will ordinarily be offered during even-numbered summers as part of session I. Fulfills global diversity requirement.

SO/AN 204 Cultural Anthropology 3 Cr

An analysis of the nature of culture and society and a survey of the range of cultural phenomena with emphasis placed on social structures and the dynamic interrelationship existing between the various social institutions. Fall semester. Fulfills global diversity requirement.

SO/AN 208 The Family 3 Cr

Anthropological and sociological investigation of the marriage and family institutions in various cultures and their influences upon both individuals and social organizations. Analysis of family communications; one's choices in relationships; parenting; life transitions; and roles of gender, property, power, and love in marriage and family. Prerequisite: SO 101 or consent of instructor. Fall semester.

SO 215 Contemporary Issues in Rural and Urban Sociology 3 Cr

This course examines sociological processes in the urbanization of societies. Problems concerning both rural and urban life will be covered, as well as efforts to build community from the local level

to that of the "global village". The conflicting interests that farmers, ranchers, environmentalists, developers, urban planners, business, government and other groups have in these issues are presented and analyzed. Prerequisite: SO 101. Offered every third semester (Spring 2007). Course may be repeated.

SO/PSY 216 Social Psychology 3 Cr

An introduction to and an analysis of social interaction, including the social aspects of personality, social attitudes, group behavior, and the influences of social institutions on individual behavior. Prerequisite: PSY 105 or SO 101. Fall semester.

SO/AN 218 Introduction to Native American Studies 3 Cr

An overview of American Indian histories, cultures, religions, and philosophies. The course examines the continuity between traditional and contemporary ways of life, Native American education, and American Indians in Montana. Every semester. Fulfills national diversity requirement.

SO 220 Sociology of Sport 3 Cr

This course examines sports in American society. It helps the student to understand the reciprocal influences between sports and our culture, including social values, education, socialization, deviance, minority and female athletes, and the mass media and money. Sports is placed within the context of social institutions including the family, politics, economics, religion, etc. The course is designed to be a part of the student's development of a healthy, analytic view of sports and leisure that will facilitate longevity and good health. Field experiences and observations will be included. Summer session as scheduled.

SO 262 Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and Dependent Behavior 3 Cr

A holistic approach with a particularly sociological emphasis regarding the use and abuse of alcohol, other psychoactive drugs, and dependency behaviors, e.g. gambling and sexual addiction. Upon completion of the course, students will understand problems of addiction, methods of prevention and control, theories of causation, and the disease concept. They will know various treatment methods. Prerequisite: SO 101. Spring semester.

SO 291 Social Gerontology 3 Cr

This course presents the many (physical, social, family, emotional, public policy, and other) dimensions of aging within the context of current sociological, gerontological, and other social theories. Empirical facts on aging include a background on social science research methods used to gain such knowledge. This course includes guest lectures by community professionals working in gerontological fields, as well as elderly individuals. Prerequisite: SO 101. Offered every third semester (Fall 2006).

SO 309 Crime and Criminology 3 Cr

A survey of findings, myths, and perspectives on crime. A wide variety of types of crime are studied, including violent, white collar, sex, corporate, and organized crime. Theories regarding crime and proposed solutions to crime are examined. Recommend concurrent enrollment in SO 310. Prerequisite: SO 101. Offered every third semester (Fall 2006). Fulfills national diversity requirement.

SO 310 Field Service in Sociology of Crime 1 Cr

Practicum of supervised work and observation in approved social agencies rendering direct service to clients or client systems involved with crime including prevention and/or rehabilitation; related readings. Strongly recommended for those considering a career in law, law enforcement, corrections, social work, or counseling. Corequisite: CO 309.

SO 312 Juvenile Delinquency and Deviant Behavior 3 Cr

Course emphasizes juvenile delinquency and the juvenile justice system; includes theories on juvenile delinquency, mental illness, drug abuse, and sexual deviance; and examines the role of institutions and various treatment methods. Strongly recommended for those interested in careers in law, probation, parole, human services, or social work. Prerequisite: SO 101 or consent of instructor. Corequisite: SO 313 is recommended. Offered every third semester (Spring 2006). Fulfills national diversity requirement.

