

## Summer '24 Sociology Course Offerings

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### **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 101-0990**

May 6, 2024 – June 14, 2024

Glenn Eichel

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### **SOC 340/PAX 490/WGS 201 Gender, Race, Sexuality & Mental Health Cr 3**

In this course, we will adopt an interdisciplinary approach to exploring mental health from the perspective of gender. We will examine various mental disorders and their relative occurrence among men and women, including eating disorders, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, personality disorders, alcoholism, and post-traumatic stress disorder. We will also analyze the ways in which other factors intersect with gender in mental health, such as class, race, age, sexual preference, and gender and sexual identity. Our examinations will focus on the US but also draw on examples from international sources as well to bring this topic into global context. Our readings will be multidisciplinary and will draw on a variety of theoretical models, including sociological theories of mental illness, such as labeling theory, as well as feminist theoretical considerations. We will also read personal accounts of those who have treated people with mental health issues as well as those who have been diagnosed as being mentally ill.

**SOC 340:990**

June 24, 2024 – August 2, 2024

Mary Okin

Online

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### **SOC 340/POS 349 Drug Policy in Comparative Perspective Cr 3**

In 2001, Portugal became the first country in the world to decriminalize the possession of all drugs for personal use, choosing instead to treat substance use as a public health issue. This three-week summer course will examine Portugal's innovative, alternative approach to substance use. Students will learn firsthand from those involved in this bold experiment, including federal law enforcement; public health, public policy, and social workers; and mobile outreach teams. In addition, students will get to experience one of the most stunning, culturally rich, and affordable capitals in all of Europe.

**SOC 340-0991**

May 6, 2024 – May 24, 2024

Karyn Sporer

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