

SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: SOCI 355

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

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

Grading Option: Graded

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science

SOCI 182 Alpha Learning Community Freshman Seminar

Description: Topic varies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: SOCI 183

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 189H University Honors Seminar

Prerequisites: Admission to the University Honors Program or by invitation.

Notes: University Honors Seminar 189H is required of all students in the University Honors Program.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

SOCI 191 Special Topics in Sociology

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 200 Gender in Contemporary Society

Crosslisted with: WMNS 200

Description: Examination of how gender matters in the social world, with a focus on gender and diversity in the US. Introduction to sociological theories about gender and related research. Considers how lifelong gender socialization, social institutions, norms, laws, and cultural practices create gendered effects for individuals, communities, and groups in every aspect of life.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

SOCI 205 Introduction to Social Research Methods

Prerequisites: Sociology Major OR Sociology Minor OR Sophomore, Junior or Senior Standing

Notes: SOCI 205 and CRIM 251 cannot both be applied toward the degree in arts and sciences.

Description: Introduction to the techniques of collecting and analyzing data and techniques of research reporting. Emphasis on interpretation and evaluation of sociological research.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: SOCI 489

SOCI 206 Introduction to Social Statistics

Prerequisites: Sociology Major OR Sociology Minor OR Sophomore, Junior or Senior Standing

Description: Practical exercises in the actual conduct of sociological research projects. Emphasis on training and development of skills, techniques, and methods of data analysis, and interpretation of findings in light of sociological theories.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: SOCI 333; SOCI 489; STAT 318

ACE: ACE 3 Math/Stat/Reasoning

SOCI 209 Sociology of Crime

Description: Examines the social construction of crime and deviance. Deals with defining and measuring crime/crime trends. Introduces historical and contemporary criminological theories. Emphasizes inequality in the risks of and responses to crime and deviance.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 352 Global Religious Diversity****Crosslisted with:** RELG 352**Prerequisites:** Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing**Description:** Examines a variety of religions around the world, emphasizing interaction between people from diverse religious backgrounds in an increasingly multicultural and globally interconnected world. Integrates the study of global religious diversity into Sociology by applying sociological theories to the course topic.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**SOCI 353 Sociology of Health Care and Health Professions****Prerequisites:** 6 hrs sociology or related social sciences**Description:** Social and cultural bases of health care and health professions. Organization, distribution, and delivery of health care. Institution and profession of medicine and health-allied fields. Critical evaluation of medical care system and health policy.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

SOCI 381 Social Inequality: Race, Class, Gender - and Beyond

Prerequisites: sophomore, junior, or senior standing

Description: Explores the relationship between people's complex/ intersectional identities and social group dynamics, including social conflict.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 391 Special Topics in Sociology

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing, or Sociology Major.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 395 Internship in Sociology

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Internship and professional experience at government agencies, private, non-profit, or other organizations.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 396 Independent Study in Sociology

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent reading or research under direction of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 398 Undergraduate Research

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent research under the direction of a faculty member.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 412 Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Crosslisted with: SOCI 812

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing

Description: Examination of how religion is used to shape, maintain, and transform gender and sexuality in the U.S. and beyond. Focus on the intersection of religion, gender, and sexuality from a feminist/queer theoretical perspective.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

SOCI 430 Advanced Social Network Analysis

Crosslisted with: SOCI 830

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing

Description: Introduction to the theoretical, methodological and substantive underpinnings of social network analysis. Focuses on the theoretical/conceptual ideas at the heart of the network approach, how to analyze and interpret network data, and how to apply network ideas and methods to social problems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 465 Survey Design and Analysis****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 865**Prerequisites:** Junior or Senior Standing, or Sociology Major**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**Grading Option:** Graded**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 474 Deviance and Social Control****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 874**Prerequisites:** Junior or Senior standing**Description:** Explores conformity and deviance within and across social groups by examining theory and empirical research. It reviews current thinking on the nature (and sources) of social control that is exerted by group. Topics include: Socialization into the norms and narratives that define groups, benefits/disadvantages of group membership, and (threat of) sanctions, including exclusion from the group.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**ACE:** ACE 10 Integrated Product**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:** Junior 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:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 482 Sociology of Leadership****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 882**Prerequisites:** Junior or Senior standing, or Sociology Major**Description:** Sociological perspectives on leadership and its multiple dimensions related to individuals, group dynamics, social structures, and contextual factors.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 483 Political Sociology****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 883**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

SOCI 485 Agent-Based Social Simulation**Crosslisted with:** SOCI 885**Prerequisites:** Junior or Senior standing; SOCI 206, STAT 218, ECON 215, PSYC 350, or EDPS 459**Description:** Focus on how agent-based modeling and computer simulation can be used to test hypotheses about the impact of individual-level behavior on systemic patterns and changes. Extensive use of simulations, experiments, coding experiences with applications for sociological research.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 486 Sociology of Gender****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 886, WMNS 486, WMNS 886**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 489 Sociology Capstone****Prerequisites:** Sociology major or minor; Junior or Senior standing; SOCI 205 and SOCI 206.**Notes:** A capstone course that satisfies the research experience requirement for Sociology majors. Students are expected to write an original research paper.**Description:** A research experience focusing on developing a research question, identifying or collecting appropriate data, analyzing data, and writing an original research paper.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**ACE:** ACE 10 Integrated Product**SOCI 492 Special Topics in Sociology****Crosslisted with:** SOCI 892**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 499 Undergraduate Thesis****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Description:** Independent research leading to a thesis.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**SOCI 499H Honors Undergraduate Thesis****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Description:** Independent research leading to a thesis.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option