

SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This course covers the scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance.

Prerequisite(s): Reading level 6

Course Type: Academic

SOCI 1306 Social Problems 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This course is about the application of sociological principles and theoretical perspectives to major social problems in contemporary society such as inequality, crime and violence, substance abuse, environmental issues, deviance, or family problems.

Prerequisite(s): Reading level 7, Writing level 7

Course Type: Academic

SOCI 2301 Marriage and the Family 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This course is a study of sociological and theoretical analysis of the structures and functions of the family, the varied cultural patterns of the American family, and the relationships that exist among the individuals within the family, as well as the relationships that exist between the family and other institutions in society.

Prerequisite(s): Reading level 7, Writing level 7

Course Type: Academic

SOCI 2306 Human Sexuality 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This course will provide an overview of the broad field of human sexuality. Topics will be covered from various perspectives - biological, sociological, anthropological, etc., but will focus primarily on the psychological perspective. The goal is for each student to learn factual, scientifically-based information that will provoke thought and contribute to his/her own decision-making on sexual issues outside of the classroom.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301, Reading level 7, Writing level 7

Course Type: Academic

SOCI 2319 Minority Studies 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This course studies minority-majority group relations, addressing their historical, cultural, social, economic, and institutional development in the United States. Both sociological and social psychological levels of analysis will be employed to discuss issues including experiences of minority groups within the context of their cultural heritage and tradition, as well as that of the dominant culture. Core concepts to be examined include (but are not limited to) social inequality, dominance/subordination, prejudice, and discrimination. Particular minority groups discussed may include those based on poverty, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion.

Prerequisite(s): Reading level 7, Writing level 7

Course Type: Academic

SOCI 2336 Criminology 3 Credits (3 Lec, 0 Lab)

This is an examination of current trends in the nature and causes of crime, indexes of crime, perspectives and methods in criminology, psychopathy and crime, culture areas and crime, processes in criminal behavior, and sociological aspects of criminal law and procedure.

Prerequisite(s): SOCI 1301, Reading level 7, Writing level 7

Course Type: Academic