

SOC Sociology

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3-0) 3 crs.

Analysis and description of the structure and dynamics of human society. Application of scientific methods to the observation and analysis of social norms, groups, inter-group relations, social change, social stratification and institutions. This course meets the World Culture and Diversity graduation requirement. IAI S7 900

SOC 120 The Family in Contemporary Society (3-0) 3 crs.

Examines the family as a social institution and as a dynamic interactive system. Topics include courtship, marriage, family systems, parenting and non-traditional forms of the family. IAI S7 902

SOC 205 Social Problems (3-0) 3 crs.

Analysis of contemporary social problems. Investigation of theories dealing with conformity and deviance, racial and minority group prejudice, crime and delinquency, personality problems, urbanization and fundamental institutional problems due to social change. IAI S7 901

SOC 215 Introduction to Social Psychology (3-0) 3 crs.

This course is only offered in the spring term.

Introduces the methods used to understand, explain and predict how the thoughts, feelings and actions of individuals are influenced by the thoughts and actions of social groups. Investigates how attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors are influenced by others within society and how society is influenced by the individual. IAI S8 900

SOC 220 Topics in Social Science (1-0 to 6-0) 1-6 crs.

Studies selected problems or topics in social science. The exact content and instructional methodology will vary from semester to semester depending on the material to be studied. A syllabus or course outline containing additional information will be available with pre-registration materials each time that the course is offered. This course may be taken from one to six credit hours.

SOC 230 Sociology of Sex and Gender (3-0) 3 crs.

This course is only offered in the fall term. Examines the social processes in society which translate biological differences (sex) between men and women into social and psychological categories or gender roles. Various theories will be considered in an attempt to understand the existence of gender inequality and how the process of socialization influences the proper "place" for men and women in society. Gender roles and power are considered when analyzing the marketplace, politics, marriage and family, or in considering issues such as the feminization of poverty, violence in the home, and male sensitivity. IAI S7 904D

SOC 235 Race and Ethnicity (3-0) 3 crs.

This course is only offered in the spring term.

Examines differential power relations between racial and ethnic groups. Analyzes the economic, political, and cultural structures that produce and reproduce these power differences. Focuses on cultural diversity and various dimensions of prejudice and discrimination including an analysis of racial and ethnic inequality and its origins, and conditions under which these forms of inequality are (re)produced. IAI S7 903D