

SOCI - SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 603/WGST 603 The Contemporary Family

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Review and criticism of theories developed for study of the family; family formation, dynamics, conflicts, power, dissolution; subcultural family forms and responses to social change.

Cross Listing: WGST 603/SOCI 603.

SOCI 604 Comparative Historical Methods

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Surveys key methodological issues, including the logic of comparative design and analysis of primary and secondary sources. Exemplars of important comparative historical research-both classics and more recent publications-will be reviewed.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 605 Social Movements

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Surveys the literature on social movements including the topics of movement emergence, movement outcomes, state repression, and revolutions; reviews contemporary debates in the theories of social movement and new developments in research.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 606 War and Democracy

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Sociological approaches to the study of war's effects on democracy and democratic control of the military and the use of force, in comparative-historical context.

SOCI 607 Seminar in Social Organizations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant conceptual and empirical approaches to the study of selected aspects of social organization. May be taken up to two times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 608 Social Organization

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Theoretical and conceptual bases of patterned human behavior; structural, processual and functional aspects of human groups from simplest informal to the most complex formal types: small groups, associations, institutions, complex organizations, bureaucracies, societies.

SOCI 610/WGST 610 Reproduction, Birth, and Power

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

An examination of topics related to reproductive practices, experiences, and ideologies and of the constructed and contested meanings surrounding womanhood, motherhood, sexuality, reproductive freedom, and eugenics.

Prerequisites: Graduate classification.

Cross Listing: WGST 610/SOCI 610.

SOCI 611 Classical Sociological Theory

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Critical analysis of the writings of the principal founders of modern sociology; Marx, Durkheim and Weber and their influence on current theoretical issues.

Prerequisite: SOCI 430 or equivalent or approval of instructor.

SOCI 615 Contemporary Sociological Theory

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Critical analysis of current sociological perspectives, their logic of inquiry, substantive claims and application to empirical research.

Prerequisite: SOCI 611.

SOCI 616 Political Sociology

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Survey of the principal social and organizational bases of politics; the institutionalization of political power; explanation of political change and movements of social protest.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 617 Comparative Racial-Ethnic Relations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Cross-cultural variations in racial-ethnic relations and structures of inequality; assessment of systems and power-conflict frameworks in diverse settings such as South America, Mexico, South Africa, Caribbean Regions and United States.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

SOCI 618 Sociology of Education

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

The school system and the democratic way of life; relationship of education to social organization, social change and social control. Role of education in society.

Prerequisite: SOCI 205.

SOCI 621 Social Psychology

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Personality, social and cultural systems; development and interrelationships; cognitive activities, motivational determinants and selectivity; goals, structures, coordination and related factors influencing complex social groupings.

Prerequisites: SOCI 205; 12 additional hours of social science.

SOCI 622 Social Demography

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Survey of methods, theories and problems of contemporary demographic phenomena.

Prerequisite: Approval of department head.

SOCI 623 Measurement of Sociological Parameters

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Sociological research including scaling, scale analysis and experimental design.

Prerequisites: Graduate classification; three hours of statistics.

SOCI 624 Qualitative Methodology

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Exposure to and critical assessment of qualitative approaches to data gathering in social science; topics include naturalistic observation, field research skills, unobtrusive measures and grounded theory construction.

SOCI 627 Seminar in Law, Deviance and Social Control

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant literature and research in selected aspects of law, deviance and social control. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 628 Deviant Behavior

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Contemporary sociological approaches to deviance; theoretical and empirical studies of major types of deviant behavior.

SOCI 629 Sociology of Law

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Critical survey of the social sources of law, the role of law in social organizations and problems of law enforcement.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 631 Seminar in Sociological Research

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Critical analysis of research procedures used by sociologists.

Prerequisite: SOCI 623.

SOCI 633 Demographic Methods

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Procedures and techniques for the collection, evaluation and analysis of demographic data; measures of population growth, composition, fertility, mortality and migration.

Prerequisite: SOCI 622.

SOCI 635 Sociology of Complex Organizations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Comparative structures; contingency models; micro- and macro-theoretical perspectives.

