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SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology
Description: Introduction to the sociological study of human behavior, especially social organization, culture, and the social institutions that comprise society. Attention to social change, differentiation and inequality, and other social issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 355; SOCW 301
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

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SOCI 130 Introduction to Social Network Analysis
Description: Introduction to Social Network Analysis (SNA). Learn to identify key concepts and contributions made by prominent SNA scholars. Use network analysis to graph and interpret empirical patterns. Assess network theories in light of empirical network data. Apply the SNA methods introduced to a range of real-world data sources.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

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SOCI 170 Introduction to Great Plains Studies
Crosslisted with: ANTH 170, GEOG 170, GPSP 170, NRES 170
Description: Interdisciplinary study of the natural environment, social environment, human heritage, arts and humanities of the Great Plains.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Groups: Regional Geography

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SOCI 180 Social Problems
Description: Treatment of the principal "problem" areas in contemporary society. Analysis of processes of disorganization in society, with attention to contrasting processes by which social structures are formed and perpetuated.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

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SOCI 182 Alpha Learning Community Freshman Seminar
Description: Topic varies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 183

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SOCI 183 Alpha Learning Community Freshman Seminar
Prerequisites: SOCI 182.
Description: Topic varies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 333; SOCI 495; STAT 318
ACE: ACE 3 Math/Stat/Reasoning

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SOCI 209 Sociology of Crime
Description: Introduction to the sociological approach to the study of crime, including the definition of crime, approaches to its measurement, and the major theories of crime. Social institutions intended to prevent or correct criminal behavior.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

SOCI 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Crosslisted with: ETHN 217
Description: Overview of sociological theories and research on the experiences of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups. Concepts of race and ethnicity, including their social construction. Historical and contemporary racial and ethnic relations and patterns of inequality. Intersections of race, social institutions, and social policies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

SOCI 226 Families and Society
Crosslisted with: WMNS 226
Description: Overview of the sociological study of families. Family and marriage patterns over time. Socialization, economic exchange, and social support functions of family roles. The effect of the economy, public policy, and other social institutions on families. Emphasis on gender, sexuality, social class, and racial/ethnic diversity in U.S families.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

SOCI 241 Rural Sociology
Crosslisted with: AECN 276
Prerequisites: Open to second semester freshmen and above.
Description: The rural environment and its people; its groups and associations; and its social institutions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 252 Health, Medicine, and Society
Description: Introduction to the sociological approach to understanding health and medicine. The relationship between social conditions and physical and mental health. Differences in health across social groups. Medical care and health care policies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Crosslisted with: ANTH 261, POLS 261
Description: Introduction to the study of the biological, economic, political-historical, and cultural bases of war and group conflict.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Groups: International Relations&Compar

SOCI 309 Drugs and Society
Prerequisites: Sophomore, Junior, or Senior standing.
Description: Historical and contemporary patterns of drug use. Analysis of the antecedents and consequences of various forms of drug abuse. Examination of the types and effectiveness of legal responses to specific classes of drugs including; prohibition, decriminalization, and legalization. Prevention and treatment approaches to drug use.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 310A Applied Sociology: Community-based Research I
Prerequisites: SOCI 101 and 205, or permission.
Description: Research methods organized around an applied research project. Conduct research in an applied setting, preparation of interview schedules, problem definition, review of research techniques, and research design and measurement.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SOCI 310B

SOCI 310B Applied Sociology: Community-based Research II
Prerequisites: SOCI 310A with a C or higher
Description: Continuation of SOCI 310A.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

SOCI 311 Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Notes: CRIM 337 and SOCI 311 cannot both be applied toward the degree.
Description: Nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, considered in relation to the role of adolescents in modern society. Includes a review of the methods used to study delinquency, theories of delinquency, social influences on delinquent behavior, and the nature of the juvenile justice system.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 320 Sociology of Sport
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Social, cultural, political, and economic aspects of sport as a social institution. Gender, race, and social class issues related to sport.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
SOCI 325 Contemporary Family Issues
Crosslisted with: WMNS 325
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: In-depth examination of select contemporary issues confronting families and family research. Adolescent pregnancy, union formation, parenting, work-family, divorce and family instability, and family violence. Topics vary by instructor.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 326 Families in Crisis
Prerequisites: Sophomore, junior, or senior standing.
Description: Focuses on challenges experienced by contemporary working-class families in the United States.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 333 Applied Research in Public Opinion Research
Prerequisites: SOCI 206
Notes: Letter grade only
Description: Practical experience in analyzing public opinion data and writing about the results for a range of audiences. Review and discuss work conducted by leading research and policy centers. Design, plan, and carry out research projects, reporting results in policy-oriented briefs.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 341 Social Psychology of Inequality
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Analysis of social structures and social processes that contribute to, maintain, or change social inequalities across social categories such as gender and race.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 345 Cities and Communities
Prerequisites: 6 hrs sociology, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Examines the effects of geographic settings on social interactions, behaviors, and attitudes, causes and consequences of disparities. Focus on how existing social, economic, political, and cultural systems shape these dynamics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 346 Environmental Sociology
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Role of humans in the ecosystem, especially the interaction of human societies with the natural environment, including other species and other human societies. Theories of the sociocultural causes of environmentally-related problems and the policies designed to deal with these problems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 353 Sociology of Health Care and Health Professions
Prerequisites: 6 hrs sociology or related social sciences
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 355 Sociological Theory
Prerequisites: SOCI 101
Description: Introduction to sociological theories written by key classical and contemporary social theorists. Emphasis on how sociologists try to understand and make predictions about the social world. Analysis of a range of issues, such as how social contexts shape people’s identities, how people form connections with one another, and inequalities related to race, class, and gender.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 362 Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI and/or BIOS, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Ethical decision making in research. Comprehensive review of the responsible conduct of research. Identify, define, and analyze ethical issues in the conduct of human subject research. Study civic responsibility and stewardship in the context of the responsible conduct of research. Examine emergent areas of human subjects in an increasingly interdisciplinary research environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

