

Sociology

SOC 101

Sociology..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on the basic concepts in Sociology and an analysis of culture, socialization, stratification, social organization, class, social interaction, social change, and conflict.

SOC 210

Sociology of the Family..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on marriage, family, and alternative life styles throughout the twenty-first century. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, SOC 101.

SOC 215

Women in American Society..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on the problems associated with the roles of women in American society and compare perspectives on the status of women across social institutions. Through a variety of selected readings, the course will provide an opportunity to investigate the ways in which women in American society have been impacted by sexism, classism, racism, and cultural differences in both the historical and contemporary eras.

SOC 305

Ethics in Social Science..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on how people create and sustain worldviews that determine their ethics. Students will investigate various classic theories and modern models of ethical practices and apply them to professional, research, government, non-profit, and private sectors. They will collaborate in debating the effectiveness of ethics in daily life and organizational behavior. Prerequisites: ENG101 & 102.

SOC 311

Sociology of the City..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on providing a conceptual and analytical framework for examining urban life and how ordinary people interpret and respond to the actual experience of living in cities. Students will examine the underlying causes of urban problems and then proceed with a discussion about possible solutions. During the course of the semester, students will study urban poverty, family dissolution, school drop out, street violence, urban crime, and homelessness, before turning their attention to various strategies for addressing these problems. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102. Recommended Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 315

Sociology of Diversity..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on an examination of social diversity within the American society. The course will describe essential issues and the social significance of cultural minorities with special emphasis on the experiences of African Americans, as well as Hispanics, Native Americans, Asians, and Euro-American ethnic groups. The student will explore the interrelationships of values, socioeconomic status, social mobility, racism, assimilation, and segregation. This course is also designed to sensitize the student to the roles that race, ethnicity, social class, gender, and sexual orientation play in societal definitions of social diversity. (Formerly SOC 211). Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102, and SOC 101.

SOC 320

Urban Youth in American Society..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on increasing the student's understanding of the group life characteristics of urban youth in American society today. The course will provide a conceptual and analytical framework for examining the underlying causes and consequences of social problems that significantly impact the lives of urban youth. Classical and contemporary sociological theories and diverse humanistic perspectives will be considered regarding these problems. Particular attention is given to the influence of poverty, language and cultural diversity, immigration status and social acculturation, racism, sexism, homophobia, and drug and alcohol abuse on social role behavior. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102. Recommended Prerequisite(s): SOC 101 or permission of the instructor.

SOC 449

Social Problems: Impact on Wkplace. . 3.00 credits

This course will focus on an analysis of major contemporary social problems, especially in the United States. Particular attention is given to the problems of poverty, racism, sexism, drug and alcohol abuse, and illiteracy, as well as their impact on the contemporary workplace. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102, & SOC 101.

SOC 450

Social Theory..... 3.00 credits

This course will focus on the most recognized and significant thinkers in the development of Sociology as a discipline during the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. This includes the classic works of Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, Max Weber and Georg Simmel, along with more contemporary schools of thought such as Critical Theory, Interactionism, and Postmodernism. Prerequisite(s): ENG 101, ENG 102. Recommended Prerequisite(s): SOC 101.

SOC 495**Sociology Major Capstone..... 3.00 credits**

This is the capstone course for the Sociology major and should be taken in the student's last semester. Students must have completed most of their major courses and take this course in their last semester. Sociology is the study of group life: its characteristics, values, changes, causes and consequences. It employs scientific and humanistic perspectives in the study of urban and rural life, family patterns and relationships, social change inter-group relationships, social class, environment, technology and communications, health seeking behavior, and social movements. This capstone course will identify and evaluate concepts of sociological theory and social processes. Students will use research methodologies and relate it to social policy formation and social institutions. Prerequisites: ENG 101, ENG 102, & SOC 101