

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

## **SOC 1500 Introduction to Sociology 3 s.h.**

An introduction to the science of human societies and groups: analysis of the structures, functions, and processes that bring about changes in societies, groups, communities, classes, and institutions.

**Gen Ed:** Social Science.

## **SOC 2601 Social Problems 3 s.h.**

A sociological overview of various contemporary social issues, analyzing significant discrepancies between standards of expectation and actual social behavior, attempting to ascertain possible causes, and discussing trends and possible changes.

**Gen Ed:** Social Science.

## **SOC 2630 Criminology 3 s.h.**

Study of the social context of crime in America. Review of historical theories offered in explanation of criminal behavior.

## **SOC 2640 Gender in Society 3 s.h.**

Sociological analysis of gender role issues by major institutions of society, including political, educational, economic and legal systems as well as media and the family. Focus is on effects of stratification, culture, gender norms, and the socialization process.

## **SOC 2690 Identities and Differences 3 s.h.**

A study of personal and social issues that shape the understanding and development of identity and diversity.

**Gen Ed:** Domestic Diversity, Social and Personal Awareness.

## **SOC 3700 Minority Groups 3 s.h.**

Survey of the origins and characteristics of ethnic and racial minority groups, with emphasis on the significance of membership in such a group for in-group, out-group, and community solidarity.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

**Cross-listed:** AMER 3700.

## **SOC 3701 Social Statistics 4 s.h.**

Measurement and interpretation of social data by use of descriptive techniques. Examines methods of probability theory as a basis for statistical inference, hypothesis testing, correlation, chi-square, and variance analysis. Listed also as ANTH 3701.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or ANTH 1500, successful completion of ENGL 1551 and MATH 1501 or a level 3 or higher on the math placement exam.

## **SOC 3703 Aging and Society 3 s.h.**

An interdisciplinary introduction to studies in aging. Examines the impact of population aging and its effect on the society at large. Also examines individual aging processes and social significance of aging. Listed also as GERO 3703.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or GERO 1501.

**Gen Ed:** Social Science, Well Being, Social and Personal Awareness.

## **SOC 3703H Honors Aging and Society 3 s.h.**

An interdisciplinary introduction to studies in aging. Examines the impact of population aging and its effect on the society at large. Also examines individual aging processes and social significance of aging. Listed also as GERO 3703.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or GERO 1501.

**Gen Ed:** Social Science, Well Being, Social and Personal Awareness.

## **SOC 3705 The Family 3 s.h.**

Family and kinship systems as major institutions; their development, functions, and relation to other basic institutions found in different cultures and social strata.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or ANTH 1500.

## **SOC 3707 Urban Sociology 3 s.h.**

A comparative study of cities of pre-industrial and industrial societies, historical and contemporary. The process of urbanization and changing urban structure and functions.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3708 Political Sociology 3 s.h.**

The social conditions that affect government and politics and that may help to determine political order and regulate struggles for power; associations and movements leading to stability or change.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3720 Applied Sociology 3 s.h.**

Uses of sociology in practical affairs, providing theory and data for public policy, institutional reform, social action programs, and social inventions. Contributions to architectural design, industrial engineering, community planning, and innovative legislation.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

**Cross-listed:** AMER 3720.

## **SOC 3731 Social Deviance 3 s.h.**

Focuses on problems of drug abuse, sexual deviation, crime, and other forms of deviance. Theoretical approaches to deviant behavior; etiologies and methods of social control are explored.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

## **SOC 3733 White Collar Crime 3 s.h.**

Focuses on distinguishing between various types of white collar crime, such as corporate fraud, corruption of public officials, and environmental crime. Also examines theoretical explanations for white collar crime and situates it within larger social contexts of power and status.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

## **SOC 3735 Juvenile Delinquency 3 s.h.**

Social and psychological factors underlying delinquency; the juvenile court and probation; treatment and preventive measures.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

## **SOC 3736 Crime and the Life Course 3 s.h.**

Examines the development, stability, and change of criminal behavior throughout different stages of the life course. Themes such as criminal trajectories, transitions, and turning points are discussed.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

## **SOC 3740 Complex Organizations 3 s.h.**

Structures and processes of large-scale organizations: leadership, control techniques, tensions, bureaucratic pathologies, organizational change.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3741 Social Movements 3 s.h.**