SO 313 Field Service in Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency 1 Cr

Practicum of supervised work and observation in approved social agencies rendering direct service to clients or client systems involved with crime including prevention and/or rehabilitation; related readings. Strongly recommended for those considering a career in law, law enforcement, corrections, social work, or counseling. Corequisite: SO 312. May fulfill national diversity requirement.

SO 314 Sociology of Law 3 Cr

Examination of social processes involved in enacting legislation, law enforcement, and judicial decisions along with the roles of lawyers, judges, and others in both civil and criminal systems. Recommended for those interested in law, law enforcement, or areas related to the legal system. Prerequisite: SO 101 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester (Fall 2005). Fulfills global diversity requirement.

SO/AN 317 Ethnic and Racial Relations 3 Cr

An anthropological and sociological examination of ethnic and racial relations within and between different socio-cultural groups, including an analysis of ethnic differences and the various patterns of individual, social, social psychological, and cultural relationships. Prerequisite: SO 101. Offered every third semester. (Fall 2007).

SO/AN 318 American Indians 3 Cr

An in-depth examination of selected Native American groups, cultural areas, and contemporary issues, such as Tribal Law, Federal and State legal issues as they pertain to American Indian Treaty issues including water, hunting, and fishing rights, or Native American Spirituality. Prerequisite: SO/AN 204 or SO/AN 218. Spring semester. Fulfills global diversity requirement.

SO/SW 331 Social Science Research Methods 3 Cr

An overview of the principles, methods, and practice of research in the social sciences. The course will assist students in research design, case studies, conducting field research, analyzing and evaluating their research data, conducting needs assessment, program evaluation, and practice effectiveness. Prerequisites: SO 101; MA 207; Junior status. Spring semester.

SO 351 Medical Sociology 3 Cr

Course develops an appreciation of the role of sociology and social sciences in the study of health and medical care. Treatment of patients, functioning of health care systems, and many of the problems confronting modern medical care which relate to sociology and the social sciences. Recommended for those considering a career in medicine, health care delivery, or social work. Prerequisite: SO 101 or consent of instructor. Fall semester. Fulfills national diversity requirement. Fulfills global diversity requirement.

SO 352 Field Service in Medical Sociology 1 Cr

This course is a practicum consisting of supervised work and observation in approved health care agencies which render direct service to clients or client systems. Agencies include hospitals, clinics, and other agencies that provide opportunities for student interaction with patients and health care professionals. Some readings along with course material from SO 351 will be utilized in order that the student may relate the practical experience to theoretical and other course material. Corequisite: SO 351. Fall semester.

SO 392 Modern Social Theory 3 Cr

This course introduces students to important theoretical tools that will enable them to see the world as sociologists do and, in the process, assist them in constructing new theories as social contexts continually change. In addition to highlighting the contributions of some of the discipline's founding theorists (e.g., Marx, Weber, Durkheim and Mead), the course will focus on five of the most significant theoretical perspectives in sociology; conflict theory, functionalism, symbolic interactionism, phenomenological sociology and feminist theory. Prerequisite: SO 101, Junior Standing. Fall semester. Proposed writing intensive.

SO 425 Sociology Internship 3-6 Cr

This course is an internship consisting of supervised work experience and an intern observation in approved social service and governmental agencies which render direct service to clients or client systems. Students are placed in agencies which correspond to their major area of study. Agencies include those dealing with the juvenile and criminal justice system, those serving the needy, those engaged in health care delivery, and governmental agencies. Readings will be assigned and periodic individual meetings with each student's sociology advisor will be held. No more than six (6) credits of SO 425 may apply to a student's total major requirements. Prerequisites: Senior standing; consent of instructor.

SO 495 Senior Seminar 3 Cr

A comprehensive review and professionalization for seniors graduating in sociology, including an analysis of the sociology profession, a survey of literature, and direction in the formulation of a semester project. Satisfies the comprehensive examination requirement. Prerequisite: SO 392. Fall semester. Proposed writing intensive.