

SOCIOLOGY

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Insight

Chatting with co-workers at lunch, visiting family, participating in a campus club—these are just some of the places you can practice the power of the sociological imagination and storytelling to contribute to some of the biggest challenges our society faces, from racial justice to gender equity, climate change, labor movements, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, gender inequality, and sexualized violence.

The Sociology Department trains students in critical thinking, data collection and analysis, and a social justice perspective that highlights movements seeking equality in terms of race, class, and gender and sexuality. Our program specializes in seeking to interrogate intra- and inter-group conflict, micro- and macro-social forces, and qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis. Students learn to reflect on their own situatedness but also how to practice sociological empathy that enables them to act as global citizens and allies to underrepresented groups. By the end of the program, students are well versed in the skills of public sociology, which blends sociological data, theory, and perspectives, rendering them useful for nonsociologists in addressing current social issues. Our students are adept at doing sociology in any setting they find themselves in.

Join a passionate and student-centered faculty and a diverse and engaged student body to challenge received ideology and build a better world.

Experience

Committed to the notion that data alone doesn't tell a story, students learn how to merge data and theory to frame problems and solutions to local, national, and global phenomena. Students learn how to collect and work with data, and in doing so, become better consumers of the endless stream of bewildering information that fills contemporary life. In all of our classes, students learn about and practice theory to better map and understand the social world. A unique year-long theory sequence of courses allows students to learn about the foundational classical social theories that underpin our understanding of modernity followed by foundational contemporary theories that shake up our understanding of contemporary social life.

Our curriculum offers students the chance to focus on micro, social-psychological scales or on macro, planetary scales. Though race, class, and gender underpin every course in our curriculum, the department offers specialized classes in all three. Additionally, classes such as Women, Work, and Family; Global Perspectives on Ethnicity and Nationalism; the Prison Industrial Complex; and Environmental Sociology apply the theories of race, class, and gender inequality in various contexts.

Lastly, the cohort model has students take the methods, theory, and capstone sequence as part of a cohort. Thus, students can expect to take multiple classes with many of the same students. This allows students to develop meaningful connections and helpful relationships.

Other opportunities for connection include the Sociological Association of Chico State (SACS) student group, our local chapter of the national sociology honors society AKD, and the honors program in the major, where students work with individual faculty to complete an honors thesis.

Outlook

Students graduate from our program with passion and concrete skills. Hands-on courses, focusing on grant-writing, internships, and research practice, prepare students for life after graduation by developing actionable skills beyond critical thinking. Our unique course on maneuvering the job market with a sociology degree helps students to identify careers in which they can thrive and teaches them how to secure jobs in these fields.

Some of our alumni work for regional, national and global nonprofit organizations. Others pursue careers in teaching; university life; nursing; medicine; nonprofits, public, and private administration; and cutting-edge technology. Some of our students go on to master's and doctorate programs in sociology and become professors or professional researchers. We are honored that some of our alumni have returned to teach courses in our department.

We believe regardless of whether a graduate has the title "sociologist," all our graduates have gained the skills and tools to practice sociological thinking in any career or social environment they enter. Our students, wherever they end up, are on the front lines of social change.

Programs

Undergraduate Bachelor's

- Sociology BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-ba/>)

Minors

- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-minor/>)

See Course Description Symbols and Terms (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/course-description-symbols-terms/>) for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units.

SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology

3 Units GE

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course helps organize thinking about societies in general, the society we inhabit, and our place within it. Underlying questions are: Why do people have different values? Why do people act differently? Why is there inequality? And why and how does society; its values and norms, institutions, and groups influence our behavior. 3 hours lecture. (008933)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