SOCI 640 Sociology of Development

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Survey of sociology of development; review of major classical and contemporary approaches to development including but not limited to modernization theory, world systems theory, comparative nationalism, demographic theories, feminist approaches; contradictions of development including K-Cycles, social movements and ecological constraints.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 647 Seminar in Demography and Human Ecology

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant literature and research problems of a selected aspect of demography and human ecology, such as fertility and mortality, migration, international demography. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 651 Sociology of Culture

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Theoretical developments and methodological issues relevant to studying culture through classical, modern and postmodern sociological perspectives; includes background concerning the conditions under which theories develop and discussion of controversies in the definition of and research agendas within the sociology of culture.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 657 Seminar in Culture

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Relevant literature and research in selected aspects of culture and cultural processes. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

SOCI 660 Theories of Race and Ethnic Group Relations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Sociological theories of intergroup assimilation, conflict and adaptation; includes examination and analysis of three major contemporary perspectives; assimilation and social fusion theory, conflict models and models of ethnic pluralism; theories of melioration of social discrimination also examined.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 661/WGST 661 Sociology of Gender

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Overview of the Sociology of Gender; historical development, primary concepts, contemporary issues, theory, methods, and applications.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

Cross Listing: WGST 661/SOCI 661.

SOCI 662 Racism and Anti-Racism

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

This seminar focuses on racism and anti-racism issues, including social science research on slavery, anti-Black discrimination and Black resistance, anti-Asian discrimination and Asian American resistance, anti-Latino discrimination and Latino resistance, and white anti-racist groups. We assess empirical research on these topics and explore important theoretical frameworks.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 663 Black and Latino Americans

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

This seminar focuses social science theory and research about African Americans and Latinos. We will emphasize historical backgrounds, social science theories applied to these groups, patterns of immigration, cognitive framing, patterns of racial-ethnic discrimination, and racial/class/gender intersections. We will review critically important research books dealing with these and related U.S. racial-ethnic issues.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 664 Racial and Ethnic Identity and Identification Seminar

Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.

Seminar exploring social science research on racial and ethnic identification and identities; includes the construction of racial and ethnic identities, identity development, the measurement of racial and ethnic identities and identification, intersecting identities, debates about the future of racial and ethnic identities and categories.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 666 Black Feminist Theory and Intersectionality

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Historical overview of development of Black Feminist Theory and the Intersectional approach to understanding race, class and gender as a social matrix; exploration of interactive approach to social structure and social identity.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 667 Seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Origins, extent, consequences of racial and ethnic differences on key demographic variables such as fertility, mortality, migration and population size, growth, distribution and composition; how demographic variables affect and are affected by racial and ethnic differences in family structure, social mobility and socioeconomic stratification. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 676 Theory Construction

Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.

Examination of issues on the philosophy of science and their relationship to the development of social science theory, particularly in sociology; students develop and apply theory construction principles to their own research agendas.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 677 Seminar in Social Psychology**Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Relevant literature and research problems of a selected aspect of social psychology. May be taken for credit up to three times as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 680 Teaching Undergraduate Sociology: Overview of Principles and Practices**Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Basic understanding of the principles and practices of effective undergraduate teaching and learning, skills enhanced by experience and collaboration; preparation for teaching and documenting teaching philosophy, skills and experience in the form of a teaching portfolio.

SOCI 681 Professional Seminar in Sociology**Credits 0-1. 0-1 Other Hours.**

Provides socialization to the profession of sociology; focuses on the role of the graduate student in sociology departments and other areas of professionalization; systematically introduces students to faculty members and their work; and provides instruction on how to write and publish research. Repeatable to 6 hours total.

SOCI 682 Grant Writing for the Social Sciences**Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Professional proposal and grant writing; best writing practices, writing and developing competitive grant and fellowship proposals, and peer reviewing and editing; production of a well-written, competitive grant or fellowship proposal for submission.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 683 Professional Writing and Publication**Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Instruction in professional writing skills, socialization in academic publishing and peer review. Must have a completed paper ready to be work-shopped and revised.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification in Sociology.

SOCI 685 Directed Studies**Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.**

Directed individual study of selected problem in field of sociology.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

SOCI 687 Seminar in Rural Sociology**Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.**

Develop sociological understanding of agriculture and natural resources; includes people involved in production, rural communities and agribusiness; focus on causes of social change and social organizations in agriculture and consequences. May be taken up to three times for credit as content varies.

Prerequisite: Graduate classification.

SOCI 689 Special Topics in...**Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.**

Selected topics in an identified area of sociology. May be repeated for credit.

SOCI 691 Research**Credits 1 to 23. 1 to 23 Other Hours.**

Initiation and completion of research project of approved scope for an advanced degree.

Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.