

## **Sociology**

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Sociology is the study of group life. It combines scientific and humanistic perspectives in the study of urban and rural life, family patterns and relationships, social change, inter-group relations, social class, environment, technology and communications, health care and illness, social movements, organizations, and pressing contemporary social issues. Sociology is a valuable liberal arts major for students planning careers in a wide variety of fields including social research, criminology, demography, social psychology, public administration, gerontology, education, rehabilitation, and market research. It provides a useful background for those planning to enter law, business, medicine, social work, public health, community planning, architecture, and politics.

## **MAJOR**

To major in sociology a student must complete a minimum of 27 credits (nine three-credit courses) taken from courses offered by the department. One 100-level course, 201, 303, 304, 322. Three 600-level courses. One additional course at the 100-299 or 501-699 level. Additional courses from other departments in the social sciences group are to be selected in consultation with the major advisor.

## **MINOR**

A minor in sociology consists of at least five three-credit courses (15 credits) per the following: One 100 level course, 201, 303, 322; one additional course at the 100-299 or 501-699 level. None of the courses taken in fulfillment of the sociology minor may be used to fulfill the requirements of other majors or minors.

## **MINOR URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

The Department of Sociology requires six three-credit courses (18 credits) to fulfill a minor in urban sociology. The six courses cited are the minimum number required; students may take more than six courses and use the additional courses as electives. One of the required courses taken in fulfillment of the urban sociology minor may be used simultaneously to fulfill major or other minor program requirements.

### **I. Both of the following:**

106 Urban Sociology

201 Foundations of Sociology

### **II. One of the following courses:**

109 Contemporary American Social Problems

130 Criminology

218 Wealth, Power, and Inequality

### **III. One of the following courses:**

303 Introduction to Research Design

304 Introduction to Research Analysis

### **IV. One of the following courses:**

619 Urban Organization

660 Urban Policy and Planning

### **V. An additional sociology course from the 600 level\***

*\* In consultation with the minor advisor, students may elect to substitute a single upper-level undergraduate course of urban interest from another LAS department in lieu of the second 600-level course, for example: Economics 332 Urban Economics, or History 342 Urban America.*

**SOCI 103 Sociology of the Family (3)**

Staff. Consideration of the family as a social institution and a special form of small group. Examination of theoretical and empirical research focusing upon mate selection, marital interaction, and child socialization. Topics include contemporary demographic trends and cultural practices.

**SOCI 104 Gender and Society (3)**

Staff. Examines the social construction of gender and the consequences of gender equality. Topics include socialization, intimate relations, paid and unpaid work, violence, and social change.

**SOCI 106 Urban Sociology (3)**

Staff. The social patterns, processes, and institutional structure of urban life.

**SOCI 108 Deviant Behavior (3)**

Staff. Examines forms of human behavior that have been defined as “deviant” by the larger society. An emphasis is placed on understanding the social construction of such definitions, especially their cross-cultural variations, as well as motivations and social implications for those whose behavior is judged as deviant.

**SOCI 109 Social Problems (3)**

Staff. Examination of critical contemporary social problems and social policy options. Emphasis is placed on understanding the multidimensional sources of crisis, unrest, and instability as well as policy options and tradeoffs associated with ameliorative efforts. Topics vary by semester and instructor.

**SOCI 115 Introduction to Social Work (3)**

Staff. Introduces students to the profession and practice of social work. Examines principles, functions, knowledge base, and history of social work. Topics include the change process, levels of practice, and social problems affecting clients and practitioners.

**SOCI 121 Sociology of Religion (3)**

Staff. Introduces students to sociological study of religious phenomena, including religious beliefs, practices, and behaviors as conditioned by sociological factors. A key emphasis is the relationship between religious systems and other social institutions, e.g., politics, family, economy, and social stratification.

**SOCI 130 Criminology (3)**

Staff. Emphasizes the public’s perception of “the crime problem” and various sociological measures of amounts and trends of criminal behavior in society. Causal and noncausal theories of criminality, and the sociological implications of various selected offenses are explored.

**SOCI 140 Sociology of Sport (3)**

Staff. An analysis of the structure and functions of sports in contemporary American society. Topics include the relationship between sports, socialization, ideology, sports and totemism, the organization of sports, and the economics of sports.

**SOCI 146 Asian American Communities (3)**

Staff. This course will provide a sociological introduction to America’s rapidly growing Asian American populations and to the major issues facing these populations.