SOCI 373 Sociology of Mass Media
Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Sophomore standing, or Junior standing or Senior standing.
Description: Introduction to the sociological study of mass media, including the social construction of gender, race, class, and politics. Explores audience interaction with media texts. Emphasis on analytical skills for media literacy.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 382 Storytelling
Crosslisted with: MODL 382, GLST 382, MRST 382
Description: Close study of stories, in various forms, from around the world. Considers the role of gender, race, and history as lenses through which to approach the production and reception of storytelling. Readings, discussions, and assignments conducted in English.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
SOCI 396 Research Experience
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Participation in a research project under the supervision of an experienced researcher in the Department of Sociology, the Bureau of Sociological Research, or a public agency or private enterprise (e.g., the Gallup Organization) engaged in sociological research.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Format: IND

SOCI 397 Internship Experience
Prerequisites: Permission
Notes: Students should see chief undergraduate adviser for details.
Description: Internship and professional experience at government agencies, private, non-profit, or other organizations
Credit Hours: 1-4
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: FLD

SOCI 398 Special Topics
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Wide range of different topics at the undergraduate level.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Format: LEC

SOCI 399 Advanced Readings
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Special readings on selected topics; investigations in library or field.
Credit Hours: 1-24
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 24
Max credits per degree: 24
Format: IND

SOCI 399H Honors: Advanced Readings
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing; and permission.
Description: Special readings on selected topics; investigations in library or field.
Credit Hours: 1-4
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: IND

SOCI 407 Strategies of Social Research: Qualitative Methods
Crosslisted with: SOCI 807
Description: Systematic review and application of qualitative research methods, including participant observation, unstructured interviewing, audiovisual techniques and personal document analysis; data collection and interpretation emphasized as well as different theoretical assumptions underlying their various approaches.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 435 Mass Communication
Crosslisted with: SOCI 835
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Analysis of the structure and effects of the media of mass communication.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 442 Personality and Social Structure
Crosslisted with: SOCI 842
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Personality and the sociocultural environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 443 Sociology of Mental Health
Crosslisted with: SOCI 843
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Social origins of mental health and illness; social distribution of mental health by race, class, and gender; social construction of mental health; mental health care systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 444 Population Dynamics
Crosslisted with: SOCI 844
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Historical and cross-cultural approach to population issues by linking changes in fertility and mortality to social institutions. Focuses on the link between population processes and such issues as gender roles, the role of the family, the Third World, and poverty and inequality.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 448 Family Diversity
Crosslisted with: ETHN 448, SOCI 848, ETHN 848
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Analyzes diversity in family structure and family choices. Includes: rural families, gay/lesbian families, Native American families, African American families, Latino families, working class and working poor families and cohabitation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 449 Perspectives on Families
Crosslisted with: SOCI 849
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Sociological perspectives on marriage and different family types. Focuses on formation and organization of families, and issues confronting families. Emphasizes contemporary research and theory.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
SOCI 452 Sociology of Religion
Crosslisted with: SOCI 852
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Consideration of sources and nature of religion, drawing on contributions of anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, and others. Emphasis on interaction of religion and society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 454 Physical Health Disparities
Crosslisted with: SOCI 854, ETHN 454
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Contribution of social inequality to health outcomes; intersection of individual and social factors through which racial, economic, and gender differences in health emerge.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 455 History of Sociological Theory
Crosslisted with: SOCI 855
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Survey of the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century writers whose ideas have had a strong impact on the development of contemporary sociology and sociological theories. Emphasis on the work of such persons as Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, George Herbert Mead, and Georg Simmel.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 460 Education and Society
Crosslisted with: SOCI 860
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Analysis of education as a social institution and its relationship to other institutions, e.g., economy, polity, religion, and the family. Emphasizes the role of the educational institution as an agent of stability and change. Emphasis on research and policy evaluation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 465 Survey Design and Analysis
Crosslisted with: SOCI 865, SRAM 465, SRAM 865
Prerequisites: SOCI 205 and SOCI 206.
Description: Basic issues related to the design and analysis of sample surveys. The basics of questionnaire construction, sampling, data collection, analysis and data presentation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 466 Pro-seminar in International Relations I
Crosslisted with: ECON 466, POLS 466, POLS 866, AECN 467, ANTH 479, ANTH 879, ECON 866, GEOG 448, GEOG 848, HIST 479, HIST 879, SOCI 866
Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission.
Notes: Open to students with an interest in international relations.
Description: Topic varies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Groups: International Relations&Compar Integrative Courses, Research Variable group based on topic Comp Intrntnl & Reg Developmnt Human-Economic Geography

