SOCIOLOGY COURSES (SOCI)

SOCI 121 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (3) This course compares how certain universal human patterns, e.g., the family, economy, religion, education and political systems, are approached by different peoples/cultures in the contemporary world. The course specifically considers how different peoples/cultures respond to the universal crises–birth, maturation, death, the need for food and shelter, etc. Additionally this course examines how large scale, complex peoples/cultures deal with intra-cultural variation and with the existence of the different cultural groups of each which may have different patterns for resolving the universal crises named above.

SOCI 201 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3) This course provides an introduction to the fundamentals of sociology including an analysis of culture, society, and personality and their relationship with one another. Attention is given to developing a sociological frame of reference that enables the student to gain a new perspective of modern society. Attention is also given to the multiple career patterns which allow for the use of sociological training.

SOCI 202 SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* This course provides an examination of social problems within present-day society with attention directed to the strains and tensions within society and the resulting modifications.

SOCI 209 APPLIED SOCIOLOGY (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* This review of the uses of sociology in practical affairs includes providing theory and data for public policy, institutional reform, social action programs, and social inventions. Sociology's contributions to architectural design, industrial engineering, community planning, and the marketing of goods and services will also be explored.

SOCI 215 INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY ASIA (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* This course acquaints participants with the geography, population, and languages of the major regions of Asia. It is a general survey of cultural traditions, social patterns, economic developments, and contemporary political issues that people in the Orient confront in their own countries as well as in relation to other nations of the world.

SOCI 222 MINORITY GROUPS (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* The focus of this course is on the analysis of minority group relations, especially in the United States. Issues include the nature/range of problems and prejudices as viewed in relation to economic and social class organization; political alignments; regional traditions; and psychological tensions. Course work includes a comparative study of world race relations; the geography and ecology of race relations; the idea of race; and racial conflict.

SOCI 224 JAPAN: GODS, WARRIORS, AND BUSINESSMEN (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* This course offers an ethnographic consideration of Japanese culture. During the first part of the semester, primary consideration is given to major cultural eras (pre-historical, Kyoto, Kanto Plains, Restoration, and Post-WWII). The second part of the course focuses more closely on the kinship system and political, economic, and religious institutions. The approach is meant to develop an understanding of a major Asian culture contrasted against the background of our own society.

SOCI 231 MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY (3) *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* Contemporary American marriage and family patterns are viewed in historical and cross-cultural perspectives and interpreted against the modern urbanized environment in light of

current value systems. Analysis is made of the cultural, psychological, and social factors involved in the changing American family.

SOCI 240 **SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AGING (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 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 245 **THE INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 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 201 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 201 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)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201 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 258 **SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or consent of instructor.* This course examines topical issues central to the sociology of culture. Emphasis will be placed on expressive-symbolic communication, the organization of the culture industry, as well as the means of consumption. Areas of interest may include: music, art, literature, fashion, film, media, television, architecture and other forms of material culture.

SOCI 263 **URBAN SOCIOLOGY (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201 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 315 **CLASS, STATUS, POWER (3)** *Prerequisite: Sociology 201 or consent of instructor.* This course analyzes the system of social stratification in the United States today and its consequences, as seen in variations of life-chances and lifestyles for members of 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 342 **POPULATION STUDIES (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201 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: SOCI 201 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: SOCI 201 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: SOCI 201 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, 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 374 **QUALITATIVE METHODOLOGY (3)** *Prerequisite: SOCI 201 or equivalent.* This course introduces and provides basic training in qualitative research, including the identification and framing of research questions, interview instrument construction, measurements of reliability, validity, data collection, and analysis. More specifically, students will learn how to convert a sociological question into a topic appropriate for qualitative study, gain access into a research site, establish rapport, and other methods associated with conducting successful fieldwork. Instruction in methods of analysis may include grounded theory, content analysis, narrative analysis, and discourse analysis.

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 397 **INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIOLOGY (1-3)** *Prerequisites: Approval of faculty sponsor and school dean; junior or senior standing.* This course provides students the opportunity to pursue individual study of topics not covered in other available courses. The area for investigation is developed in consultation with a faculty sponsor and credit is dependent on the nature of the work. May be repeated for no more than six credits.

SOCI 398 **SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (1-3) [credit depends on topic]** *Prerequisite: A background of work in the discipline or prior consent of instructor.* This course will focus on an aspect of the discipline not otherwise covered by the regularly offered courses. The topic will vary according to professor and term; consequently, more than one may be taken by a student during his/her matriculation.

SOCI 399 **INTERNSHIP 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)** *Prerequisites: SOCI 201, 358, 370, 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.