

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the scientific study of human society and social behavior. Sociologists study a broad array of social phenomena ranging from the dynamics of social interaction to the composition and workings of entire societies.

The diversity of the faculty is reflected in the many different types of undergraduate and graduate courses offered. Topics include environment; criminology and criminal justice; law and society; juvenile delinquency; social problems; social movements; social inequality; social psychology; race and ethnicity; gender; religion; and family. Students gain mastery of knowledge in topical areas as well as in the methods of social research, enabling them to pursue professional positions in a variety of occupational fields. Students at the graduate level may pursue the MS or PhD in Sociology.

In addition to a general Sociology degree, the Department of Sociology offers a variety of BA and BS degree options for students hoping to specialize their education. With concentrations in anthropology, criminology and criminal justice, environment and society, and social services, students can tailor their Sociology degree for their future career field. For those students interested in pursuing professional degrees, the Department of Sociology also offers Pre-Med and Pre-Law options.

The general Sociology degree provides students with a strong foundation in sociological theory and methods while also allowing flexibility for interdisciplinary exploration of society and social behavior. Students seeking professional degrees can further specialize their degree with BS options in both Pre-Medical Science and Pre-Law.

A concentration in Anthropology familiarizes students with the methods and principles of cultural anthropology, archaeology, and biological anthropology. While studying the history of humans and culture, engaging courses and opportunities for hands-on experience prepare students to enter both academic and nonacademic careers.

Our Criminology and Criminal Justice students are well prepared for both academic and nonacademic careers related to crime, criminal behavior, law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. A wide variety of course offerings provide students the opportunity to study topics such as the criminal justice system, drugs and drug policy, juvenile delinquency, and gangs and society.

The Environment and Society degree introduces students to the critical relationship among humans, society, and the environment. Course offerings focus on topics such as environmental hazards and disasters, environmental inequality, and technology, preparing students for future careers in environmental law, government, nonprofit, or academics.

Concentrating in Social Services gives students an opportunity to study specific communities, group trends, and public service. With course offerings such as Sociology of Families, Sociology of Health and Illness, and Social Psychology, students are provided a foundation for careers in both public service and academia.

Courses

ANTH 1353 Introduction to Anthropology (S)

Description: Explores the holistic dimensions of anthropology by introducing the four fields that comprise the discipline: cultural anthropology, linguistics, archaeology, and biological anthropology. Examines the content of each field and their collective contribution to the understanding of humanity.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

ANTH 2353 Introduction to Biological Anthropology (N)

Description: Introduction to human biological evolution, including genetics, paleoanthropology, primatology, and osteology.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Natural Science Reasoning

ANTH 2883 Introduction to Archaeology (S)

Description: A general introduction to the methods of study of archaeology. Understanding the development of prehistoric cultures as adaptive responses to changing natural and social environments from early Paleolithic to emergence of urban civilizations.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

ANTH 3353 Cultural Anthropology (GS)

Description: Introduction to culture, various subdisciplines of cultural anthropology, anthropological concepts, and capsule ethnographies of assorted ethnic groups.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension, Society & Human Behavior

ANTH 3443 Peoples of Mesoamerica (GS)

Description: Modern indigenous peoples of Mexico and Central America. Examination of contemporary communities and modern social and cultural practices understood from a historical perspective, leading to an appreciation of regional similarities and diversity.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension, Society & Human Behavior

