

Sociology (SOC) Courses

SOC1001 Sociology I

This course provides an introduction to sociology with the focus of study on how humans interact within a society, both as individuals and in groups. Emphasis is placed on sociological methods and perspectives/paradigms. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC2005 Honors Seminar: Social Inequalities

Gender, race, class: Have you ever wondered about the extent of those inequalities today? How are inequalities accomplished and maintained? This Honors Seminar serves as an introduction to sociology with a focus on the inequalities of race, gender and especially class. The operations of these inequalities are studied at both the micro, person-to-person level and the macro, institutional level. Students make use of both qualitative and quantitative research methods to explore how the micro and macro levels of analysis connect, and also how race, class and gender intersect. Prerequisite(s): ENG1024 or English placement, honors status. Offered at Charlotte, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC2010 Sociology of Digital Environments

This course provides an introduction to the digital world as both a setting of social interaction and as a social and historical phenomenon. Attention is given to the ways that virtuality has both transformed and been influenced by other institutional domains such as family, media, art and work. This focus on the digital world advances students' sociological understanding of the human experience. Offered at Charlotte, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC2050 Cultures of Africa

This course gives students a grounding in the cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa. Students consider how the lives of Africans have been shaped by many forces: geographic, economic, religious, historical, political, linguistic and social. Students become more familiar with many Sub-Saharan African cultures by examining films, television programs, literature and newspapers from around the continent, in addition to more traditional academic sources. Offered at Charlotte, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC2055 Honors Seminar: Peoples and Cultures of Africa

This course provides honors students with an in-depth exploration of the human experience of living Africa, through an exploration of the peoples of the continent and the contexts in which their lives are lived. Africa is an immensely diverse, complex, historically rich, economically significant and geo-strategically important part of the globalized world. From the great African empires of pre-history to colonization, decolonization and a post-modern, independent Africa, this course explores key geopolitical, historical, social, cultural and political-economic dynamics that continue to challenge the people of the continent, through a region-by-region approach. Prerequisite(s): ENG1024 or English placement, honors status. Offered at Charlotte, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC2070 Social Issues in Contemporary America

This course is designed to provide the student with a realistic understanding of contemporary social issues. The course focuses on the origins, nature and interrelationships between the various topics. Students are encouraged to consider people and conditions in society that pose problems, and to attempt to develop solutions to those problems. Prerequisite(s): SOC1001 or SOC2005. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC3020 Culture and Food

This course is on the sociology of food. Students think and rethink the place of food in the human experience and consider topics such as how food and gender intersect, symbolic group boundaries affect how people eat and drink, and cultures share and adapt each other's foods. Students explore how the discipline of sociology examines food as a cultural and social artifact and the role that it plays in societies today. Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English Placement or SOC1001 or SOC2005. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence
3 Semester Credits

SOC3060 Deviant Behavior

The purpose of this course is to provide students with a clear understanding of the nature and meaning of deviance. Students learn what is considered the norm in society, what is outside the norm, and how each is relative in nature. Theoretical explanations, cross cultural references and in depth analyses of deviant behavior are studied from the three dominant sociological paradigms. Who defines deviance, what is deviant, why deviance persists, the effect of labels, and the personal and social effects of deviance are discussed. Prerequisite(s): SOC1001 or SOC2005. Offered at Charlotte, Online, Providence
3 Semester Credits