Sociology Course Descriptions

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology 3 credits
A survey course which focuses upon sociology's history, theories, concepts, methods, and research findings as they apply to interpersonal and group behavior in the contemporary world.

SOC 210 Cultural Anthropology 3 credits
Examines the nature of human adaptive systems as well as culture and its various aspects including social organization, technology, economics, religions, and language as these are seen among selected cultures throughout the world. The course also studies distinctive theoretical approaches and problems of cultural change.

SOC 303 Juvenile Delinquency 3 credits
Study of the theories, concepts and measures of delinquency. Individualistic, structural, environmental, and social psychological approaches are considered. Juvenile justice advocacy, the processing of the offender, juvenile corrections and children's rights are among those topics considered. Students are helped to familiarize themselves with state and local delinquency issues.

SOC 409 Social Science Theories 3 credits
Studies sociological theories which are also relevant to psychology, political science, economics, history, social work and criminal justice as well as to the biological sciences. Historical and contemporary theories are considered.

SOC 430 Ethnic and Race Relations 3 credits
Specifies the sociological foundation for understanding ethnic and race relations. This course examines various processes of social and cultural contacts between diverse people in terms of their political, economic and psychological consequences. It also explores the sources and varieties of intergroup competition and conflict. Institutional racism is defined and its consequences are discussed.

SOC 452 Contemporary Social Problems 3 credits
Focuses upon understanding society and its problems. This course develops a knowledge base to understand the major social problems that occur nationally and cross-culturally. It also explores the underlying causes of social problems and analyzes them from different theoretical perspectives and assists students in developing solutions that are consistent with the appropriate theories, data and conditions in societies. The student is encouraged to consider the implications of the material for their own involvement in diminishing or solving social problems.

SOC 470 Research Methods 3 credits
Study of the strategies involved in carrying out and managing a research problem through sampling and data collection to analysis and preparation of final report. Special emphasis is on experimental, survey and research evaluation.

STA 225 Statistics 3 credits
An interdisciplinary first course which introduces students to the statistical methods available for the examination and analysis of data relevant to communication studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology and areas of health and human services.