Analysis of the role of social movements, intellectual criticism, and socioeconomic trends; study of the dynamics of change initiated outside of regular and institutionalized channels, including mobs and crowds.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3742 Small Group Processes 3 s.h.**

A study of small group behavior; influence, attitudes, and values of social microsystems.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3743 Social Stratification and Inequality 3 s.h.**

Comparative analysis of social stratification systems with major emphasis on modern Western societies.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3744 Social Deviance 3 s.h.**

Problems of drug abuse, sexual deviation, crime, and other forms of deviance. Theoretical approaches to deviant behavior; etiologies and methods of social control.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

## **SOC 3745 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Healthcare 3 s.h.**

Social attitudes toward illness. Cultural and social factors in disease definition of illness, and organization of the health professions and health facilities. Listed also as GERO 3745.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500, GERO 1501, or admission to NEOMED-YSU program.

**Gen Ed:** Well Being, Social and Personal Awareness.

**SOC 3746 Sociology of the Body 3 s.h.**

This course examines the body and its relationship to the self as a product of complex social arrangements and processes. The body is studied as an object of social control and as the focus of shifting race, gender, and sexual categories. Topics include health, medicine, consumerism, sports, and popular culture.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

**SOC 3747 Sociology of Sexuality 3 s.h.**

Examines sexuality and how it is perceived, defined, and experienced in the context of society. Sexuality is studied as subject to social norms, attitudes, and beliefs through public and private policies, practices, and institutions. Explores how the social construction of sexuality influences both sexual and non-sexual relationships.

**Prereq.:** 3 s.h. in Sociology.

**SOC 3749 Sociological Theory 3 s.h.**

The major theoretical traditions in Sociology emerging from the enlightenment period and evolving to the present.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or ANTH 2602.

**SOC 3750 Religion and Race 3 s.h.**

Examines race theory and its relation to religious studies through consideration of immigration patterns and the ways in which religion has been affixed to markers of identity over the last two hundred years.

**Prereq.:** REL 2601 or SOC 1500 or ANTH 1500.

**Cross-listed:** REL 3750 and ANTH 3750.

**SOC 3752 Evaluation Research 3 s.h.**

Introduction to the field of evaluation research of social policy and programs. Current procedures, concepts, and techniques. Social and ethical issues of research.

**Prereq.:** SOC 3701.

**SOC 3755 Theories of Gerontology 3 s.h.**

Review and critical analysis of current theories of the social aspects of aging, and their use in research. Listed also as GERO 3755.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or GERO 1501.

**SOC 3756 Aging and Ethnicity 3 s.h.**

Aging in American subcultures, noting differences in status/role systems, demographic distributions, life styles, methods of dealing with the elderly, and related problems. Listed also as GERO 3756.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or GERO 1501.

**SOC 3757 Aging and Social Policy 3 s.h.**

Critical examination of social policies and social systems which affect aging and retirement. Listed also as GERO 3757 and POL 3757.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500, GERO 1501, or POL 1560.

**SOC 3758 Long-Term Care 3 s.h.**

Examines critical issues in long-term care systems, services, and programs. Impacts of social demographic and economic changes on long-term care needs, demands, and supplies. Contemporary trends and future outlooks of long-term care. Listed also as GERO 3758.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or GERO 1501.

**SOC 3759 Sociology of Dementia 3 s.h.**

The understanding of the nature, causes, symptoms, and social consequences of dementia. Attention to the status of aging, and to the status of those who suffer from dementia in contemporary society.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

**SOC 3760 Sociology of Death and Dying 3 s.h.**

Analysis of the social aspects of human death, dying, and bereavement using various sociological approaches. Explores data from secondary sources, surveys, and field investigations that relate to the institutional contexts of dying and grieving processes. Includes practical application of sociological analysis of dying and death.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500.

**SOC 3761 Elder Crimes - Elder Justice 3 s.h.**

Issues in gerontology and aging that affect law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

**Prereq.:** GERO 1501 or SOC 1500 or CJFS 1500.

**Cross-listed:** GERO 3761.

**SOC 3789 Technology and Society 3 s.h.**

A critical exploration of how societal needs affect the creation of technologies and how technology affects society. An interdisciplinary approach in examining the complex interactions between humans and their tools.

