Summer 2019 Course Descriptions

SOC 101-0990: Introduction to Sociology
Introduces the fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of sociology, analyzes the influence of social and cultural factors upon human behavior and evaluates effect of group processes, social classes, stratification, and basic institutions on contemporary society. Satisfies Social Contexts & Institutions (May Term 5/13-5/31, Amber Tierney, #61512) 3 Cr.

SOC 201-0990: Social Inequality
 Structural analysis of social inequality within American society and the global community. Emphasis on the causes, extent and social consequences of inequality, especially those based on race, gender, social class and the level of economic development. Satisfies Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives and Social Contexts & Institutions (June 24-July 12, Glenn Eichel, #61706) 3 Cr.

SOC 214-0990: Crime & Criminal Justice
The causes, extent and nature of crime in American society and the operation of the criminal justice system. Emphasis given to theories and dynamics of criminal behavior and to the efforts of police, courts and prisons to prevent and to control criminality. Satisfies Social Contexts & Institutions (May Term 5/13-5/31, Karyn Sporer, #61707) 3 Cr.

SOC 240-0990: Topics in Sociology - Sociology of Horror in Cinema
Sociology of Horror in Cinema: Using a sociological lens, the course surveys several of the main cinematic horror sub-genres: zombie, vampire, slasher, alien/science fiction, haunting, possession/demonic, meta-dramas, as well as the true crime genre. The course examines how these media texts both reify and confront social constructions of deviance, gender/sexual dynamics, race/ethnic relations, class conflicts, as well as if and how they push against the politics which police social norms and cultural expression. Satisfies Social Contexts & Institutions (May Term 5/13-5/31, Amber Tierney, #61924) 3 Cr.

SOC 340-0990: Intermediate Topics in Sociology - Technology and Society
Technology and Society - Technology has always had an impact on social structure and societies have continually had to adapt to new innovation. With the advent of personal computing the challenge has quickened. Since the mid-1990s technology has had a profound impact on all aspects of our lives. The Internet and mobile computing devices have created an entirely new way of interacting with others. This course will explore how technology, in general, and contemporary computing devices, specifically, have altered social arrangements. We will look at the upside of this technology and also the challenges we face as we adapt. (June 3-June 21, Glenn Eichel, #61925) 3 Cr.

SOC 340-0991: Intermediate Topics in Sociology - Gender & the History of Psychiatry
This course will examine the history of women’s interactions with the psychiatric profession in Western society over the past two hundred years. From the inception of the psychiatric field, there have been clear gender biases in the description and treatment of mental disorders, such as S. Weir Mitchell’s prescribed treatment for “neurasthenic” women, Jean-Martin Charcot’s colorful descriptions of “hysterical women,” or Sigmund Freud’s theories on gender differences. This course will explore the role the psychiatric field has played in defining and shaping what has been considered normal or abnormal female behavior, ending with a discussion of the modern gender biases that are still found in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission (May 13-June 21, Mary Okin, #61926) 3 Cr.