ANTH 3990 Fieldwork in Anthropology**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.**Description:** Instruction through ethnographic or archaeological field techniques by participation in a field program. Topics subject to change from year to year depending upon the type of field program offered or available. Offered for variable credit, 1-8 credit hours, maximum of 8 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-8**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1-8 Contact: 1-8**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**ANTH 4123 Archaeology of North America (S)****Description:** Factors influencing the initial peopling of North America, the spread and diversification of hunting and gathering economies, the rise of agricultural systems and emergence of extensive and complex political units.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Society & Human Behavior**ANTH 4223 The Aztec Empire (H)****Description:** Society and Culture of the Aztecs of Mesoamerica. Overview of preceding civilizations, analysis of imperial strategies, social organization, religion, and other topics culminating in the Spanish conquest.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Human Heritage & Cultures**ANTH 4443 Oklahoma Archeology (S)****Description:** Surveys social and cultural development of Native peoples of Oklahoma from Paleoindian hunting adaptations to villagers encountered by early Europeans. Using archaeological investigations examines diversity of social and cultural adaptations to various environments of Oklahoma, including development of complex societies.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Society & Human Behavior**ANTH 4990 Special Topics in Anthropology****Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.**Description:** Directed readings or research on significant topics in anthropology. May not be used for degree credit with ANTH 5990. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-3**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-3 Other: 1-3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**ANTH 5243 Globalization and Culture****Prerequisites:** Admission to Graduate College and International Studies.**Description:** Critical assessment of 20th century social scientific theories of development culminating in current theories of globalization. Exploration of capitalism's antecedents, origin, and proliferation. Evaluation of global inequality from a cross-culture perspective. Utility of anthropological theories of culture, ideology and hegemony in assessing local responses to globalization. No credit for students with credit in INTL 5243.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**ANTH 5990 Advanced Problems and Issues in Anthropology****Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.**Description:** Directed readings or research on significant topics in anthropology. May not be used for Degree Credit with ANTH 4990. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-3**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-3 Other: 1-3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 1113 Introductory Sociology (S)****Description:** Coming to terms with the requirements for living in a complex social world. Sociological concepts used to assist students in understanding the social influences in day-to-day life.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Society & Human Behavior**SOC 2113 Introduction to Criminal Justice (S)****Description:** This introductory course provides an overview of the U.S. criminal justice system. Some of the topics covered include police and corrections officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges. While a variety of societal responses to adult and juvenile crimes are discussed, this course primarily focuses on the formal responses of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Societal goals of punishment are covered as well.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Society & Human Behavior**SOC 2123 Social Problems (DS)****Description:** Exploration in selected social issues in contemporary American society, such as deviance, poverty, sexism, racism and ageism.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Diversity, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 2213 Gangs and Society (S)

Description: This course provides an overview of gangs as social phenomena. Gangs of particular interest include youth gangs, urban/rural gangs, street gangs, prison gangs, military gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs. The course additionally analyzes how socially-constructed group characteristics (i.e., race, class, gender and ethnicity) relate to gang membership. U.S. street and prison gangs receive extensive coverage. Social alternatives to gangs are discussed as well.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 2233 Building Partnerships through Policing

Description: The course explores the fundamentals of policing, introducing students to important concepts in and practices related to policing with particular focus on the college setting. This course is aimed at students considering a law enforcement career or interested in learning more about policing. Part of OSUPD's mission is to educate students about how we police the community. Applying both theoretical knowledge with practical application introduces the realities faced by modern law enforcement. By taking this course, students will gain an introspective, applied perspective of law enforcement. Students will be required to complete a release waiver that allows them to participate in some of the practical skills illustrated throughout the course, including a ride-along with an OSUPD officer and interacting with the firearms simulator.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 2243 Sociology of Drugs

Description: Why do individuals use drugs? Why are some substances criminalized and not others? What sociocultural factors determine how drugs are defined and categorized? What is the history of U.S. drug policy and how has it changed? What responses are effective in controlling drug use and abuse? This course answers these questions and more through sociological literature, case studies, film and popular media, and class discussions.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 2890 Honors Experience in Sociology

Prerequisites: Honors Program participation and concurrent enrollment in a designated SOC course.

Description: A supplemental Honors experience in Sociology to partner concurrently with designated Sociology course(s). This course adds a different intellectual dimension to the designated course(s). Offered for fixed credit, 1 credit hour, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1

Contact hours: Lecture: 1 Contact: 1

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit

SOC 3113 Theoretical Thinking in Sociology

Prerequisites: Six credit hours of sociology, including SOC 1113.

Description: Sociological theory in three broad areas: the emergence of social theory, the major schools of social theory and the relevance of theory to sociological research.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 3133 Racial and Ethnic Relations (DS)

Description: This course examines cause and dimensions of racial inequalities in American society, with special emphasis on intersectional, social psychological, organizational, and institutional processes.

