Courses

SOCI 203 U.S.-Mexico Border
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Understanding of the U.S.-Mexico border from different theoretical perspectives, including structural violence, identity, power and demography.

SOCI 205 Introduction to Sociology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
(SOCI 1301) Introduction to Sociology. Sociological perspectives including concepts and methods; social class and social status, the family, minorities, crime, religion, power, urbanization and population.

SOCI 206 Global Social Trends
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Long-term trends in world societies from ancient times to the present and to the foreseeable future; emphasis on contemporary international issues and problems, techniques of analysis and future projections.

SOCI 207/WGST 207 Introduction to Gender and Society
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Similarities and differences between females and males in a number of cultures throughout the world; sociological analysis of gender in relation to social structure.  
Cross Listing: WGST 207/SOCI 207.

SOCI 210 Sociology of Technology and Science
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of technology and science from a variety of theoretical perspectives; process by which engineered products are influenced by social factors as well as how they in turn, impact society; exploration and critique of classic and contemporary theories of technological development.

SOCI 211 Sociology of Deviance
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Perspectives on non-normative behavior; theories of deviance.

SOCI 212 Sociology of Popular Culture
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of the classic and contemporary social scientific definitions and theories of culture, and popular versus “high” or elite culture(s), various forms and arenas of popular culture, such as television, film, and music, institutions and popular culture, identity (race, class, gender and sexuality) and popular culture.

SOCI 217 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the sociological examination of race and ethnicity in U.S. society; overview of theories and methods in the study of race and ethnicity, an understanding of how they function as individual and group-level identities, and organizing principles in social institutions.

SOCI 220 Methods of Social Research
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Relationships between sociological theory, research, qualitative evaluation of data; construction and use of analytical procedures and research techniques, and participant observation.

SOCI 229 Qualitative Methods
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Methodologies in social research with emphasis on qualitative dimensions of inquiry; topics include in-depth interviewing, observation, unobtrusive measures, analysis of documents, fieldwork issues, ethics, note-taking, preliminary data analysis, and an overview of writing research reports based on qualitative research.

SOCI 230 Classical Sociological Theory
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Role of theory in sociological study; the development of classical theoretical perspectives providing the foundation for contemporary theory.

SOCI 285 Directed Studies
Credits 0 to 3. 0 to 3 Other Hours.
Special problems not covered by other courses. Course depends upon needs and interest of the student and upon the number of credit hours.  
Prerequisite: Sophomore classification in sociology.

SOCI 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of sociology. May be repeated for credit.  
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

SOCI 291 Research
Credits 0 to 3. 0 to 3 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of a chosen faculty member in sociology. May be taken for a maximum of three hours total credit.  
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.

SOCI 302 Women and Religion
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Investigation of women's position in religious institutions historically and/or currently, religion's influence on women's roles and status, and women's attempts to define their own religious perspectives; draws on sociological and philosophical insights and methods.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.  
Cross Listing: RELS 302 and WGST 302.

SOCI 304 Criminology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Criminal law and crime rates; explanations of criminal behavior; criminal careers, police, adult courts and prisons.  
Prerequisite: Junior classification.

SOCI 306/ASIA 306 Society and Population of Modern China
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Major trends and current topics in social and demographic aspects of the society of modern China, including Taiwan.  
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.  
Cross Listing: ASIA 306/SOCI 306.

SOCI 310/WGST 310 Motherhood in Society
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Examines expectations and/or practices relating to motherhood, with consideration of their cultural impact; taught from a social science perspective.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.  
Cross Listing: WGST 310/SOCI 310.
SOCI 312 Population and Society
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
The causes and implications of major population trends.

SOCI 313 Military, War and Society
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Major trends and current topics in military organization; the experience and conduct of war; civil-military relations.

SOCI 314 Social Problems
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Survey and exploration of causes and consequences of major social problems in American society such as poverty, unemployment, energy, alcohol, other drugs and sexual abuse.

SOCI 315/WGST 315 The Marriage Institution
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Courtship, engagement, marriage, family formation, personal adjustment, conflict, financing and child rearing.
Cross Listing: WGST 315/SOCI 315.

SOCI 316/WGST 316 Sociology of Gender
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Sociological explanations of status differences between men and women; cross-cultural comparisons; gender role socialization, cultural stereotypes, discrimination; gender roles and status in the family, economy, religion, science, other social institutions; deviance, victimization and gender; recent social changes.
Cross Listing: WGST 316/SOCI 316.

SOCI 317/AFST 317 Racial and Ethnic Relations
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Status of racial and ethnic groups such as Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, European Americans, and other groups in the political, economic, legal and social systems of the United States.
Cross Listing: AFST 317/SOCI 317.

SOCI 319/SPMT 319 Sociology of Sport
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Social institution of sport and its consequences for American society social organization from play to professional sport; violence, discrimination, women in sport; socialization implications from participation in sports.
Cross Listing: SPMT 319/SOCI 319.

SOCI 320 Demographic Methods
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Procedures and techniques of demographic analysis; examination of demographic data; calculation of rates; construction of life tables; population estimates and projections.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 322 Industrial Sociology
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Work relations in jobs; social relations of groups and occupations and the social organization of small work groups, bureaucracies and modern large corporations.

SOCI 323/AFST 323 Sociology of African Americans
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Major elements of the Afro-American subculture in relation to white American society and its major social institutions.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.
Cross Listing: AFST 323/SOCI 323.

SOCI 325/ASIA 325 International Business Behavior
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Theoretical models and practical protocols/behavior demands to conduct business and to work in France, Germany, Japan, China, Mexico and other countries; discussion of national character, managerial and negotiating styles.
Cross Listing: ASIA 325/SOCI 325.

