

## SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the scientific study of human society and patterns of social behavior. It is concerned with social structures and processes, including groups, organizations, societies, institutions, social-cultural change, socialization, social interaction, and social relationships. Sociology provides a foundation for further professional training in applied areas of social work, law, criminal justice, and gerontology, or graduate study in sociology toward careers in teaching and research. The sociology major with a Bachelor of Arts is well prepared, in conjunction with the richness of liberal arts education, for a variety of career opportunities in business, industry, government, and social agencies.

### **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

Required Sociology Core (30 hours):

<i>Course</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Hours Required</i>
SOCI 1123	General Sociology	3
SOCI 4773	Social Theory	3
SOCI 4783	Methods of Social Research	3
MATH 2203	Elementary Statistics	3

*Plus* Required Sociology Electives (choose 18 hours):

SOCI 1133	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
SOCI 1223	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCI 2213	Social Problems	3
SOCI 2423	Collective Behavior	3
SOCI 2633	Sociology of Health and Medicine	3
SOCI 2880	Special Topics	1-3
SOCI 2900	Workshop	1-3
SOCI 2990	Tutorial	1-3
SOCI 3203	Anthropology	3
SOCI 3213	Introduction to Social Welfare Theory	3
SOCI 3423	The Sociology of the Family	3
SOCI 3543	Social Stratification	3
SOCI 3633	Introduction to Law Enforcement Systems	3
SOCI 3753	Criminology	3
SOCI 3773	Introduction to Social Gerontology	3
SOCI 3863	Population	3
SOCI 3903	Internship in Sociology	3
SOCI 4103	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOCI 4313	Urban Sociology	3
SOCI 4513	Community Development	3
SOCI 4613	Delinquency and the Juvenile Justice Sys	3
SOCI 4623	Corrections System	3
SOCI 4643	Criminal Justice Administration	3
SOCI 4773	Social Theory	3
SOCI 4783	Methods of Social Research	3
SOCI 4880	Special Topics	1-3
SOCI 4900	Sociology Workshop	1-3
SOCI 4990	Tutorial	1-3

### **Minor in Sociology**

18 hours in sociology, including SOCI 1123.

Strongly recommended: SOCI 4773 and SOCI 4783

### **Minor in Criminal Justice**

21 hours, including SOCI 1133, SOCI 3633, SOCI 3753 and a 3-hour social research course not counted toward a major (SOCI 4783 and PSYC 3003 recommended). Remaining 9 hours must be chosen with advisor approval (INST 3233, INST 2003, PSCI 2143, PSCI 3753, PSCI 3803, PSCI 4421, SOCI 2213, SOCI 3633, SOCI 4613, SOCI 4623, SOCI 4643 and variable topics courses, 4880)

### **COURSE LISTINGS in SOCIOLOGY**

- 1123 **GENERAL SOCIOLOGY**  
A general survey of the field with emphasis on socialization, social institutions, social processes, culture, social changes and the numbers, distribution, and organization of people. 3 hours.
- 1133 **INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**  
Survey of the various components of the criminal justice system with special emphasis on the role of law enforcement. 3 hours
- 1223 **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK**  
This course will serve to introduce students to the rudiments of the social service agency. The course will direct students to examine the historical development, components, functions, and clientele of this important agency, and the obstacles, which it faces in the political economy.
- 2213 **SOCIAL PROBLEMS**  
A study of contemporary social problems in American society, with particular reference to the genesis of antisocial attitudes in the individual, family, and community. 3 hours.
- 2423 **COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOR**  
A study of social, political, and industrial group behavior patterns considered as a reflection of social attitudes. Crowds, fads, fashion, mobs, public opinion, propaganda, and social movements are among topics studied. 3 hours.
- 2633 **SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE**  
Sociological and psychological factors in human health and disease; the behavior and the social relations of patients, physicians, nurses, and public health leaders; ecological and demographic factors in health and medicine; health problems relating to the family, personality, and the life cycle. 3 hours.
- 2880 **SPECIAL TOPICS**  
Special topics in sociology. 1-3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours).
- 2900 **WORKSHOP**  
Guided study in sociology under faculty supervision; various topics and methods of instruction. 1-3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours with change in title and topic).
- 3203 **ANTHROPOLOGY**  
A logistic approach that introduces students to the subfields of anthropological studies, the course focuses on the interaction of the biological, historical, and social studies for an understanding of the dynamics of human cultures and societies.
- 3213 **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE THEORY**  
Theory, structure, and techniques of private, municipal, state, and federal social work agencies. 3 hours.
- 3423 **THE SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY**  
Study of structure and functions of the family as an institution in various historical and contemporary societies. 3 hours.
- 3543 **SOCIAL STRATIFICATION**  
Study of the distribution of power, prestige, and position within society. 3 hours.