Previously offered as SOC 2133.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3153 Sociology of Sport (S)

Description: Application of sociological principles, theories, and methods to the understanding of sport as a social institution. Topics such as the social organization of sport, relations with other institutions such as education, economy, politics, family and religion, deviance in sport, inequality, gender, and race in sport, and the future of sport are covered.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3223 Social Psychology (S)

Description: Social basis of personality development and behavior, including symbolic environment, self and group motivation, attitudes and opinions, and social roles.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3323 Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Description: Analyzes panics, crazes, riots and social movements emphasizing institutional and social psychological origins and consequences.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 3333 Policing and Society (S)

Description: This course explores the social institution of policing. Extensively covered are the relationships between police agencies, agents, and practices and social groups (based on race, class, gender, sexual identity/orientation, age, disability, and other classifications) and policies (e.g., War on Drugs) in the United States. Additional course topics include the roles of police, police patrol, police discretion, police use of force, and community policing.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3343 Technology and Society (S)

Description: Exploration of various aspects of the relationship between society and technology. Analysis of arguments about the role of technology in society. Examination of the social contexts within which technology is created and discussion of the mechanisms and processes through which technology is embraced or discarded, such as peer review, politics, religion, and legal frameworks. Previously offered as SOC 4463.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3423 Urban Sociology

Description: Urbanization as a worldwide process. The demography and ecology of cities and metropolitan regions. Urban planning and future development.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 3523 Juvenile Delinquency (DS)

Description: Juvenile delinquency behavior in relation to family, school, church, peers, community and institutional structures. The extent of delinquent expressions, varieties of delinquency, comparative international perspectives and new trends of females in delinquency and gang behavior.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 3713 Religion, Culture and Society

Prerequisites: Recommended: SOC 1113, ANTH 2353, REL 1103.

Description: An introduction to the scientific study of religion. Religious activity in both tribal and technological societies studied in the light of contemporary interpretations of culture and of social behavior. Same course as REL 3713.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 3890 Advanced Honors Experience in Sociology

Prerequisites: Honors Program participation and concurrent enrollment in a designated SOC course.

Description: A supplemental Honors experience in Sociology to partner concurrently with designated upper-division SOC course(s). This course adds a different intellectual dimension to the designated course(s). Offered for fixed credit, 1 credit hour, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1

Contact hours: Lecture: 1 Contact: 1

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Honors Credit

SOC 3953 Applied Sociology

Prerequisites: Sociology majors or consent of instructor or adviser.

Description: Application of sociological theory and methods to various job situations. Preparation for field experience in a variety of work settings. Previously offered as SOC 3952.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 3993 Sociology of Aging (DS)

Description: Sociological perspectives on aging, including the analysis of the social behaviors across all stages of the life course from birth to death.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4023 Juvenile Corrections and Treatment Strategies

Prerequisites: SOC 3523 or SOC 4333.

Description: The juvenile justice system, emphasizing the juvenile court, diversion and youth service bureaus as well as the more traditional training schools and foster homes. Experimental treatment strategies with institutionalized delinquents.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4033 Comparative Perspectives of Criminal Justice Systems (GS)

Description: Study of criminal justice systems in different nation states and culture context from a different comparative perspective.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4043 Gender and Work (DS)

Description: Consideration of unpaid, paid and volunteer work and gender differences. Linkages between economy, work, and family with examples from United States and less developed countries.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4103 The Death Penalty in America (S)

Description: This course is designed to examine problems and issues related to the death penalty in the United States, including the history of capital punishment, important Supreme Court decisions, how the various jurisdictions (state and federal) deal with capital cases, the comparative costs of incarceration and execution, miscarriages of justice in capital cases and how the criminal justice responds to these issues. Same course as AMST 4103.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4133 Social Research Methods

Prerequisites: SOC 1113. Past completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOC 3113.

Description: Applying sociological theory to designing quantitative and qualitative research; methods of data collection, processing and analysis; basic skills in computer analysis of social data. Research project included.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4153 Sociology of Health and Illness

Description: Critically analyzes the social production of disease and illness in modern society from a sociological perspective. Examines the social organization of Medicare care, including critical issues affecting healthcare and health insurance in the United States. Focuses on the meanings and experiences of illness, as well as on contemporary critical debates such as environmental and health, bioengineering, and bioethics.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4213 Sociology of Sexualities (S)

Description: Sociological aspects of sexual behavior, attitudes and belief systems in society.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4243 Quantitative Methods in Sociology

Prerequisites: SOC 1113, SOC 3113, SOC 4133.

