Summer ‘24 Sociology Course Offerings

**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  Online

**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

**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  Online