

SOCI 240 **SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AGING (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course uses a sociological frame of reference to examine the interrelationships between aging and society. The primary objectives are to familiarize the student with (1) the field of aging, (2) the issues and problems of aging, (3) the theories and methods of gerontologists, (4) the approaches, attitudes and social conditions relative to the aging process and experience, and (5) individual aging experiences. The course provides the foundation for the gerontology minor and for future courses in gerontology.

SOCI 241 **CRIMINOLOGY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course is a sociological analysis of the nature and extent of criminal behavior in the United States and around the world. It reviews the past and current theories that attempt to explain the causes of criminal behavior. In addition, society's response to crime, the criminal justice system, and its various components are examined.

SOCI 243 **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* The course examines the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency in the United States and other modern societies. It explores how juvenile delinquency differs from adult criminal behavior in its legal status, causes, and the ways society reacts to it. The juvenile justice system and its various components are examined.

SOCI 244 **CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course presents a sociological analysis of the various practices and institutions that modern societies have created to deal with criminal behavior. The practices examined include probation, other community-based techniques, jail, prison, parole, and capital punishment. The consequences and effectiveness of each are analyzed.

SOCI 245 **THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* A sociological study of the impact of society on the individual, this course analyzes the social development of personality including attitudes, values, and individual differences in social behavior and the processes of socialization.

SOCI 247 **SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course investigates ways in which gender structures human lives and relationships and approaches gender stratification from interpersonal, interactional, institutional, historical, and cross-cultural points of view.

SOCI 251 **SOCIOLOGY OF HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* A cross-cultural examination of the social aspects of human sexual behavior, the course analyzes types and patterns of sexual behavior contrasted with social mechanisms which prescribe or proscribe such activity.

SOCI 256 **SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE (3)** *Pre-requisite: SOCI 100 or consent of instructor.* The course provides a broad overview of theoretical treatments of deviance, deviant careers, and societal reaction to deviance. Attention is given to the role of power relations in the social construction of deviance and social control. The course will entertain such topics as the medicalization of deviance, drug use, sexual deviance, religious deviance, and the simulation of deviance in popular culture and media.

SOCI 263 **URBAN SOCIOLOGY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course provides an intensive study of the drastic effects of rapidly expanding urban areas on social organization. Attention is given to the origin, development, and changing patterns of the city. The influence that urbanization and industrialization have on social institutions and personal relationships is considered.

SOCI 342 **POPULATION STUDIES (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course provides a study of the growth, distribution, and composition of population and the associated social and cultural factors in the United States, with some consideration of world population. The course acquaints the student with U.S. Census materials, immigration trends and policies, age, and sex structure. It also stresses the effects and selective factors of migration and differential fertility and mortality rates.

SOCI 358 **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course is designed to explore the literature of both classical and contemporary sociological theory. Attention is given to the major paradigms that characterize the discipline as well as more recent trends in social thought. The course will provide a survey and critique of major classical theorists such as Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. The exploration of contemporary theory may include forays into symbolic interactionism, structural functionalism, neo-functionalism, conflict theory, critical theory, feminism, and postmodernism. Students will be required to write extensively about an original work in the discipline. In addition special attention will be paid to the application of theory.

SOCI 370 **STATISTICS FOR SOCIOLOGISTS (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course and the accompanying laboratory provide a survey of quantitative techniques in sociological research with particular attention given to nonparametric tests, measures of association, and the development of quantitative models.

SOCI 371 **METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (3)** *Prerequisite: 100 or consent of instructor.* This course analyzes methods and techniques employed in sociological research. Attention is given to selection and formulation of research problems, sampling, data collection and analysis, and interpretation of research findings. Selected examples of major research areas of sociology are examined.

SOCI 372 **ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS AND STATISTICS (3)** *Prerequisites: SOCI 201, SOCI 370 and 371.* This course will focus on data collection and analysis techniques that are particularly useful in community settings. Attention will be given to needs and assets assessments, program evaluations, gathering and using secondary data, linking data to geographic information systems software, focus groups, and action research.

SOCI 377 **STUDY ABROAD (3)** *Prerequisite: consent of instructor.* This course provides students with the opportunity to study societal institutions and social organizations patterns in foreign settings.

SOCI 385 **CLASS, STATUS, POWER (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 100 or consent of instructor.* This course analyzes the system of social stratification in the United States to-day and its consequences, as seen in variations of life-chances and life-styles for members of the society. Theories of development and the social processes that maintain social stratification are examined. Cross-cultural and historical comparisons of its form and scope are also made.

SOCI 399 **INTERNSHIPS IN SOCIOLOGY (1-6)** *Prerequisite: Juniors or seniors with a 2.25 minimum QPA; approval of written proposal by internship coordinator, supervising faculty, and School dean prior to registration.* This course provides the student with a supervised work experience in a setting in which sociology is applied. Examples of work settings include, but are not limited to, advertising agencies, personnel departments in large businesses, market research firms, municipal planning offices, correctional agencies, and social service departments. Internships are developed by the student with assistance from the sociology staff and/or the internship coordinator. (See "Internships.")

SOCI 430 **SENIOR RESEARCH CAPSTONE I (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201, SOCI 358, SOCI 370, SOCI 371.* Contemporary Issues in Sociology: This course is designed to synthesize the student's Sociology Program experiences. During the semester each student chooses a research topic, carries out the appropriate literature review, and designs the research method to be used to investigate the topic chosen.

SOCI 431 **SENIOR RESEARCH CAPSTONE II (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201, SOCI 358, SOCI 370, SOCI 371, SOCI 430.* Senior Research Seminar: In this semester the student continues the research project begun in SOCI 430. The student collects the appropriate information and data and reports it in appropriate written and oral form. Additionally, this semester's work includes the building of a minimal professional portfolio which includes a resume, a vita, and other appropriate career-focused materials.

SOCI 440 **SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (1-3)** *Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.* The purpose of this course is to provide a forum for faculty and students to pursue courses of study in sociology not covered by regular course offerings.

SOCI 461 **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY (1-3)** With consent of the instructor, students may pursue individual study in sociology, providing an opportunity to cover areas of sociology not included in available courses. Courses are given on a tutorial basis.