

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.

(HY) (OL)

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4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

SOC2002 Macrosociology

This course explores the large scale patterns, processes and structures of social life. It does so through the examination of those institutions or social systems that comprise the central structure of society and which are essential to the survival of both individuals and groups. This course examines both how such institutions influence people's everyday life in a variety of societies, and also how the institutions are shaped by cultural, economic, historical and political forces that are increasingly intersecting and global in nature.

Prerequisite(s): SOC1001 or SOC2005. (OL)

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4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

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.

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4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

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.

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SOC2040 Community Leadership: An Applied Sociology

This interdisciplinary course [sociology, leadership and service learning] is designed to provide students with the opportunity to combine theoretical learning with actual volunteer work at a nonprofit organization. Through student-initiated placement at one of many pre-designated sites, students are exposed to various aspects of the not-for-profit industry including administrative, fundraising and community outreach responsibilities, as well as having personal contact with the organization's clientele. Additionally, students are expected to utilize their leadership skills by initiating a substantial agency-based project, in conjunction with their on-site supervisor, which serves as a tangible contribution to the overall organization.

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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.

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4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

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.

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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. (OL)

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SOC3025 Cultural Tapestry: Perspectives in Diversity

This course approaches the study of diversity by offering students an opportunity to understand the meaning of difference from a multitude of perspectives. Students study how categories of diversity are created, the experience of being perceived as different in society, and the consequences of difference as gauged by the allocation of privilege and resources to differing groups within society. Such categories as race, ethnicity and national identity, socioeconomic status, gender differences, sexual orientation, learning styles and religious affiliation are addressed. Similarities between ethnic groups and cultures are also examined. The sociological paradigms/perspectives are also utilized in the study of diversity. Students shape a presentation that addresses diverse subject matter in an experiential manner. As the course concludes, attention is directed towards identifying strategies that can be employed both on a macrolevel in society and on a micro-level within the students' realm of influence, to broaden the acceptance of differing perspectives in a pluralistic society.

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4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

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.

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