Description: Strategies and procedures in the analysis of quantitative sociological data, including the use of statistical computer programs.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4313 Sociology of Law

Description: Law has been studied from different perspectives. In this course, we will focus on issues concerning the relationship between law, legal institution, and society. Issues such as the relationship between law and social change, the origins of law, the integrative function of law, law and social conflict, legal profession, and rationales of punishment and penal policies are explored through classical and contemporary sociological theories. In addition, we will consider the role of law and legal institution in reinforcing and changing social class, gender, and race inequalities.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4333 Criminology (S)

Description: Summary of sociological and psychological research pertaining to crime causation and crime trends. Modern trends in control and treatment.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4383 Social Stratification (S)

Description: Systems of class and caste, with special attention to the United States. Status, occupation, income, and other elements in stratification.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4433 Environmental Sociology (S)

Description: Critical assessment of the social causes and consequences of problems with resource scarcity and environmental degradation. Environmental problems viewed as social problems, requiring an understanding of the structural conditions producing environmental problems and inhibiting resolutions.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4453 Environmental Inequality (S)

Prerequisites: SOC 1113.

Description: Considers the connection between environmental problems and race/ethnicity and class inequality. Focuses on environmental justice/equity, social movements, health, policy and risk at the local, national and global levels.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4473 Oklahoma Environmental Sociology

Description: Critical assessment of the social causes and consequences of environmental problems in Oklahoma, both historical and contemporary. Examines the Land Run, the Dust Bowl, the Oil Boom, land ownership and use patterns.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4493 Sociology of Environmental Hazards and Disasters

Prerequisites: SOC 3113 or instructor permission.

Description: Explores societal dimensions of environmental hazards and disasters, emphasizing disaster theory and research, key issues in the sociological study of environmental hazards and disasters, such as social impacts, social vulnerability, and community development and resilience.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4533 World Population Problems

Description: Fertility, mortality and migration, and other factors related to population size, density, and composition; the population explosion, worldwide famine, birth control, and other serious social issues.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4573 Victimology

Description: This course combines various academic disciplines to introduce the field of Victimology. The course represents an overview of the Victimology field; courts, victim services, victimization, and personnel issues. Students use the on-line and reading material to build a framework for understanding the wide field of Victimology together with victim issues and career opportunities. Same course as PSYC 4573.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4643 Sociology of Gender (S)

Description: Explores the social organization of gender from diverse theoretical and empirical perspectives using a global experience.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4653 Gender and the Middle East (GS)

Description: An overview of gender-related issues in the Middle East and North African countries is provided to bridge cultures and build understanding. Specific attention is given to issues of women and how they are connected to changes in culture, economics, politics and society. May not be used for degree credit with SOC 5653.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: International Dimension, Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4663 Undergraduate Capstone Seminar in Sociology

Prerequisites: Majors; senior standing; SOC 3113, SOC 4133, SOC 4243.

Description: Concluding course for Sociology majors. Application of the skills, knowledge and expertise acquired in Sociology, including critical thinking, writing, theory and methods.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 4723 Sociology of Families (S)

Description: The family as a social institution and relationship between family and other institutional structures and systems, including work and the economy, education, government and law, health care, and the media. Previously offered as SOC 3723.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

