

Spring 2020 Course Descriptions

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology Cr 3

Introduces the fundamental concepts, principles, and methods of sociology, analyzes the influence of social and cultural factors upon human behavior and evaluates the effect of group processes, social classes, stratification, and basic institutions in contemporary society. Satisfies the General Education Social Contexts and Institutions requirement.

SOC 101-0001	TTH	12:30-1:45 pm	Tierney	LH 203
SOC 101-0002	TTH	3:30-4:45 pm	Tierney	LH 110
SOC 101-0003	TTH	11:00-12:15 pm	Markides	J 100
SOC 101-0501	MW (F online)	1:00-1:50am	Eichel	J 100
SOC 101-0991	Online	Online	Tierney	Online
SOC 101-WINT	Online	Online	Sporer	Online

SOC 240 Topic: Protest/Contention & Criminal Justice Cr 3

The course provides an introduction to theory and research on social movement dynamics, social change, and activist strategies for seeking social and criminal justice. The course examines how structural, political, and cultural factors shape social movement emergence, development, and outcomes. Past and current activism related to movements for civil rights and criminal justice, including case studies of the American civil rights movement, drug law reform movements, policing reform activism, Immigrant rights movements, indigenous activism, and more, are discussed. Satisfies the Social Contexts and Institutions requirement. *Prerequisite: SOC 101 or permission*

SOC 240-0001	TTH	11:00-12:15 pm	Tierney	LH 211
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SOC 314 Law & Society Cr 3

Presents a sociological perspective on law and the legal system in the United States and other societies. Topics include problems in defining law, sociological theories of the origins and consequences of law, international differences in modes of dispute resolution, the relation between law and social change, studies of the legal profession and legal discretion in the criminal justice system. Satisfies the General Education Social Contexts and Institutions and Cultural Diversity and International Perspectives Requirements. *Prerequisite: SOC 101 or permission.*

SOC 314-0001	MWF	11:00-11:50 am	Barkan	B 141
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SOC 324 Domestic Violence Cr 3

This class focuses on the extent, nature, causes, and consequences of domestic violence in the United States. Specifically, this course focuses on intimate partner violence, child abuse, child-to-parent abuse, elder abuse, and related topics. This course revolves around three themes: 1) gaining knowledge and insight about domestic violence; 2) understanding the social context of domestic violence; and 3) evaluating criminal justice responses to domestic violence. *Prerequisite: SOC 101*

SOC 324-0001	TTH	2:00-3:15 pm	Sporer	B 115
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SOC 337 Sociology of Mental Illness Cr. 3

Examination of the sociological concepts of mental illness. Analysis of the relationship between mental illness and the sociological factors responsible for these disorders. Cross-cultural examination of mental illness. The nature and structure of mental care institutions. Satisfies the General Education Ethics and Social Contexts & Institutions Requirements. *Prerequisite: PSY 100 or SOC 101, or permission.*

SOC 337-0001	W	4:00-6:50 pm	Markides	LH 211
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SOC 340 **Topic: Women and Climate Change** **Cr 3**

This course will examine the disproportionate effect that climate change has on women. Women are positioned to make unique contributions to climate science, policy and negotiations, yet remain underrepresented in key political, scientific and media discourse in the U.S. As these voices emerge, how are they being received and effecting change? Recent scholarship that advocates for empowering women as the best and most effective approach towards mitigating climate crisis will be explored. *Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission*

SOC 340-0001 TTH 2:00-3:15 pm Glover S 155

SOC 340 **Topic: Camden Conference** **Cr 3**

The 2020 Camden Conference theme is entitled, "The Media Revolution - Changing the World." This associated course will focus on the changing dynamics of mass communications, both locally and globally. Professors in the fields of communications and journalism, sociology, and international business will look at media and its impact on society and politics. Issues such as propaganda, "fake news" and misinformation, formation and deconstruction of social constructs, media and capitalism, social activism, citizen journalism, digital media, social media, and the intersection between media and ideology will be analyzed throughout the course. The course goals for students are that they will be able to gain an understanding of: the changing dynamics of mass communications; how people around the world approach media; how media impacts the relationship between citizens, government and business; how activists leverage media to push for change; and how these changing dynamics impact nation-building and the international system. *Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission*

SOC 340-0860 Sa 9:00 am-4:00 pm Tierney et al DPC 107

SOC 340 **Topic: Gender & the History of Psychiatry** **Cr 3**

This course examines the history of women's interactions with the psychiatric profession in Western society and the gender biases in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. We will examine the biological explanations used to explain mental disorder in women, the former psychiatric diagnoses commonly given to women (such as hysteria and nymphomania), the therapies used to "cure" women, including gynecological surgery, and how these diagnostic categories have shifted over time while the underlying themes have remained. *Prerequisite: 6 hours of sociology courses or permission*

SOC 340-0990 Online Online Okin Online

SOC 390 **Research Methods in Sociology** **Cr 3**

Explores the relationship between theory and research. Specific topics include the nature of scientific proof in the social sciences, measurements of variables, hypothesis and theory testing, sampling, research design, ethical issues in research, and the relationship between research and policy-making. Writing Intensive. *Prerequisite: Junior standing and 6 hours of sociology courses or permission*

SOC 390-0001 MWF 1:00-1:50 Barkan S 365

SOC 499 **Senior Seminar** **Cr 3**

Selected theoretical and empirical topics in Sociology. Serves as the capstone course for Sociology majors and will assume a knowledge of and will build upon, the material presented in the other required courses in the major. The intent of the course is to help students integrate their Sociology knowledge and to apply it in dealing with fundamental questions of social life and social theory. Satisfies the General Education Capstone Experience Requirement. *Prerequisites: Sociology major with senior standing and SOC 390 and SOC 460 or permission.*

SOC 499-0001 TTH 3:30-4:45 pm Sporer B 115

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