



Course Descriptions - Sociology

SOC121 Sociology (3-0-3)

This course introduces students to the basic patterns of social behavior and the structure and functions of social organizations. It emphasizes research methodology, culture and cultural change, socialization and deviance, population and social stratification, and social institutions. This course is a service learning course.

SOC122 Social Problems (3-0-3)

This course provides a sociological orientation to the study of social problems, and the analysis of several contemporary issues. The topics selected may include, but are not limited to: addiction, crime, ecology, education, medical care, poverty, prejudice, discrimination, social sexual issues, urban issues, and research methodology. This course is a service learning course.

SOC125 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (3-0-3)

This course focuses on the theoretical, philosophical, historical and ethical dimensions of the social work profession in the United States. It introduces students to core social work theories and skills and to the best practices associated with them. This course presents current theories and issues in social work affecting local, state and national social programs, agencies, and individuals. F, S

SOC127 Interpersonal and Group Dynamics (3-0-3)

This course introduces students to interpersonal and group communication skills as they apply to human services settings. The course content is reinforced by a required service learning project.

SOC200 Statistics for Social Sciences (3-0-3)

This course introduces students to the application of statistical methods in the social sciences for the purpose of experimentation. The course provides an overview of how descriptive and inferential statistics, including measures of central tendency and variability, correlation and regression, estimation, confidence intervals and various methods of hypothesis testing such as ANOVA and Chi-square, are used in research.

PR: SOC 121 or PSY 121, and eligible to enroll in a 100-level math course

SOC222 Sociology of the Family (3-0-3)

This course focuses on family dynamics in the United States in historical and cross-cultural context. It examines family structure, organization, dissolution, and services, as well as internal and external influences, and marital and non-marital relationships.

PR: SOC 121 or SOC 122

SOC224 Sociology of Aging (3-0-3)

This course examines aging on both the individual and societal levels. Psychological and physiological aspects of aging are discussed as well as social policy in light of how they may affect quality of life for the elderly.

PR: SOC 121 or SOC 122

SOC228 Minority Groups (3-0-3)

This course covers past, current, and possible trends in minority versus majority group relations in the United States. Emphasis is placed upon dominate versus subordinate racial and/or ethnic groups. In addition, other subordinate groups such as those identified by gender, sexual orientation, or disability will be discussed. The nature of prejudice and discrimination are also discussed as well as strategies to reduce them.

PR: SOC 121 or SOC 122

SOC230 Intro to Sociological Theory (3-0-3)

The course focuses on the theories of Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, and George Mead. The course also examines contributions of the above theorists and their followers and critics on the development of contemporary sociological theory. Theory construction and value neutrality are additional subjects.

PR: SOC 121 or SOC 122