General Education and other Course Attributes: Society & Human Behavior

SOC 4733 Criminal Behavior Analysis**Prerequisites:** SOC 3523 or SOC 4333.**Description:** This course combines various academic disciplines toward a behavioral examination of the violent criminal offender. By examining the crime scene from a behavioral perspective, the psychodynamics of the offender, the sociological forces, and the social psychological dimensions of victim-offender interactions are combined for a more holistic understanding of the violent offender.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 4743 Criminalistics: Introduction to Forensic Sciences****Prerequisites:** SOC 3523 or SOC 4333.**Description:** Criminalistics or forensic sciences involve the application of physical and behavioral sciences to social order or more specifically, the relationship between science and law. This course introduces the student to the various aspects of forensic examinations of violent criminal behavior. By examining modern techniques of crime scene analysis, the student learns how theory and technological development impact our social concepts of law and justice.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 4753 Advanced Forensics****Prerequisites:** SOC 3523 or SOC 4333 and SOC 4743.**Description:** Forensic sciences involve the application of physical and behavioral sciences to social order and law. This course advances students' understanding of examinations of violent criminal behavior. Students gain awareness of the interdependent relationships of various physical and social science disciplines and how these issues are operationalized at an actual crime scene.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 4923 Sociology of Punishment (S)****Description:** An overview of punishment across time and place. Topics surveyed include theories of punishment; formal and informal social control; and corrections, including its consequences and alternatives. Special topics may be examined when time permits.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Society & Human Behavior**SOC 4950 Current Topics in Sociology****Description:** Special topics in sociology; topics vary from semester to semester. Offered for variable credit, 1-12 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-12**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1-12 Contact: 1-12**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 4990 Exploration of Sociological Issues****Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor.**Description:** Examines sociologically significant topics and issues. May not be used for degree credit with SOC 5990. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-3**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-3 Other: 1-3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 4993 Senior Honors Thesis****Prerequisites:** Departmental invitation, senior standing, Honors Program participation.**Description:** A guided reading and research program ending with an honors thesis under the direction of a senior faculty member, with second faculty reader and oral examination. Required for graduation with departmental honors in sociology.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Contact: 3 Other: 3**Levels:** Undergraduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**General Education and other Course Attributes:** Honors Credit**SOC 5000 Thesis in Sociology****Description:** Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-6**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5001 Graduate Proseminar****Prerequisites:** Admission to Sociology graduate program.**Description:** Introduction and orientation to the graduate program in the Department of Sociology.**Credit hours:** 1**Contact hours:** Lecture: 1 Contact: 1**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5013 Creative Component in Sociology****Description:** A guided course serving as the final requirement for graduate students in the Department of Sociology's Master of Science degree, non-thesis option.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology

SOC 5063 Seminar in Social Inequality and Stratification**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.**Description:** Provides comprehensive overview and analysis of theories and research in social inequality and social stratification. Includes: study of classical and contemporary theories, development of research in the field, dynamics of inequalities and current and future perspectives.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5113 Classical Sociological Theory****Prerequisites:** SOC 3113 or equivalent.**Description:** Major trends in sociological thought. The emergence of sociological theory in Europe and America.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5123 Contemporary Sociological Theory****Prerequisites:** SOC 3113 or equivalent.**Description:** Critical examination of significant theoretical formulations, 1920 to the present. Relation between theoretical development and current research emphasis.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5213 Techniques of Population Analysis****Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.**Description:** Examination of primary techniques and statistics employed in studies of population characteristics. Examination of sources of demographic data, methods employed in the collection and analysis of data on population characteristics, composition and change.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5223 Culture, History and World Systems****Prerequisites:** Admission to Graduate College and international studies program.**Description:** The modern world system and its new social formations resulting from increasing globalization. Examination of cultural, socio-economic, and political changes in developed and developing societies. Modern societies, their historical developments, the cultural politics of difference, and the re-emergence of ethnic groups worldwide. Existing theoretical models of change for profit and non-profit organizations. Same course as INTL 5223.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5243 Social Research Design****Prerequisites:** SOC 3113; SOC 4133 or equivalent; graduate standing.**Description:** Techniques in design, data collection, and interpretation of data for sociological research.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5263 Quantitative Analysis of Social Research****Prerequisites:** SOC 3133; SOC 4133 or equivalent; graduate standing.**Description:** Advanced techniques in sociological research and data analysis focusing on the formulation of substantive research questions and application of a variety of research procedures to answer such questions.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5273 Qualitative Research Methods****Description:** Examination of ethnographic studies and implementation issues connected with qualitative research. Research project required.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5283 Advanced Qualitative Sociological Research****Prerequisites:** SOC 5273 or consent of instructor.**Description:** Intensive examination of advanced qualitative research in sociology. Requires students to design and implement their own qualitative sociological research projects under the guidance of the instructor.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 5323 Seminar on Collective Behavior and Social Movements****Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.**Description:** Examination of major theoretical and empirical approaches employed in the study of social movements. Exploration of problems on the nature and current theories of social movements including individual versus group approaches. Grassroots resistance, community organizing, political conflicts, and revolutions.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology

SOC 5333 Global Population and Social Problems

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: Study in world, regional and national population characteristics, changes and associated problems and cultural influences.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5343 Sociology of Law and Punishment