**Prereq.:** BIOL 2601 or ENGR 1550 or SOC 1500, and junior standing.

**SOC 3790 Aging in Cross-Cultural Perspectives 3 s.h.**

Examines the phenomenon of aging from cross-cultural perspectives with an emphasis on cultural evolution and its impact upon the status, roles, and cultural values associated with aging and the aged. Listed also as ANTH 3790 and GERO 3790.

**Prereq.:** SOC 1500 or ANTH 1500 or GERO 1501.

**SOC 3798 Select Topics in Sociology 3 s.h.**

In-depth examination of various sociological topics and issues of both current and long-standing interest. May be taken twice with different topics.

**Prereq.:** 3 s.h. in Sociology.

**SOC 37980 ST Culture and People of China 3 s.h.**

In-depth examination of various sociological topics and issues of both current and long-standing interest. May be taken twice with different topics.

**Prereq.:** 3 s.h. in Sociology.

**SOC 4800 Undergraduate Research 1-2 s.h.**

Research participation under the direction of a faculty member. Designed to acquaint the advanced student with special research problems associated with various aspects of the discipline. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 s.h.

**Prereq.:** Permission of chairperson and 20 s.h. in Sociology.

**SOC 4801 Later Life Issues 3 s.h.**

An examination of contemporary issues and concerns among the elderly. Topics include family relations, finances, entitlements, Social Security, quality of life, and euthanasia.

**Prereq.:** SOC 3703.

**SOC 4804 Family, Health, and Aging 3 s.h.**

Examines family and health related aspects of aging. Positive and negative interactions among family members and caregivers, and their impact on mental and physical quality of life of the elderly. Listed also as GERO 4804.

**Prereq.:** SOC 3703 or GERO 3703.

**SOC 4810 International Study in Sociology 3 s.h.**

Sociological study of a selected international area. Travel to the area of study under the supervision of a Sociology faculty member. The course grade is based on participation in the trip and a term paper or comparable assignments. May be repeated once. Permission of the chairperson.

**SOC 4821 Internship in Sociology 3-9 s.h.**

Application of sociological knowledge in settings such as social agencies, government offices, hospitals, nursing homes, correctional facilities, and industry. Maximum of 6 s.h. may be applied to the Sociology major.

**Prereq.:** Junior standing and at least 9 s.h. of Sociology, and permission of chairperson.

**SOC 4850 Research Methods 3 s.h.**

An introduction to methods employed in social research. Attention is given to (1) the logic of scientific inquiry and the relationship between theory and methods; (2) the various qualitative and quantitative methods; (3) research design, data collection, organization, analysis, interpretation and application; (4) the social, cultural, political, and ethical context of social research; and (5) computer skills employed in data analysis. Listed also as ANTH 4850 and GERO 4850. **Prereq.:** SOC 3701, ANTH 3701.

**SOC 4859 Senior Thesis 1 1 s.h.**

Design and completion of a quantitative or qualitative research proposal for the Senior Capstone in Sociology.

**Prereq.:** Senior status in SOC; SOC 3701 and SOC 3749, concurrent with SOC 4850.

**SOC 4860 Senior Thesis 2 3 s.h.**

A capstone experience for the major in sociology. Implementing and completing a quantitative or qualitative research project and paper on the proposal approved by the thesis advisor during Senior Thesis 1.

**Prereq.:** Senior status in Sociology; SOC 4850 and SOC 4859.

**SOC 4898 Selected Problems in Sociology and Anthropology 1-3 s.h.**

Readings in sociology and anthropology dealing with current problems in theory and methods. Credit is given according to the nature and extent of the problems and the readings. For students planning to enter graduate school.

**Prereq.:** Departmental major in senior year.

**SOC 6900 Special Sociological Problems 3 s.h.**

Advanced seminars focusing on independent study at the graduate level; social organization in a changing world; social disorganization (or deviance) and social controls; social and cultural factors in personality development; minority relationships; sociology of law; social change; and comparative institutions.

**SOC 6905 Social Gerontology 3 s.h.**

Integration and application of gerontological theories; major conceptual issues regarding life span development; and contemporary gerontological concepts and research.