- 3633 INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS  
An introduction to the structure and functions of law enforcement agencies at local, national and international levels. The course will explore the interrelationships of these agencies and how these connections facilitate or impede crime control, prevention and the administration of justice. The special character of law enforcers as protectors of citizens and the law is underscored.
- 3753 CRIMINOLOGY  
Inquiry into the origin and societal consequences of crime and its prevention and treatment. 3 hours.
- 3773 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY  
Overview of social aspects of aging, including examination of social, social psychological, and cultural factors that affect the aging process, the experience of aging, and the concerns of the aged as a growing population in a changing society. Presents major concepts, findings, theories, and issues in the field of aging as a multidisciplinary endeavor. 3 hours.
- 3863 POPULATION  
Problems resulting from population composition and change and the concepts used in the study of population and ecology. 3 hours.
- 3903 INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY  
A limited field-training experience at an agency or institution allowing the student to observe and assist the designated supervisor in various work duties. Possible sites include legal system facilities, service-providing agencies, and government organizations. 3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours in same or different site *but only 3 hours* applies toward requirements of the major). Prerequisites: sociology major, junior standing, consent of faculty director and field supervisor.
- 4103 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS  
Social and cultural aspects of minority group relations with major emphasis on those within the United States. 3 hours. Prerequisite: SOCI 1123.
- 4313 URBAN SOCIOLOGY  
Study of urbanization in industrial societies, with emphasis on growth, development, and organization of modern American city. Examines social structures and processes of modern urban ways of life and its implications for city dwellers with the socio-cultural milieu. 3 hours.
- 4513 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
This course is centered on building participant knowledge and appreciation of the community development process. It is the study of the processes, methods, programs and movements that mobilize whole populations with common concerns to advance common interests.
- 4613 DELINQUENCY AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
This provides a detailed examination of the processes involved in the causation, forms, extent, prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. Students will critically examine the procedures utilized by the various juvenile justice agencies from initial contact with law enforcement agents to the selection of a disposal alternative.
- 4623 CORRECTIONS SYSTEM  
An examination of the corrections/penal system and its effectiveness in crime control, punishment, rehabilitation or prevention. The course is intended to provide students an understanding of the activities, organization on limitations of corrections systems as a sub-system in the American criminal justice system.
- 4643 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION  
Criminal Justice Administration is designed to provide students an opportunity to study the organizational characteristics of the court, corrections and law enforcement as specialized agencies of the criminal justice

system. The focus will be on examining administrative policies, processes. Channels, and objectives of these institutions within the constraints of the wider society in which they function.

4773 SOCIAL THEORY

Review and analysis of sociological theories from Comte to the present.  
3 hours.

4783 METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

Introduction to scientific methods as they pertain to sociology and related fields, including scientific logic, experimental design, problem development and formulation of hypotheses, concept measurement, data collection and analysis, interpretation and reporting of findings. Project assignments provide training in application of selected research elements and in scientific report writing. 3 hours.

4880 SPECIAL TOPICS

Special topics in sociology. 1-3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours).

4900 SOCIOLOGY WORKSHOP

Related topics and problems in sociology. 1-3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours with change in title and content).

4990 TUTORIAL

Independent study in sociology under faculty supervision. 1-3 hours (may be repeated for total of 6 hours with change in title and content).