Description: Advanced study in the sociology of law and punishment. Focus on both classical and contemporary sociological and legal research. An interdisciplinary and comparative approach is also emphasized.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5463 Seminar in Environmental Sociology

Description: Critical overview of contemporary developments in environmental sociology. Environment concern, disasters, health issues, risk assessment, and environmental conflict.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5473 Seminar on the Contemporary Environmental Movement

Description: Critical overview of contemporary theory and research on the environmental movement. Analysis of crucial movements dynamics, including historical development, central organizing themes, strategies and tactics, and movement activities, environmental health movements, and transnational movement campaigns.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5493 Seminar in Environmental Justice

Description: Considers racial, class and equity implications of environmental degradation and regulation. Includes discussion of controversies over the siting of hazardous facilities in urban and rural areas, the extraction of resources from native lands, national and transnational export of toxic waste to the South and the development of a distinct environmental justice movement.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5553 Seminar in Medical Sociology

Description: Advanced study in the sociology of medicine, including the doctor-patient relationship, the social meanings of health and illness, epidemiology, health care delivery, and the medicalization of American society. Analysis of the sociology of organic illness and mental illness using readings from both classical and contemporary sources.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5573 Seminar on Victimology

Description: Critical overview of contemporary theory and research on victimology. Relationships between victim and offenders, social institutions such as media, police, business, advocacy groups, and various social movements.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5583 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

Description: Examines crime and criminal justice in a global world. Compares the current major legal traditions with the U.S. criminal justice system.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5593 Seminar on Organization and Administration in Law Enforcement and Society

Description: Critical overview of contemporary theory and research on administration in law enforcement and society.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5643 Gender and Society

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: This course provides an overview of current theoretical and empirical research in the sociology of gender. Topics include (1) how best to theorize, conceptualize, and analyze gender; (2) how gender is socially constructed and enacted in individuals' lives; (3) how gender intersects with other identities (e.g., race, social class, sexuality) to shape our experiences and life chances; and, (4) how gender is embedded within institutional processes.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5653 Gender and the Middle East

Description: An overview of gender-related issues in the Middle East and North African countries is provided to bridge cultures and build understanding. Specific attention is given to issues of women and how they are connected to changes in contemporary culture, economics, politics, and society. May not be used for degree credit with SOC 4653.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5663 Seminar in Race and Ethnicity

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: Analysis of the dynamics of intercultural and intergroup relations in America with special emphasis on the examination of major conceptual perspectives that have characterized the study of race and ethnicity in American life.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5763 Contemporary Organizational Theory

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: Advanced study of contemporary theories used to explain, predict and understand organizations. Behavior of populations of organizations.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5793 Seminar on Organizational Deviance

Description: Overview of contemporary theory and research on organizational deviance. Defining acceptable risk. Organizational structures, processes, and standard operating procedures that produce mistake, misconduct and disaster.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5813 Myths and Realities of Organizational Change

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: A critical examination of the various theories and models that address change and improvement processes in complex organizations. Theoretical and methodological validity of assumptions underlying such organizational theories and models.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5950 Seminar in Sociology

Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

Description: Special seminar; topics vary from semester to semester. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 25 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3

Contact hours: Lecture: 1-3 Contact: 1-3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5980 Internship

Description: Supervised field placement. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-6

Contact hours: Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 5990 Advanced Problems and Issues in Sociology

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

Description: Group enrollment or individual research enrollment as needed. Graduate level analysis of special problems and issues in sociology not covered in other department offerings. May not be used for degree credit with SOC 4990. Offered for variable credit, 1-9 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-9

Contact hours: Contact: 1-9 Other: 1-9

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 6000 Dissertation

Description: Offered for variable credit, 1-12 credit hours, maximum of 18 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-12

Contact hours: Contact: 1-12 Other: 1-12

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 6213 Theory of Social Structure

Prerequisites: Six hours of undergraduate sociology or equivalent.

