SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology
3 Credits
An overview of the principles, sociological perspectives, theories, concepts, and research methods used in the field with more intensive study in the following areas: culture, socialization, formal organizations, social structure, and social stratification. Additional emphasis is placed on the application of sociology to current events.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): None.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS021.

SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology
3 Credits
In-depth analysis of sociological perspectives, theories, concepts, and research methods. Emphasizes thorough comprehension of concepts such as culture, socialization, and social stratification through application of concepts to real-world situations.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Eligibility for ENG 101H Honors College Composition I.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS021.

SOC-1020 Social Institutions
3 Credits
A sociological examination of major social institutions: the family, religion, education, politics, economy, and health care. Analysis of social dynamics and change. Use of theory and research to develop an understanding of institutional development and evolution.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
OAN Approved: TMSBS.

SOC-179H Honors Contract in Sociology
1 Credit
Honors Contract complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing 1000-level honors course through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. This independent study at the honors level may also be taken with a non-honors course. When taken with a non-honors course the Honors Contract adds an honor experience to that course. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract, which upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship. The student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with the instructor for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honor Contracts (six credit hours) may be taken at the college (includes 179H and 279H).
Lecture: 1 hours
Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 1000-level course whose instructor agrees to mentor the student in this contract. Departmental approval required.

SOC-1820 Independent Study/Research in Sociology
1-3 Credits
Directed individual study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

SOC-182H Honors Independent Study/Research in Sociology
1-3 Credits
Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

SOC-2010 Social Problems
3 Credits
Analysis of contemporary American social problems such as race, poverty, drugs, sex, violence, crime and delinquency. Sociological approach used to understand underlying factors and history of problems, and to evaluate individual and societal solutions.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS025.

SOC-201H Honors Social Problems
3 Credits
In-depth sociological analysis of contemporary social problems in the United States, cross-cultural solutions and their implications for individuals, social institutions and society. Emphasis on application of sociological imagination, sociological theories and multiple research methods to understand social forces that promote social inequalities and their consequences, based on race/ethnicity, gender, social class and other factors. Course culminates in student's clarification and appraisal of personal values, and formulation of personal strategy to influence social policy and affect change regarding a specific social problem examined in the course.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology and eligibility for ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.
OAN Approved: TMSBS.
SOC-2020 Sociology of the Family
3 Credits
Historical, comparative, and contemporary analysis of marriages and families and their relationship to other social institutions. Sociological perspectives used to understand social, psychological and economic aspects of intimate interpersonal relations across the lifecourse and among a variety of lifestyles and cultures.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS023.

SOC-2040 Introduction to Social Work
3 Credits
Introduces students to ideas, venues, and susceptible populations associated with the social work profession. Stresses knowledge, ethics, principles, values, and skills that exemplify the foundation of a professional social worker. Presents a survey of theoretical and practical knowledge used in social work practice at the entry level.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology; and ENG-1010 College Composition I or ENG-101H Honors College Composition I.

SOC-2051 Introduction to Social Welfare
3 Credits
Surveys history, functioning, and social issues of the social welfare system relating them to broader American socio-economic and political systems. Special focus on problems of economically and socially disadvantaged groups.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology.

SOC-2060 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
3 Credits
Social work perspective on human development across the life cycle. Human diversity approach consistent with needs of social work students preparing for practice.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology and PSY-1010 General Psychology or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology.

SOC-2070 Poverty in the United States
3 Credits
Survey of social and personal dimensions of life in inner city and other areas of poverty in the United States. For person wishing to develop in-depth understanding and/or intending to work in such areas.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-2051 Introduction to Social Welfare.

SOC-2100 Aging and Society
3 Credits
Cross-cultural examination of social, biological and psychological process of aging. Societies studied with regards to social characteristics of older people, their social roles, relations with various social institutions, social networks, voluntary associations. Impact of social class, race, ethnicity, gender, religion and the media on aging and ageism considered.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
OAN Approved: TMSBS.

SOC-2110 Death and Dying
3 Credits
Examination of death and dying through a multi-disciplinary approach to understand connection of death and dying in various contexts: sociological, ethical, medical, legal, psychological, and religious.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
OAN Approved: TMSBS.

SOC-2150 Deviance
3 Credits
Sociological examination of deviant attitudes, behaviors and conditions. Exploration of how actions come to be defined as deviant, theories of deviance, and methods of social control reaction. Different types of deviant behavior examined, including sexual deviance, crime, drugs, medical deviance, and other forms of deviant behavior.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test; and SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology.

SOC-2160 Introduction to Criminology
3 Credits
To develop a sociological framework for examining crime. Review and apply major theories of criminal behavior. Critically examine how specific behaviors and social conditions become defined as crime. Use of sociological principles to assess the criminal justice system’s ability to deter, punish, and rehabilitate offenders.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or CJ-1000 Introduction to Criminal Justice.
SOC-2210 Dating and Intimate Relationships

3 Credits

Intimate relationships studied on life course continuum from pre-teen to late adulthood, taking into consideration profound effects exerted by ethnicity, race, gender, human sexuality, socioeconomic status, age and place of residency. Analysis of the state, quality and issues related to various types of intimate relationships over time with emphasis on friendship, dating, cohabitation, marriage, dissolution and resolution. Students use C. Wright Mills concepts of sociological imagination, public issues, and personal troubles to link events in society to the state of intimate relationships in America today.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology.