SOCI 326/RELS 326 Sociology of Religion
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Institution of religion and religious-related behavior; relationship between dynamic and structural religion and contemporary society.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.
Cross Listing: RELS 326/SOCI 326.

SOCI 327 Morality and Society
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of how moral beliefs arise, how they change, how the moral order is maintained, and how that order affects the social structure; use of case-study method.

SOCI 328 Environmental Sociology
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
A comprehensive overview of environmental sociology, including major sociological theories, concepts and policy issues affecting our understanding of environmental changes; emphasizes social factors that impact environmental quality.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205 or approval of instructor.

SOCI 329/ASIA 329 Pacific Rim Business Behavior
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Theoretical models of Asian cultures and practical protocol/etiquette related to business and work in China, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Australia, and other Pacific Rim nations; discussions of national character, managerial behavior and values.
Cross Listing: ASIA 329/SOCI 329.

SOCI 330 Sociology of Nutrition
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Social factors affecting the kind and amount of food consumed around the world; social consequences of nutritional status for family functioning and for international development.

SOCI 332/WGST 332 Alternative Genders
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Examination of theories and case studies involving alternative genders and sexualities, studies in their cultural contexts and including the role of factors such as race, class, ethnicity, age, and physical characteristics.
Prerequisites: 3 credits in SOCI or WGST; junior or senior classification.
Cross Listing: WGST 332/SOCI 332.

SOCI 335 Sociology of Organizations
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
How people act in organizations; structures in organizations; the relationship between organizations and their environments.

SOCI 337 International Migration
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Survey of theories and trends in international migration.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification, or approval of instructor.

SOCI 402 Sociology of Latin America
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Latin American society; integration of viewpoints from the humanities, arts and social sciences.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.
SOCI 403 Sociology of Latinos
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Exploration of social characteristics and acculturation problems of Mexican Americans in the United States; styles of life and cultural variability, social mobility, the struggle for advancement and identity through social movements.

SOCI 404/RPTS 404 Sociology of the Community
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Organization of American communities examining the bases of community, types of communities and the changes faced by communities.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.
Cross Listing: RPTS 404/SOCI 404.

SOCI 411 Social Psychology
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Effects of social experience and groups on the development of personality, attitudes, values and behavior.
Prerequisite: 3 hours of sociology or psychology.

SOCI 412 Political Sociology
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Survey of social bases of power; state formation in advanced industrial societies; origins of welfare state; interrelation of nationalism; culture and class formation.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 413 Social Movements
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Survey of social movements; emphasis on social movement participation, emergence and outcomes; analysis of revolutions and movements in the developing world; theory and methods of social movement research.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 415 Sociology of Education
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Relationship of social structure and change to education; social background and student performance; teachers and their careers; bureaucracy and change in education.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.

SOCI 419 Social Class in Contemporary Society
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Composition and consequences of social class structure; social class explanations for lifestyle patterns, educational and occupational achievements.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.

SOCI 420 Advanced Methods of Social Research
Credits 3.2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Philosophy and methods of social research, including research design; methods of observation; questionnaires, interviews and other sources of social data; qualitative and quantitative techniques of inference, analysis and research report writing.
Prerequisite: SOCI 220.

SOCI 423 Globalization and Social Change
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Examines the effects of globalization on social structure including politics, governments, corporations, work and inequality.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 424/WGST 424 Women and Work in Society
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Social context of women's work; work patterns, labor force participation, occupational destinations and occupational mobility; alternatives to the conventional division of labor by sex in society.
Cross Listing: WGST 424/SOCI 424.

SOCI 425 Medical Sociology
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Organization, value systems and practice of medicine and the provision of health care in the U.S.; role of physicians, health occupations and patients; marginal and folk medicine.
Prerequisite: SOCI 205.

SOCI 426 Sociology of Work
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of classical and contemporary theories of work, changes in labor market structure; contemporary work place organization; occupational stratification by race, class, and gender.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

SOCI 430 Contemporary Sociological Theory
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Basic ideas of contemporary sociological theory: structuralism, functionalism, conflict, symbolic interaction, exchange and their application to current research.
Prerequisite: SOCI 230.

SOCI 445 Sociology of Law
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the sociology of law; the relation of law to general social control and to organizational dynamics.

SOCI 463 Gender in Asia
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.
Gender dynamics in Asia; changes in gender roles; women's movements; women and the economy; women and politics; men's and women's private lives.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: ASIA 463 and WGST 463.

SOCI 478 Professional Development in Sociology I
Credit 1.1 Lecture Hour.
Career fields available to sociology majors, including the nature of the work, professional expectations, and the credentials for entry in the fields.
Prerequisite: Sociology major; junior or senior classification.

SOCI 479 Professional Development in Sociology II
Credits 2.2 Lecture Hours.
Preparation for careers in sociology-related professionals by in-depth research of prospective career fields, development of oral, written, and media skills, formation of professional networks, and training in professional ethics, cultural diversity, and leadership.
Prerequisite: Sociology major; junior or senior classification.

SOCI 484 Field Practicum
Credits 0 to 4.0 to 4 Other Hours.
Participation in an approved agency. Field experience will be supervised by selected agency personnel and appropriate faculty. Experiences and requirements will vary slightly according to placement and student interests.
Prerequisites: Major in sociology; 12 hours of sociology; approval of undergraduate advisor.
SOCI 485 Directed Studies  
Credits 0 to 3. 0 to 3 Other Hours.  
Special problems not covered by other courses. Course depends upon needs and interest of the student and upon the number of credit hours.  
**Prerequisite:** Senior classification in sociology.

SOCI 489 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.  
**Prerequisite:** Approval of instructor.

SOCI 491 Research  
Credits 0 to 3. 0 to 3 Other Hours.  
Research conducted under the direction of a chosen faculty member in sociology. May be taken four times for credit.  
**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.