Description: Relationship between human thought and the social context within which it arises.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 6390 Seminar in the Family, Marriage and Male-Female Roles in American Sociology

Description: Analysis of published research in sociology of family, marriage and male-female roles and relationships with special emphasis on American society. Offered for variable credit, 2-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 2-3

Contact hours: Contact: 2-3 Other: 2-3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Sociology

SOC 6460 Advanced Studies in Environmental Sociology**Prerequisites:** SOC 5463 or consent of instructor.**Description:** Intensive examination of selected topics in environmental sociology. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 1-6**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6463 International Issues in Environmental Sociology****Prerequisites:** Graduate standing.**Description:** Advanced study of the international context of environmental issues.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6493 Sociology of Disaster****Description:** Critical examination of contemporary theory and research on the social aspects of disasters. Social system response to large-scale crises. Vulnerability, warnings, preparedness, recovery, mitigation, and sustainability.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6653 Seminar in Social Psychology****Description:** Development and critical analysis of theory and research in social psychology.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6753 Seminar in Deviance and Criminology****Description:** Current research and theory in criminology, penology and deviance in modern society. Previously offered as SOC 6750.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6763 Seminar in Theory of Criminal Behavior Analysis****Description:** Critical overview of contemporary theory and research on criminal behavioral analysis.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6853 Seminar in Symbolic Interactionism****Description:** Symbolic interactionism, a major contemporary school of thought in sociology and psychology, emerging from philosophical pragmatism with special emphasis on the thoughts of George H. Mead and its derivatives including dramaturgy, existential social psychology, and phenomenological.**Credit hours:** 3**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Lecture**Department/School:** Sociology**SOC 6950 Seminar in Social Gerontology****Description:** A theoretical and practical examination of the sociological implications, both individual and societal, of an aging population. Offered for variable credit, 2-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.**Credit hours:** 2-3**Contact hours:** Contact: 2-3 Other: 2-3**Levels:** Graduate**Schedule types:** Independent Study**Department/School:** Sociology

Undergraduate Programs

- Sociology, BA (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/ba/>)
- Sociology, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/bs/>)
- Sociology: Anthropology, BA (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/anthropology-ba/>)
- Sociology: Anthropology, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/anthropology-bs/>)
- Sociology: Criminology and Criminal Justice, BA (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/criminology-criminal-justice-ba/>)
- Sociology: Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/criminology-criminal-justice-bs/>)
- Sociology: Environment and Society, BA (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/environment-society-ba/>)
- Sociology: Environment and Society, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/environment-society-bs/>)
- Sociology: Pre-Law, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/pre-law-bs/>)
- Sociology: Pre-Medical Science, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/pre-medical-science-bs/>)
- Sociology: Social Services, BA (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/social-services-ba/>)
- Sociology: Social Services, BS (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/social-services-bs/>)

Graduate Programs

The Department of Sociology offers the Master of Science degree with thesis or non-thesis (terminal degree) options, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Programs are designed to prepare students for appointments to the faculty of colleges and universities, to work in private industry and social service agencies, and to be employed in research positions in business and/or government. The Department offers concentrations in Criminology and Deviance, Environmental Sociology, Social Inequality, Social Movements, and Social Psychology.

Excellent training and research opportunities are provided for students in quantitative and qualitative social science research methods and theory, further enhancing opportunities in a wide array of career fields.

Degree Requirements

The MS in sociology thesis option requires a minimum of 31 hours of coursework. The MS in sociology non-thesis option requires 32 hours of coursework. For students pursuing the PhD, a minimum of 90 semester credit hours beyond the baccalaureate, or 60 hours beyond the master's degree, is required. Each PhD student is required to take six hours of sociological theory, and 15 hours of research methods/statistics. Detailed information on each program is available on the Departmental website.

Minors

- Anthropology (ANTH), Minor (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/anthropology-minor/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (CRCJ), Minor (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/criminology-criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Social Justice (SOJU), Minor (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/social-justice-minor/>)
- Sociology (SOC), Minor (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-minor/>)

Faculty

Tamara Mix PhD—Dresser Professor and Department Head

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Professors: Andrew Fullerton, PhD; Bin Liang, PhD; Mike Long, PhD; Tamara Mix, PhD; Jean Van Delinder, PhD; Kelley Sittner, PhD

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Assistant Professors: Daniel Alvord, PhD; Katie Constantin, PhD; Alex Diamond, PhD; Jared Fitzgerald, PhD; Nick Heiserman, PhD; Ashley Railey, PhD; Adam Roth, PhD; Corinne Schwarz, PhD

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