

## **SOC (Sociology)**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

**SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (COM) (G).....(3)**

Comprehensive study of society, with analysis of group life, and other forces shaping human behavior.

**SOC 150 Social Problems (COM) (G) .....(3)**

A study of present day problems in contemporary societies, such as racism, sexism, ageism, alcoholism, drug addiction, physical and mental health, war and environmental issues-their significance and current policies and action.

**SOC 233 An Introduction to Leadership .....(1)**

Learn basic skills and theory necessary to be an effective leader. Areas such as time and conflict management, communication skills, motivation, and self-analysis are stressed.

**SOC 240 The Sociology of Rural America (COM) (G).....(3)**

Focus on rural society, rural communities, population composition and trends, social processes; social participation in rural organizations and agencies; American agriculture in a global context; and changing relationship between country and city in contemporary society.

**SOC 250 Courtship and Marriage (COM).....(3)**

Courtship and marriage period given special emphasis, as are problems of mate selection, marital adjustments, reproduction, child-parent relations, divorce, and later years of marriage.

**SOC 270 Introduction to Social Work (COM).....(3)**

A study of social services to children, family, aged, public welfare clients, mentally ill and the criminal justice system; also includes history of social work methods. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 271 Social Work Skills and Methods I.....(3)**

Basic concepts and methods common to all social service practice; focus on developing interactional skills, P, SOC 270.

**SOC 286 Service Learning.....(1-3)**

Opportunity to gain service learning and/or mentoring experience. Credit will not count toward credits for major or minor. (Limit of 4 credit hours). P, major or minor minimum GPA of 2.0 to enroll, SOC 100. Graded S/U.

**SOC 307 Research Methods I .....(3)**

The research process; selection and formulation of research problems; concepts, propositions and scientific theories; elementary research design; data collection procedures and computer applications. Course research projects when possible.

**SOC 308 Research Methods II .....(3)**

Method for data manipulation and presentation; discussion of principles for selection of analysis techniques; index and scale construction; tabular presentation and interpretation; and oral and written report development.

**SOC 325 Domestic and Intimate Violence .....(3)**

A seminar focusing on the problems associated with violent behaviors in American households. Special attention will be devoted to the structural, cultural and social-psychological factors contribution to the abuse and battering of family members. In addition, the use of force as a problem solving mechanism will be examined. Crosslisted with WMST 325.

**SOC 330 Self and Society (COM).....(3)**

A social psychological exploration of the factors linking self and society, with an examination of the social construction of reality. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 350 Race and Ethnic Relations (COM) (G).....(3)**

A survey of contemporary ethnic and racial groups and selected minorities in South Dakota, the United States and other countries; special attention will be given to sociological concepts and theories relevant to intergroup dynamics, social structures, and communications. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 351 Criminology (COM) .....(3)**

Focuses on theories of crime, juvenile delinquency and justice, laws, systems of criminal behavior, victimization, and corrections. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 353 Sociology of Work (COM).....(3)**

Focus on human behavior in work environments. Topics include social organization of work; managing human resources; management – labor relations; role of pay and benefits; problems of personnel adjustment; and work related social tensions and conflict. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 354 Victimology .....(3)**

An up-to-date examination of the victim-offender relationship, including: characteristics of those victimized; forms of victimization; the role of the victim in contributing to their own injuries and losses; and, state and federal programs designed to ameliorate physical, emotional and economic suffering.

**SOC 382 The Family (COM).....(3)**

Focus is on the development and maintenance of the family as a social institution with emphasis on comparative family systems and the contemporary American family from the standpoint of social class, ethnic background and family crises. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 400 Social Policy (COM).....(3)**

A review of social welfare legislation; current trends and issues in, and implementation and administration of, social policy in a variety of practice areas. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 403 Sociology Theory (COM) (AW).....(3)**

This is an introduction to the classics in social theory, various schools of social thought, and modern developments in the discipline. It also covers the major ideas of the classical and modern theorists, the social environment in which they wrote, and the implications of their contributions. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 440 Urban Sociology (COM) (G).....(3)**

A study of the urban community, focusing on its development, social structures and institutional patterns. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 453 Industrial Sociology.....(3)**  
An investigation of industrial societies with attention given to social trends creating industrialization, the development of organizations, the evolution of work-roles, international relations between industrial and non-industrial nations, and the future of industrial societies.