**SOCI 147 Global Social Change (3)**

Staff. Examines global change and its implications for individuals and groups via exploration of issues of globalization of the economy, international development, urbanization, immigration, social movements, changing gender relations, etc. Emphasis will be placed on how such changes have come about and course focus will be international in scope with emphasis on Latin America, Asia, and/or Africa.

**SOCI 151 Work in American Society (3)**

Staff. Examines the concepts of occupations, professions, and work organizations. It considers issues about employee selection, job involvement, alienation, satisfaction, performance, and compensation; industrial mental health, occupation safety, health and medicine; social conditions of work in bureaucratic organizations, work groups and union membership; supervision and human resource management; and the changing conditions of work resulting from technological change, social change, shifts in the occupational structure and the interface of work with other institutions such as the family.

### **SOCI 160 Environmental Sociology (3)**

Staff. This course examines political and economic aspects of global and local environmental problems. Topics include how societies and the environment interact, why some environmental risks have gained most attention, how support for environmental concerns can be measured, responses by environmental social movements, and visions of sustainable societies in the First and Third Worlds.

### **SOCI 201 Foundations of Sociology (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: three credits of sociology at the 100 level or approval of instructor. To provide substantive exposure to basic sociological concepts, theories, methods, and tools.

### **SOCI 205 Population and Society (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. An examination of the dynamic relationship between population and society. The course focuses on the contemporary demography of developed and developing countries, with an emphasis on societal problems linked to population.

### **SOCI 210 Special Topics in Sociology (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. Special topic announced each semester.

### **SOCI 218 Wealth, Power and Inequality (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. Survey of theoretical and empirical literature on the distribution of wealth, power, and prestige within and across societies and historical periods. Emphasis is placed on the impact of social change on stratification systems.

### **SOCI 245 Society through Cinema (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. Examination of social organization, interaction, issues, and problems via the depiction of these issues and themes in selected commercial and documentary cinematic statements as illustrative material. Weekly class meetings are divided into lecture, screening, and discussion. Specific topical foci differ by semester.

### **SOCI 249 Latin American Social Structure (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. An historical examination of the human condition in Latin America emphasizing three primary spheres of social relations: political, economic, and ideological. Within each sphere the following themes are addressed: national-international relations, urbanization, rural social structure, demographic trends, cultural change, and stability.

### **SOCI 250 Organizational Behavior (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. An introduction to the sociological study of organizations in the private and public sectors. Topics include models for studying organizations, organization processes (communication, decision-making, negotiation, leadership), the impact of structural culture, and environmental factors on organizational behavior.

### **SOCI 270 Mind, Self, and Society (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. Introduction to sociological perspectives on social psychology. Individuals, groups, society, and their interrelationships.

Formation and measurement of identity, norms, attitudes, cognition, affect/emotion, perceptions, and group processes.

**SOCI 288 Writing Practicum (1)**

Staff. Prerequisite: successful completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement. Corequisite: three credit departmental course. Fulfills the college intensive-writing requirement.

**SOCI 303 Introduction to Research Design (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. Logic and techniques of social research, the relationships between theory and method, and alternative strategies in data collection.

**SOCI 304 Introduction to Research Analysis (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 303 or approval of instructor. Basic training in descriptive and inferential statistics with social science applications. Topics include measurement, tabular and graphic displays of data, central tendency, dispersion, probability, estimation, hypothesis testing, and linear regression.

**SOCI 322 Social Theory (3)**

Staff. Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or approval of instructor. An introduction to classical and contemporary sociological theory.

**SOCI 388 Writing Practicum (1)**

Staff. Prerequisite: successful completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement. Corequisite: three-credit departmental course. Fulfills the college intensive-writing requirement.

**SOCI 389 Service Learning (1)**

Staff. Prerequisite: approval of department. Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit corequisite course.

**SOCI 456, 457 Internship Studies (1-3, 1-3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304, approval of instructor and department. Open to especially qualified upper level students.

**SOCI 491, 492 Independent Studies (1-3, 1-3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304, approval of instructor and department. Open to especially qualified upper level students with approval of instructor.

**SOCI H499-H500 Honors Thesis (3, 4)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304, approval of instructor, and department. For senior honors candidates and other qualified senior majors. Intensive reading and research in a selected field of sociology.

**SOCI 601 Advanced Topics in Sociology (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Special topic announced each semester.

**SOCI 602 Political Sociology (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Analysis of both the distribution and institutional bases of power in society and the values which legitimate them. Class, bureaucracy, occupations, and political participation as these correlate with power.

**SOCI 605 Issues in Social Demography (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the social causes and consequences of population change. Analysis of current issues of demographic concern focusing on the social variables which differentially affect, and are affected by, the demographic processes of fertility, migrations, and mortality.

