

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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## SOC-110 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Surveys the basic principles, concepts, research strategies and empirical findings representative of the field today. The course examines the range of sociological thought, identifies areas of specialization within the discipline and establishes a basis for further study in the field. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-115 Social Problems (3)

Examines social problems as consequences of given types of social organization. Students examine research and theory to build an understanding of the definition, existence and persistence of social problems, as well as collective efforts to resolve those problems. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-120 Marriage and Family (3)

Explores contemporary family institutions by studying the family as an ideological, demographic, historic, economic and legal entity. The marital life cycle is documented through current research. Marital dissolution and remarriage are also examined. The course emphasizes the continuities and discontinuities in the family experience of individuals and the society as a whole. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-200 Minority Group Relations (3)

Examines majority-minority group relations utilizing sociological theory and research. Addresses diverse populations with special attention placed on race, ethnicity, gender and other disadvantaged categories in American society. Students will apply basic concepts central to inter-group relations and their implications. Students will consider the consequences of inequality. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-220 Sociology of Aging (3)

Examines the trends of an aging society including demographic, economic and social trends that can meet with far-reaching social consequences affecting the present and future. Acquaints students with the typical aging process, including the social and psychological challenges related to that process. Offers study on national and global issues regarding late life development. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-265 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Studies (3)

Introduces students to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) studies. Explores the impact of social, cultural, historical and political factors on LGBT individuals and communities. Studies the social construction of LGBT persons and cultures across time and place, theoretical debates regarding sexual orientation, identity formation, LGBT people of color, gender roles and gender identity, homophobia, and HIV/AIDS. Includes contemporary LGBT issues in families, education, religion, media and the law. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 3.0 lecture

## SOC-924 Honors Project (1)

Allows a qualified honors student to pursue a special concentration of study under the guidance of a faculty member. Requires that student meet honors eligibility criteria. Requires completion for an honors project contract. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A; Comments: Requires approval of supervising professor and dean

*Hours per week:* 1.0 lecture

## SOC-928 Independent Study (1)

Provides readings, papers, basic research or other projects under the individual guidance of a staff member. Arts & Sciences Elective Code: A

*Hours per week:* 1.0 lecture