

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

SOC2035 Sociology of Aging

Aging is a lifelong process that affects individuals, families and cultures across the globe. It encompasses a multitude of dimensions — physiological, emotional, cognitive, economic and interpersonal — that influence a person's physical and social well-being. This course examines aging from multiple perspectives and addresses the roles that individuals, families, service industries and government play in attempting to meet the needs of this growing population.
Prerequisite(s): SOC1001 or SOC2005.
Offered at Online, 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
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.
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SOC3200 Environmental Sociology

This course explores the relationships between society and the environment. It investigates how sociologists and others analyze human-nature interactions. Focus is on how environmental factors such as regional climate change, toxins, availability of resources and natural disasters have shaped social phenomena and how human activities have impacted biological systems and the physical environment. Students investigate the social structures and institutions in our society affecting environmental quality at the local, national and global levels. This course also assesses relevant characteristics of society such as intersecting inequalities, types of environmental movements and social change.
Prerequisite(s): SOC1001 or SOC2005.
Offered at Online, Providence
3 Semester Credits