**SOCI 606 Issues in the Sociology of Gender (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course examines research in several areas of the sociology of gender. Topics include the acquisition of gender identity, face to face interactions, the changing roles of women and men, the intersection of

work and family, and social movements. Students will conduct original research in one of these areas.

**SOCI 608 Symbolic Interactionism (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Explores the perspective within social psychology known as symbolic interactionism. Includes discussion of the work of pioneering scholars in the field, as well as recent theoretical and empirical studies. Topics to be covered include the self, socialization, identity, social interaction, the dramaturgical metaphor, human nature, social structure, and the definition of the situation.

**SOCI 609 Sociology of Medicine (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of social and psychological factors affecting the prevalence and incidence of disease in human populations. Topics also considered include the organization of the health professions, comparative medical systems, social change and health care, and social factors affecting the utilization of health services.

**SOCI 611 Sociology of Work and Leisure (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An historical analysis of both the forms and the functions of work from ancient times to the present, with emphasis on Western cultures. Projections of the nature and purposes of work in the post-industrial era.

**SOCI 612 Race and Ethnic Relations in America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Sociological examination of the dynamics of race and ethnic relations in the United States. This course provides an opportunity for students to read about, think, and discuss issues of racial and ethnic relations in society. Topics include the social construction of racial classification systems, the historical record of the interaction between the races in America, public policy, and possible mechanisms for dealing with some of the issues that many consider most problematic in our society.

**SOCI 613 Sociology of Science (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Examination of science as a social institution and the processes of research as sociological phenomena. Special attention to factors accounting for scientific productivity and a case analysis of sociology as an emerging scientific specialty.

**SOCI 614 Problems in the Sociology of Deviance (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Consideration in depth of one or more current problems of theory and research in the sociology of deviance: societal reaction theory, organizations for management of deviance, the design of prevention. Independent student research projects encouraged.

**SOCI 617 Problems in the Sociology of Inequality (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Consideration in depth of one or more current problems of theory and research in sociology in inequality: Poverty, Homelessness and the Cities; The American Underclass; Labor Markets.

**SOCI 618 Wealth, Power and Inequality (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Theories of stratification, status systems in various societies, measurement and research of social classes in the United States.

**SOCI 619 Urban Organization (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. A study of the causes and social effects of urban growth and decay in rich and poor countries. An examination of contemporary urban social classes and political coalitions, and how these are changing with shifting regional economies.

**SOCI 620 Issues in Sociology of the Family (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course will consider the sociological, political, and cultural criticisms of the traditional definitions of family. The course focuses on family demography, gay/lesbian family issues, African-American families, and the “family values” wars as organizing topics.

**SOCI 625 Sociology of Childhood (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course examines theories, methods, and empirical research in several areas of the sociology of childhood. Major themes are (1) how social structure constrains children’s lives, (2) how children negotiate, share, and create culture, and (3) how children’s experiences vary within and across societies. Topics include historical trends in thinking about children, cultural reproduction in early childhood, children’s social worlds, contemporary attitudes toward children, and social policies for children. Students will design and carry out original research projects.

**SOCI 628 Comparative Latin American Demography (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of historical trends and current conditions in population structure and population processes in Central and South America.

**SOCI 629 Urban Organization Laboratory (1)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Corequisite: SOCI 619. A community service and/or research internship with a community agency or program in the New Orleans, metropolitan area. Placement in the internship is coordinated through the course instructor and a representative of the community service agency or program.

**SOCI 630 Urban Policy and Planning (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Investigates how urban planning efforts and government policies and programs have affected U.S. cities and metropolitan areas over the last hundred years. Students are introduced to traditional, mainstream, and radical planning theories and policy critique. Examines urban policy formulation and implementation, conflicts and struggles, and the relationship between theory, research, and planning/policy.



**SOCI 633 Sociology of Education (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course will examine the social functions of educational institutions, the role of education in the American social and economic structure, and major controversies and debates concerning educational policy as social policy.

**SOCI 640 Sociology of Criminal Justice (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Various aspects of the criminal justice system are examined with special attention devoted to organizational and decision-making features. The discretionary powers of criminal justice agencies are explored in light of their effect on the composition and size of this society's criminal population. Discussed are the legislature, police, courts, and corrections agencies.

**SOCI 644 Language Behavior and Communication (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the intersection of psychosocial processes and the machinery of grammar and lexicon. Examination of the areas of aphasia, mental disorders, language acquisition, and cognition with an emphasis on cross-cultural methods and experimental design.