**SOC 483 Sociology of Gender Roles (COM) (G).....(3)**  
Female and male roles in relation to one another in a changing world are the foci of this course. The nature of gender roles, their origin and maintenance, institutional features, and their variations over time and across cultures are examined. Crosslisted with WMST 383.  
P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 490 Seminar (COM).....(1-3)**

**SOC 491 Independent Study (COM).....(1-3)**

**SOC 492 Topics (COM).....(1-3)**

**SOC 494 Internship.....(1-12)**

**SOC 496 Field Experience.....(1-12)**

**SOC 497 Cooperative Education.....(1-12)**

### **Dual Numbered Courses**

**SOC 402-502 Social Deviance (COM).....(3)**  
This course examines the nature of negatively evaluated behaviors and the process by which customs, rules and normative structure of society are constructed. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 433-533 Leadership and Organization (COM).....(3)**  
Emphasis is on the emergence of leadership patterns, group dynamics, small groups, and leadership in management. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 455-555 Juvenile Delinquency (COM).....(3)**  
A study of the youthful offender and the causes and consequences of delinquent behavior; preventive and rehabilitation programs are also discussed. P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 456-556 Community Corrections (COM).....(3)**  
An examination of the history of adult and juvenile treatment and punishment. Emphasis is upon contemporary community based treatment as well as traditional prison-based incarceration. The process of sentencing, particularly the role of the pre-sentence investigation (PSI) is covered. Special attention is developed to internship and career possibilities in the corrections arena.  
P, SOC 351.

**SOC 460-560 Advanced Criminology (COM).....(3)**  
An extensive examination of major criminological issues and theories including sociological definitions of crime. P, SOC 351.

**SOC 462-562 Population Studies (COM).....(3)**  
A study of human populations with respect to size, distribution and structure, with emphasis on theories of population growth and decline, population policies, and impacts on the environment.  
P, SOC 100 or 150.

**SOC 482-582 Sociology of Law .....(3)**  
 This course focuses on the relationship between law and society. Topics include the organization of law in society, law and social control, law as method of conflict resolution, law as a mechanism of social change, law as a profession, and methods of inquiry in research. The course will also look at alternative dispute resolution techniques, for example mediation. Comparative and cross-cultural materials will be used throughout the class to emphasize diversity in law.

**SOC 485-585 Applied Sociology .....(3)**  
 This course articulates the use of sociological concepts in practical settings. Applied and clinical approaches will be explored. A theoretical model for applied sociology will be developed and applied to businesses, organizations, medicine, aging, youth, law, communities, criminal justice, recreation, social service, educational facilities, and additional areas of student interest.

**Graduate Courses**  
 (see department for schedule of offerings)

**SOC 620 Social Organization.....3**  
**SOC 621 Social Stratification.....3**  
**SOC 630 Social Change.....3**  
**SOC 640 Rural Community Development.....3**  
**SOC 709 Evaluation Research.....3**  
**SOC 710 Research Methods.....3**  
**SOC 711 Qualitative Research Methods.....3**  
**SOC 712 Sociological Theory I.....3**  
**SOC 713 Sociological Theory II.....3**  
**SOC 714 Race, Class, Gender Intersections.....3**  
**SOC 715 Theory Construction.....3**  
**SOC 716 Symbolic Interaction.....3**  
**SOC 720 Profession of Sociology.....3**  
**SOC 762 Applied Demography.....3**  
**SOC 764 Modern Demographic Theory.....3**  
**SOC 766 World Population Issues .....3**  
**SOC 790 Seminar .....1-4**  
**SOC 791 Independent Study.....1-3**  
**SOC 794 Internship .....1-6**  
**SOC 798 Thesis .....1-7**  
**SOC 898D Dissertation-Ph.D. ....1-12**