Sociology (SOC)

SOC 101. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Hours. 
Examine introductory concepts, theories, research methods, and 
subfields of sociology. Topics include: what it means to develop one's 
sociological imagination and exploring aspects of the social environment 
that are often ignored, neglected, or take for granted.

SOC 202. Environmental Sociology. 3 Hours. 
An examination of the following topics: the emergence and history of 
environmental sociology and the various theoretical perspectives that 
have shaped this subdiscipline; the complex interactions between social 
structures, power, and environment; the study of environmental inequality 
and injustice at various scales in the United States and globally.

SOC 206. Social Movements. 3 Hours. 
An introduction to the sociological study of social movements. The 
focus will be on understanding the various theories and concepts 
sociologists have developed to understand the formation, dynamics, 
strategies, durability, challenges, and social/cultural significance of social 
movements by looking at examples in the United States and globally from 
the past few centuries.

SOC 216. Gender in Society. 3 Hours. 
A sociological analysis of gender in contemporary American society. 
Through sociological concepts, theories, and research this course 
focuses on the social construct of gender and gender-based stratification.

SOC 226. Wealth, Power, and Inequality. 3 Hours. 
Explore a basic and broad understanding of the sociology of inequality 
and stratification by examining inequality in the United States as it relates 
to class, race, gender, nativity, sexual orientation, and health.

SOC 240. Race and Racisms. 3 Hours. 
An examination of the history, major issues, and sociological dimensions 
of race and racisms in the United States, which are both fundamental 
elements of social stratification.

SOC 280. Selected Topics in Sociology. 1 to 4 Hours. 
Introductory-level independent research or exploration in topics not 
offered in the regular department courses.

SOC 330. Social Research. 3 Hours. 
An introduction to the methods and techniques of collecting and 
analyzing social data.

SOC 340. Development of Sociological Thought. 3 Hours. 
A review and analysis of the history of social thought leading up to and 
focusing especially on the development of modern sociology in the 19th 
and 20th centuries.

SOC 416. Intersectional Theory. 3 Hours. 
Discover the tenets of the theory of intersectional feminism. Topics such 
as race, gender, and sexuality will be discussed within a sociological 
perspective. Additionally, as these aspects do not exist in a vacuum 
separate from class, nationality, ability, and other identities, students 
will work to synthesize theory, research, and experiences into an 
understanding of power, privilege, and oppression in the US and beyond. 
Prerequisite: SOC 240 with a minimum grade of D.

SOC 446. Globalization and Society. 3 Hours. 
Explore the various ways in which globalization is conceptualized using 
a sociological perspective. Topics addressed may include development 
theories, cultural change, unequal exchange, capital and labor flows, 
environmental justice, transnational corporations, and sources of 
resistance and alternative visions.

SOC 450. Capstone. 3 Hours. 
Designated primarily for seniors completing the major in Sociology and 
Anthropology to review and integrate what they have learned in their 
studies in the major and to design and execute a research project on a 
topic of their choice.

SOC 480. Advanced Topics in Sociology. 1 to 4 Hours. 
Advanced-level independent research or exploration in topics not offered 
in the regular department courses.