**SOCI 656 Social Movements and Collective Behavior (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An advanced theoretical and empirical analysis of the determinants of organized non-institutionalized forms of collective action. Topics include the interplay of structural conditions and voluntaristic actions, the logic of collective action, culture, and ideology as they shape social movement outcomes. The specific types or dimensions of collective action examined may vary from semester to semester.

**SOCI 660 Social Policy and Evaluation Research (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Course focuses on the applied methods required to determine whether an intervention (or policy) achieve intended ends. Relevant topics include: problem identification, needs assessment, values clarification, policy description, evaluative tools, ethical considerations, problems and pitfalls of applied evaluative research, and efficiency and cost-benefit analysis.

**SOCI 664 Sociology of Organizations (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Exploration and development of organizational structures, processes and consequences. Interdisciplinary focus drawing conceptual, theoretical, and methodological tools from sociology, management, economics, and applied fields such as law and public administration. The seminar will examine classic and current issues in the sociology of organizations and the influence of complex organizations on different contexts and institutions (e.g., economy, family, healthcare, politics).

**SOCI 667 Organization Ethnography (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Ethnographic and qualitative study of organizations, methods thereof, and research literatures thereon. Topics include qualitative data collection methods, application of these methods to organizations, and the contributions of recent ethnographic work to the study and practice of organizations. Course will take the form of comparative assessment of ethnographic and qualitative research on organizations.

**SOCI 670 Sociology of Law (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the implications of law in the persistence and change of social systems, the relation of sociological theory and research to legal institutions, and law as an organization and profession.

**SOCI 680 Society and Economy (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. The overall relationships of the economy to other components of society and specific institutions: economy and government, economy and family, economy and gender. The social organization of the firm, the market, organizations and economic culture and how each affects the other.

**SOCI 688 Writing Practicum (1)**

Staff. Prerequisite: successful completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement. Corequisite: three-credit departmental course. Fulfills the college intensive-writing requirement.

**SOCI 689 Field Work Methods in the Americas (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of field methods, the kind of data such methods generate, and how to analyze such data. The class will follow field research from entry into a field site to writing up the research project.

**SOCI 690 Sociology of Development in Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the transitions from premodern to modern, and from modern to post-modern economies and societies in Latin America. An inquiry into the causes and social effects of rapid "modernizing" social changes such as increases in urban residence, schooling, factory work, and mass media exposure.

**SOCI 691 Social Theory and Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course introduces students of Latin America to overviews of 19th- and 20th-century social theory, including conflict, rational/utilitarian, network, and cultural theory, and links these perspectives to analysis of Latin American societies, including research on peasants and urban workers, neighborhood associations, and the impact of clientelism on state bureaucracy.

**SOCI 692 Social Stratification and Mobility in Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the extent and social bases of wealth and power inequalities in Central and South America along lines of class, gender, race, ethnicity, and regional origin.

**SOCI 693 Social Movements in Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. An examination of the factors shaping the emergence, development, and decline of social movements in Latin America. Issues addressed include why people join movements, what constraints there are on building of social movement organizations, and in what ways are leaders and ideologies crucial to movement development.

**SOCI 694 Political Sociology of Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course examines theories of the bases and distribution of power in Latin

America. Topics include the role of elites and domestic class coalitions in state formation and regime transitions, the role of civil society -labor, popular associations, political parties-in democratization, and the role of culture, including religion, in political life.

**SOCI 695 Migration in the Americas (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. From the colonization of the continent up to the present, countries in North and South America have been receiving communities for migrants from all over the world. Course focus on 20th century international migration flows to and within the Americas with three main themes: (1) theories of international migration, (2) immigrant adaptation, assimilation and incorporation, and (3) international migration policies.

**SOCI 696 Urban Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course is a study of the causes and social effects of urban growth and decay in rich and poor countries in the Americas. Examines contemporary urban social classes and political coalitions, and how these are changing with shifting regional economies. The course discusses theories of urban societies and regional growth, and examines case studies and theories from Latin America.

**SOCI 698 Brazilian Society (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. This course examines Brazilian society through texts, films and speakers. The topics include Brazil's history, politics, work and workers' movements, squatters, the Amazon conflict, religion, gender, and the mass media.

**SOCI 699 Special Topics in the Sociology of Latin America (3)**

Staff. Prerequisites: SOCI 249 or LAST 101, SOCI 304 and SOCI 322 or approval of instructor. Course topics vary. Courses will include: Latin American Immigration, Race and Ethnicity in the Americas, Caribbean Societies, and Drugs and Alcohol in the Americas.