

Course Rotation: Sociology

Special Note: This rotation is accurate as of January 15, 2018. Unforeseen events could impact the offering of a particular course; however, the department will make every effort to assure the least negative impact on students should a change in a rotation be required. It is highly advisable that students consult with their advisors to most effectively choose courses to complete their degree plans.

SOC 1113 Introduction to Sociology

Foundations of social interaction including patterns of social structure, culture, socialization, family, education, religion, economic and political structures, primary relationships, social differentiation, organization, deviance, collective behavior, and social change. Scientific methods and sociological theorists will be discussed.

Course Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

SOC 2083 Current Topics in Sociology

This course will focus on current topics in sociology not covered in existing course offerings. Intended for the purpose of offering high interest course topics during the semester. It may be repeated with changes of topic. Content varies with instructor.

Course Offered: Irregular

SOC 2123 Social Problems

A sociological approach to major social problems in contemporary American society. Emphasizes concepts of aging, health care, minorities, poverty, technology, work, and youth. A critical consideration of causes of social maladjustment and consideration for solving societal issues.

Course Offered: Spring Only

SOC 2133 Drug Abuse

A social scientific approach to the nature, role, and effects of chemical and psychological addiction in society. Explores a variety of addiction issues as they relate to the social institutions of family, education, politics, and medicine.

Course Offered: Spring (even years)

SOC 2213 Environmental Sociology

The study of complex and varied patterns of interaction between people and the environment with special attention to concepts, concerns, and methods of Environmental Studies.

Course Offered: Spring Only (odd years)

SOC 2353 General Anthropology

Introduction to the field of anthropology, emphasizing human evolution, human genetics, Old World archaeology, and the distribution of various breeding populations around the world. Prerequisite: SOC 1113 or instructor's permission.

Course Offered: Spring (even years)

SOC 2363 Cultural Anthropology

The course focuses on patterns in human behavior and on culture as the way people live and adapt to their various situations. Emphasis is on the theory and methodology of cultural anthropology and the diversity of cultural patterns found throughout the world. Examples from a wide variety of cultures are presented in a variety of formats.

Course Offered: Spring (odd years)

SOC 3023 Juvenile Delinquency

The focus of this course is to examine the juvenile delinquency phenomenon through the historical context of delinquency and the changing legal environment (includes major court decisions that have transformed the juvenile system). Students will explore the theories of the causes of juvenile delinquency and discuss juvenile delinquency prevention and control programs. (Formerly CJ/SOC 2233)

Course Offered: Fall Only (odd years)

SOC 3033 Marriage and the Family

A survey of changes in family systems over the years. Area of study includes courtship, love, mate selection, parenthood, and family problems. The course also examines cross-cultural comparisons and considers alternatives to traditional family forms. Emphasis is placed on the use of empirical evidence to evaluate popular beliefs.

Course Offered: Fall Only

SOC 3053 Cultural Ecology

An examination of how humans have used the various aspects of the social structure to adapt to the physical environment. Current ecological theories will be utilized to examine social evolution from hunting and gathering to industrial societies. Prerequisite: Nine hours of social science credit.

Course Offered: Fall (odd years)

SOC 3073 Criminology

Critical analysis of criminological theories. The examination of major types of crimes, victims, and criminal behavior. Other topics include definitions, incidents, and trends in criminal behavior and the response of law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems. (Formerly SOC 2363)

Course Offered: Spring Only

SOC 3213 Minority Groups

The sociological study of race and ethnicity, including cultural characteristics, social structures, changes, and associated problems. This course will analyze the status of racial, ethnic, and other minority groups within their economic, legal, and social systems.

Course Offered: Fall Only (even years)

SOC 3223 Social Deviance

The structure, dynamics, and etiology of those behavior systems that are integrated around systemic violations of cultural norms. This course will study the perspectives on non-normative behavior, including the study of mental illness; abuse such as alcohol, drug, physical, and sexual; and alternative sexual lifestyles. Presents and evaluates competing theories of deviance and the social processes by which behaviors are defined as deviant and how those definitions affect the individual.

Course Offered: Fall Only

SOC (HIST) 3323 War and Society

The study of societies' relationship with war, in particular: how warfare is viewed by different societies; why societies choose to wage war; how religion, culture, and literature affect society's perspective of warfare; and the social consequences of waging war for winners and losers. Within the context of American society, this course will address the social impacts of various U.S. wars, and will take some time to explore the rise of the military industrial complex and its effect on American society.

Course Offered: Irregular

SOC 3333 Demography

This course is focused on the interaction between populations, resources, and the environment in the developed and the developing world.

Course Offered: Spring (even years)

SOC 3950 Special Topics in Sociology

A seminar in selected topics in sociology. Topics and credits may vary each time the course is offered (1-3 credit hours). May be repeated for credit with change in topic. Prerequisite: SOC 1113.

Course Offered: Irregular

SOC 4013 Sociological Theory

A study of the great classical tradition in sociological theory and the expression of this tradition in contemporary theory. The course will include (but not be limited to) Weber, Marx, Durkheim, and Spencer. Prerequisites: Twelve hours of social science credit.

Course Offered: Fall and Spring

SOC 4023 Medical Sociology

The sociological study of class, race, ethnicity, and gender and their relationship to health, illness, and morbidity. The analysis of organization, value systems, and practice of medicine and the provisions of health care in the United States, including the study of etiology of disease, the social meaning and implication of health and illness in everyday life, role of the physician, patients, and the social processes of medical services and professionals.

Course Offered: Spring Only