SOCI 470 Sociology of Occupations and Professions
Crosslisted with: SOCI 870
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Description: Presentation of frameworks for occupations and professions; analysis of occupational structure and mobility in American society and its relation to adult socialization and career development; occupational and professional associations and society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 471 Human Sexuality and Society
Crosslisted with: CYAF 471, EDPS 471, PSYC 471, CYAF 871, EDPS 871, PSYC 871, SOCI 871
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing
Notes: Open to advanced students planning careers in the professions in which knowledge of human behavior and society is important (e.g., helping professions, medicine, law, ministry, education, etc.).
Description: Interdisciplinary approach to the study of human sexuality in terms of the psychological, social, cultural, anthropological, legal, historical, and physical characteristics of individual sexuality and sex in society.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SOCI 474 Sociology of Deviance
Crosslisted with: SOCI 874
Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
Notes: CRIM 413 and SOCI 474 cannot both be applied toward the degree.
Description: Theory and empirical research on conformity and deviance. Survey of the development of scholarly thinking on the nature and sources of deviance, societal reactions to deviance, and processes of social control.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
**SOCI 475 Water Quality Strategy**
**Crosslisted with:** NRES 475, NRES 875, SOCI 875, SOIL 475, WATS 475, AGRO 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, MSYM 475, MSYM 875, POLS 475, POLS 875
**Prerequisites:** Senior standing.
**Notes:** Capstone course.
**Description:** Holistic approach to the selection and analysis of planning strategies for protecting water quality from nonpoint sources of contamination. Introduction to the use of methods of analyzing the impact of strategies on whole systems and subsystems; for selecting strategies; and for evaluating present strategies.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 478 Pro-seminar in Latin American Studies**
**Crosslisted with:** ANTH 478, GEOG 478, HIST 478, LAMS 478, POLS 478, MODL 478, EDPS 478, ANTH 878, GEOG 878, HIST 878, POLS 878, SOCI 878, MODL 878, EDPS 878
**Prerequisites:** Senior standing and permission.
**Notes:** Topical seminar required for all Latin American Studies majors.
**Description:** An interdisciplinary analysis of topical issues in Latin American Studies.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 6
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 480 Social Inequality: Stratification and Life Chances**
**Crosslisted with:** SOCI 880
**Prerequisites:** 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
**Description:** Structured inequalities, including social class, race/ethnicity, gender and age stratification. The intersections of these as institutionalized inequalities examined for their causes and effects on individuals and groups. Emphasis on the role of social power, economic resources and occupational structures in the nature of inequality and social mobility in the United States.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 481 Minority Groups**
**Crosslisted with:** ETHN 481, SOCI 881, ETHN 881
**Prerequisites:** 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
**Description:** Systematic examination of racial, ethnic, and other minority groups. History and present status of such groups, the origins of prejudice and discrimination, and the application of social science knowledge toward the elimination of minority group problems.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 490 Sociology of Gender**
**Crosslisted with:** SOCI 890, WMNS 490, WMNS 890
**Prerequisites:** 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
**Notes:** SOCI 200 is strongly recommended.
**Description:** Evaluation and application of scholarly theory and research on gender in societal context. The nature and effects of sex stratification, gendered culture, institutionalized sexism, feminist theory and sociology of knowledge.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 491 Political Sociology**
**Crosslisted with:** SOCI 891
**Prerequisites:** 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing.
**Description:** Application of sociological analysis to the problem of power; power structures and elite formation as they relate to democratic society and political extremism.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 495 Senior Seminar**
**Prerequisites:** Senior standing; SOCI 205; SOCI 206; SOCI 355.
**Description:** A senior-level overview of the discipline of sociology, including theory, methods, and substantive areas. The development of sociology, new directions in the discipline, and current research and literature critically analyzed. Satisfies research experience requirement for Sociology majors.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 3
**Format:** LEC

**SOCI 498 Special Topics**
**Crosslisted with:** SOCI 898
**Prerequisites:** Permission.
**Notes:** See course description or registration guide. Topic for the term announced prior to early registration.
**Description:** Wide variety of different topics.
**Credit Hours:** 3
**Max credits per semester:** 3
**Max credits per degree:** 24
**Format:** LEC