SOCIOLOGY

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SOCY 101: INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY

Have you ever wondered why people behave the way they do? In this class you will gain a scientific understanding of the social world by observing human behavior, including culture, socialization, social inequality, and more, through the window of the sociological perspective—the deeper understanding of how society affects you and how you affect society.

MWF 9am-9:50am
Instructor: Dr. Heath Hoffmann
CRN#20922

TR 10:50am-12:05pm
Instructor: Professor Brenda Sanders
CRN#20227

Online Full Term
Instructor: Professor Chris Boan-Lenzo
CRN# 20228, CRN#22326, CRN#22362

Online Express II
Instructor: Professor Reba Parker
CRN#22192

SOCY 102: CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES

This class examines how societies create, perpetuate, and address contemporary social issues, including crime, poverty and economic inequality, racial, ethnic and gender discrimination and environmental degradation. You will engage in a discussion regarding your civic responsibility to become involved in efforts to address these issues in a local and global context.

TR 9:25am-10:40am
Instructor: Dr. Julia McReynolds Perez
CRN#21846

SOCY 103: SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

An analysis of the family in its social context. Emphasis placed on how socio-cultural factors influence social interaction within families, on social change effects on families and on the relationship of families to the total social system.

MWF 10am-10:50am
Instructor: Dr. Von Bakanic
CRN#20230

MWF 11am-11:50am
Instructor: Dr. Von Bakanic
CRN#21373
SOCY 106: SOCIOLOGY OF PEACE

This course examines the world through a sociological lens as students discover the making of a Culture of Peace. This class focuses on areas and practices of intercultural cooperation, positive peace, global transformation, non-violent communication, conflict resolution, restorative justice, and community peace-building.

Online Full Term
Instructor: Prof. Reba Parker
CRN#21510, CRN#21511

SOCY 260: BIG IDEAS & THINKERS IN SOCIOLOGY

Explores the Big Ideas that sociologists and other social scientists have developed to provide a scientific understanding of the social causes and consequences of human behavior. This is a required foundation course for Sociology majors and minors completed during the first 18 hours.

Online Full Term
Instructor: Prof. Christopher Boan-Lenzo
CRN#20231, CRN#21160

SOCY 271: INTRO TO SOCIAL RESEARCH

An introduction to theories and philosophies of social research; tasks and issues in designing research; and sociological methods of data collection. This is a required foundation course for Sociology majors and minors completed during the first 18 hours.

MWF 11am-11:50am
Instructor: Dr. Julia Arroyo
CRN#20558
MWF 1:00pm-1:50pm
Instructor: Dr. Julia Arroyo
CRN#21169
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SOCY 272: MAKING OF SOCIOLOGICAL DATA
Introduction to widely used techniques for analyzing quantitative sociological data.
Attention to statistical description and inference, presentation of data, interpreting statistical analyses, and using software for statistical analysis. This is a required foundation course for Sociology majors and minors completed during the first 18 hours.

TR 9:25am-10:40am
Instructor: Dr. Tracy Burkett
CRN#20232
TR 10:50am-12:05pm
Instructor: Dr. Tracy Burkett
CRN#21375

SOCY 322: SEXUALITIES
This course uses a sociological perspective to examine human sexuality. Although biological explanations are often used to understand sexuality, this course focuses on how sexual attitudes and behaviors are shaped by society.

TR 10:50am-12:05pm
Instructor: Dr. Julia McReynolds-Perez
CRN#22974

SOCY 323: SOCIOLOGY OF SUSTAIN & CONSUMPTION
This course explores ways that individuals, groups, and organizations express environmental desires and respond to environmental concerns. Students examine how environmental problems/issues are often structural and require individuals to become change agents.

Online Express II
Instructor: Dr. Debbie Auriffeille
CRN#21513
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**SOCY 336: DEATH AND DYING**

Review of historical and contemporary perspectives on dying and death, including current American practices regarding death, as well as cross-cultural interpretations. Terminal illnesses, biomedical ethical issues, the legal aspects of dying, and the business of dying are discussed in addition to dying and grieving throughout the life cycle.

**TR 9:25am-10:40am**
**Instructor: Dr. George Dickinson**
**CRN#21372**

**SOCY 337: PREJUDICE**

This course examines what prejudices are, how they are formed, the consequences they have and the social purposes they serve. Three types of prejudice are investigated: race, class and gender. In addition, the course explores the relationship between prejudice and discrimination and the conditions under which changes in prejudice occur.

**MWF 1:00pm-1:50pm**
**Instructor: Dr. Von Bakanic**
**CRN#22975**

**SOCY 341: CRIMINOLOGY**

This course explores the social and political forces that shape what becomes defined as criminal behavior and how society reacts to crime. The course will consider the principle theories of crime and their application to contemporary crime issues, including corrections, rehabilitation, the organization of crime as entrepreneurial activity, and crime prevention programming.

**Online Full Term**
**Instructor: Dr. Daniel Acton**
**CRN#23608, CRN#22976**
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**SOCY 344: SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY**

An overview of the field of gerontology. The complex experience of aging is studied within a multidisciplinary approach, with emphasis on the contributions of research from sociology, biology and psychology. This course examines how society understands, experiences and views aging as well as how the aging understand, experience and view society.

TR 1:40pm-2:55pm
Instructor: Professor Brenda Sanders
CRN#21374

**SOCY 346: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY**

Analyzes the current crisis of the global environment in both empirical and theoretical terms. Class, race, gender and globalization issues as related to environment, assumptions, and interests present in conceptualizations of environmental issues and solutions, and institutional and non-institutional agency in the creation of environmental problems and formation of environmental responses will be considered.

MWF 9:00am-9:50am
Instructor: Dr. Deborah Auriffeille
CRN#22977

**SOCY 348: ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

The course will address social and cultural factors that affect drug use and the prevention and treatment strategies developed to deal with drug problems. Attention will be paid to the disease/behavioral disorder controversy, to the possibility of controlled use and to the role played by self-help groups and therapeutic communities.

MWF 10am-10:50am
Instructor: Dr. Heath Hoffmann
CRN#22979
Online Full Term
Instructor: Dr. Heath Hoffmann
CRN#22980
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SOCY 390: SENIOR SEMINAR: INEQUALITY

A capstone course for sociology majors. Specific topics will vary depending on the instructor’s interests and expertise. Students will be asked to demonstrate their understanding of the connection between theoretical perspectives, research methods and empirical results through examinations, a research project, an analytical paper, or some combination of the above.

This seminar explores the wide-ranging forms of inequality - such as social, economic, political, and racial inequality - in the United States and globally, examines the theoretical explanations of inequality along with current research on the topic, evaluates social policies related to inequality, and provides students the opportunity to carry out social scientific research to further understand inequality in our world.

MWF 11am-11:50am
Instructor: Dr. David Morris
CRN#21850