

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

For Undergraduates Only

1010. PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY. (3-3-0). Human social relationships and processes; functioning of familial, recreational, religious, economic, political, and other social groups in contemporary society.

2020. SOCIAL PROBLEMS. (3-3-0). Social problems of modern life, especially those related to changes in social organization; crime; racial conflicts; economic maladjustments resulting from modern industrialization; urbanization and population trends. Prerequisite: 1010, sophomore standing.

2030. SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER. (3-3-0). This course examines the gender roles of contemporary men and women, particularly as they influence participation in the economy and the family. Exploring sociological perspectives on gender, paying particular attention to contemporary American society, will be the major emphasis of the course. Intersections of gender with the variables of race, class, and sexual orientation will also be examined and explained.

3040. CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY. (3-3-0). Definition, incidence, and significance of crime in modern society; factors leading to crime; application of criminal law through police and courts; treatment of convicted criminals. Prerequisite: 1010 or consent of instructor.

3050. THE SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE AND POPULAR CULTURE. (3-3-0). Examines culture and popular culture as the expression of society's values and observes rich, ongoing changes in cultures. Popular culture, subcultures, social movements, fads and fashions and countercultural groups are analyzed and students critically observe the meanings of their own cultural participation.

3080. URBAN SOCIOLOGY. (3-3-0). The city as nucleus of modern industrial society; urban institutions, population, ecology, and problems. Prerequisite: 1010 or consent of instructor.

3090. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. (3-3-0). Deviant behavior in children; extent, causes, and control of juvenile delinquency. Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

3120. CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY. (3-3-0). This course presents and examines classical sociological theory, its construction, and its uses, as well as helping Sociology Majors expand critical skills in expressing theoretical thoughts and evaluating classical sociological theory. Students will read and write about the main branches of sociology and learn from both theorists and their critics.

3200. INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS. (3-3-0). Basic introduction to the logic, scientific perspective, and practice of research. Design of both qualitative and quantitative research methods, instruments, techniques and issues are examined: ethics of research, presentation of findings, and related issues observed. Prerequisites: 6 hours of mathematics and SOC 1010, or consent of instructor.

3230. SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE. (3-3-0). Sociological theories of deviant behavior; with discussion of current research in mental illness, crime, cyber-crime, terrorism, sexual deviance, drug abuse, and suicide. Prerequisite: 1010.

3240. ORGANIZATIONS AND OCCUPATIONS. (3-3-0). Sociological analysis of the principles of organizations, organizational processes, and occupational worlds. Examination and evaluation of sociological theories of economic, governmental, and other organized structures. Processes such as leadership, member socialization, and group relations within organized settings are examined, and a survey of how specific occupations are organized is presented. Prerequisite: 1010.

3580. SOCIAL STRATIFICATION. (3-3-0). An examination of social stratification in U.S. society with comparisons to other countries. The course explores different indicators of inequality, the social class system, theories of inequality, poverty, social mobility, and legitimation of inequality. It also explores racial and gender stratification. Prerequisite: six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

4080. RACE AND CULTURE RELATIONS FOR PURE AND APPLIED SOCIOLOGY. (3-3-0). Race as a biological and cultural concept; status of minority groups in contemporary societies; conditions in the U.S. Prerequisite: 1010 or consent of instructor.

4100. PRACTICUM IN SOCIOLOGY. (1 to 6-3-0). This course will give selected sociology majors an opportunity to work in a private or public sector organization in northwest Louisiana. All placements must be so that the student can juxtapose classroom experience to the applied situation. Prerequisites: 1010, 4190, 4080, a 3.0 GPA in sociology and an approved application form from the program coordinator.

4110. SPECIAL PROBLEMS. (1 to 3-3-0). Directed individual study of a problem related to the fields of sociology, social work. Prerequisite: Sociology 1010 and junior or senior standing; scheduled by arrangement with instructor only.

4120. CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY. (3-3-0). Schools of sociological theory and their relationships; theories of European and American sociologists. Prerequisites: 1010, junior standing or consent of instructor.

4140. GERONTOLOGY, AN APPLIED DISCIPLINE. (3-3-0). Aging and retirement in American society; changes, social policies, and reviews of research. Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

4150. PURE AND APPLIED MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY. (3-3-0). Review of sociological research into the organization and administration of health care services; status, roles, and activities of health care personnel; health care organizations as social institutions. Prerequisite: Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

4170. QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS. (3-3-0). This course will familiarize undergraduates with the variety of qualitative research methods used by social scientists, in the business world, in government, and among educators. Students will apply the methods to a series of research projects, and learn the reciprocal influence between theory and research design. Individual research projects will directly apply these methods throughout the semester. The methods include focus group interviews, individual interviews, unobtrusive observation methods, ethnographic field research, varieties of participant and non-participant observation, case studies, oral histories, and sociometry. Ethical issues bearing on research procedures and research design tasks are also course topics. Prerequisites: Six hours of sociology and junior standing.

4190. ADVANCED SOCIALRESEAR CHMETHODS. (3-3-0). Research methods in the social sciences for sociologists, including statistics and computer-based multivariate analysis. Data entry and manipulation using a variety of data sources and methodologies. Prerequisites: 1010 and Junior standing.

4250. PROBATIONAND PAROLE. (3-3-0). History, philosophy, and theory of pre-institutional, and after-care programs for probationers and parolees; probation and parole processes and procedures including supervision, pre-sentence investigations, and work release programs. Prerequisite: 1010 or consent of instructor.

4400. SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY. (3-3-0). Family as a social institution in various cultures. Theory and research concerned with the family. Prerequisites: 1010 and junior standing or consent of instructor.

4450. SOCIOLOGY OF DEATH AND DYING, AN APPLIED APPROACH. (3-3-0). Death as a source of insight and theories concerning the relationship of society to the individual. Functionalists and social-psychological perspectives on death in the work of Durkheim, Malinowski, Parsons, Marcuse and Kubler-Ross. Suicide, games and festivals, ecstatic movements, memorials and contact with the dead in American society. Prerequisite: 1010 or consent of instructor.

4500. SEMINAR IN DRUG ABUSE. (1 to 3-3-0). Extent of the problem and its setting; contributing factors and consequences; patterns and meanings in youthful drug use; programs for prevention and rehabilitation. Prerequisite: 2020 or consent of instructor.