SOC-2310 Contemporary American Black-White Relations

3 Credits

Sociological and psychological analysis of contemporary American black-white relations. Study of minority-majority behavior patterns as related to social-historical structure, stratification, and power. Consideration of programs, movements and alternative solutions to present conditions.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

OAN Approved: TMSBS.

SOC-2410 Sociology of Gender

3 Credits

Analysis of the social construction of gender, gender roles, and gender stratification in American society. Compare gender assumptions within social and cross-cultural contexts. Examine socialization and social psychological influences on gender identity, the impact of gender in relationships, the importance of sex and gender in institutions and organizations, and the impact of recent social movements and social policies.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology, or SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or any 2000 level course in Sociology.

SOC-2510 Urban Sociology

3 Credits

Analysis of historical development of contemporary metropolis with its challenges to diversity, equality, inclusion, and change. Sociological concepts, theories and research methods used to characterize urban life and examine interrelatedness of social institutions typical of postmodern society. Cross-national comparisons drawn.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

OAN Approved: TMSBS.

SOC-2550 Race and Ethnic Relations

3 Credits

Analysis of sources, processes, and consequences of current intergroup relations in the United States; identification of various segments of population, their history and patterns of adaptation to prejudice and discrimination; and exploration of attempts to equalize power differences and structured social inequality. Includes cross-cultural comparisons.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or HIST-1720 African-American History 1877 to Present, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

OAN Approved: TMSBS and OSS024

SOC-279H Sophomore Honors Contract

1 Credit

Sophomore Honors Contract in Sociology complements and exceeds requirements and expected outcomes for an existing Sociology 2000-level course through formulation of a contract with a faculty mentor. In conjunction with a faculty mentor, student will formulate a contract that upon completion will result in distinctive scholarship appropriate to honors 2000-level. In order to complete the contract, student is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis with instructor offering the contract for mentor-student tutorial sessions. A maximum of six Honors Contracts (six credits) may be taken at the College (includes 179H and 279H).

Lecture: 1 hour
Prerequisite(s): Must be taken concurrently with a 2000-level course in Sociology, whose instructor agrees to mentor the student in the sophomore honors contract. Departmental approval required.

SOC-2814 Special Topics: Crime and Media

3 Credits

Crime is of interest to nearly everyone. Most of us are at least somewhat fearful of becoming a victim of crime, some of us have actually been a victim of crime, and many of us are fascinated by crime. This course addresses these issues as they are framed by the media. More specifically, it is a sociological investigation into how the media constructs our definitions of crime, our fear of crime, and our understanding of how the criminal justice system operates.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

SOC-2816 Special Topics: Sociology of Hip-Hop

3 Credits

This course examines the formation, growth, and current state of hip hop through a sociological lens. We will analyze the artistic elements of hip hop (D-Jing, M-Cing, Graffiti Writing, B-boying, etc.) and their social contexts. Through readings, films, music, videos, and discussions we will take a critical approach to the genre and contextualize our analyses within the global, historical, and socio-political backgrounds within which hip hop originated and continues to strive. This course will serve as a space for you to analyze the societal structures and forces that influence hip hop, as well as how hip hop influences the world.

Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or SOC-101H Honors Introductory Sociology, or PSY-1010 General Psychology, or PSY-101H Honors General Psychology, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.
SOC-2817 Special Topics: Sociology of Law
3 Credits
This course introduces students to the function of law in human societies and explores the social forces that shape legal outcomes and the ways law, in turn, influences social life. Using the Sociological perspective, we will explore classical and contemporary theoretical contributions to the Sociology of Law and review theories relevant to the study of law as an instrument of social control, social change, and the law impact on social movements. Furthermore, the course will examine how law perpetuates inequality in the outcome of legal decisions as it relates to race, ethnicity, gender, and social status.
Lecture: 3 hours
Prerequisite(s): SOC-1010 Introductory Sociology, or CJ-1000 Introduction to Criminal Justice, or PL-1000 Introduction to Paralegal Profession, or ANTH-1010 Cultural Anthropology.

SOC-2820 Independent Advanced Study/Research in Sociology
1-3 Credits
Directed individual advanced study. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval, and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

SOC-282H Honors Independent Advanced Study/Research in Sociology
1-3 Credits
Honors-level directed individual study. Must meet criteria set forth in the Honors Course Checklist used to approve regular honors courses. Study/research title and specific content arranged between instructor and student. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits of different topics.
Lecture: 1-3 hours
Prerequisite(s): Departmental approval and instructor approval, and ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II or appropriate score on English Placement Test, and must have earned an A or B in at least 3 honors courses.

SOC-2830 Cooperative Field Experience
1-3 Credits
Open to students eligible for the Cooperative Education Program. Employment in an approved training facility under College supervision. Requirement for one credit is 180 hours of approved work. Students may earn up to three credits in one semester. May be repeated for an accrued maximum of nine credits.
Other Required Hours: 180 clock hours of approved work per credit hour
Prerequisite(s): See campus COOP Advisor for the Cooperative Education Program application