

SOCI 372 **QUANTITATIVE METHODOLOGY (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.