<p>SOCI 133 Sociology of Sexuality 3 Units GE Typically Offered: Fall and spring This course uncovers the complexity and impact of sexuality on our experiences and on broader social life. Addressing biological, psychological, and cultural aspects, this course examines how society influences cultural and individual sexual meanings, identities, expressions, and controversies. 3 hours lecture. (008937) General Education: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (E) Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	<p>SOCI 199 Special Problems 1-3 Units Typically Offered: Inquire at department This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. This course is designed to allow the student to pursue independent study with departmental permission. A maximum of 6 units may be applied toward the BA degree. 3 hours supervision. (020836) Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>
<p>SOCI 189A CAVE Alternative Spring Break 1 Unit Typically Offered: Spring only Obtain hands-on experience in a variety of social issues, such as disaster recovery, hunger and homelessness, prejudice, and literacy. Students research issues prior to the trip and work closely with an on-site liaison. 2 hours activity. (020380) Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	<p>SOCI 200 Social Problems 3 Units GE Typically Offered: Fall and spring Adopting a sociological lens, this course studies the overarching causes of social problems, as well as their effects on our experiences, communities, institutions, and society. Students explore which groups hold the power to define social problems and propose solutions. Areas covered may include the family, education, the environment, sex, gender, race, poverty, and crime and violence. 3 hours lecture. (008934) General Education: Social Sciences (D) Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>
<p>SOCI 189C Field Observation and Experiential Learning: Yountville Veterans' Home 1 Unit Typically Offered: Fall and spring See description below. 3 hours independent study. (015964) Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	<p>SOCI 227 Sociology of Popular Culture 3 Units GE Typically Offered: Fall and spring The production and consumption of popular culture - one of the most dynamic and rapidly changing aspects of American culture - influence virtually every aspect of social life. This course critically examines trends in mass media and culture and their influence on the attitudes and behaviors of various social groups. Special attention is given to focusing our sociological lens and to uncovering connections between popular culture and gender, sexuality, race, and class. 3 hours lecture. (008938) General Education: Social Sciences (D) Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>
<p>SOCI 189D Field Observation and Experiential Learning: Sonoma Developmental Center 1 Unit Typically Offered: Fall and spring SOCI 189B - SOCI 189D: A day visit to California Youth Authority or a weekend trip to Napa State Hospital, Yountville Veterans' Home, or Sonoma Developmental Center. Full exposure to institutional life. Exposure to a variety of behaviors within the institution. Interaction with residents and staff members, thus giving the student a full scope of the lifestyle within a total institution. Each learning experience may be taken once, for a total of 4 units of credit. Sign up for these courses at CAVE, located in the Bell Memorial Union. These courses may not be used to meet major/minor requirements. 3 hours independent study. (015965) Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	<p>SOCI 230 Women in Contemporary Societies 3 Units GE Typically Offered: Fall and spring Taking an in-depth look, this course explores women's lives in today's world across categories of class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, and age. Students also discuss such topics as gender, body politics, violence against women, poverty, religion, and power as they relate to women. Special attention is given to social activism and emerging policies here in the U.S. and elsewhere. 3 hours lecture. (008968) General Education: Social Sciences (D) Cross listing(s): WMST 230 Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>
<p>SOCI 198 Special Topics 1-3 Units Prerequisite: Department permission. Typically Offered: Inquire at department This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (020507) Grade Basis: Graded Repeatability: You may take this course more than once Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	

- SOCI 240 Food Justice** 3 Units GE, USD
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course facilitates the study of intersecting systems of oppression and inequity—in particular socio-economic class; race, ethnicity, and political standing; and gender—all of which impact access to basic needs, especially healthy food. This course examines how food systems, geography, and social policy impact personal health and wellness, in the context of diverse communities. Particular focus is placed on community-based work to achieve food justice. Students are guided in the application of concepts and ideas in their personal lives. 3 hours lecture. (021867)
General Education: Social Sciences (D)
Cross listing(s): MCGS 240
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; U.S. Diversity
- SOCI 298 Special Topics** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 9 hours supervision. (021017)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Lower Division
- SOCI 300 Classical Social Theory** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course examines the emergence of classical sociological theory in its socio-historical context, with emphasis on the foundational ideas of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim that continue to influence sociological theorizing today. 3 hours lecture. (008955)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 301 Contemporary Social Theory** 3 Units
Prerequisite: SOCI 300.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course critically examines the theoretical works of major contemporary sociologists, and studies how social thought is relevant to understanding modern life by applying theories to current social issues and our everyday lives. 3 hours seminar. (008989)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 305 Maneuvering the Job Market with a Sociology Degree** 1 Unit
Typically Offered: Fall only
 You will explore some of the varied careers that sociology majors enter after graduation. You will learn how to effectively search for job openings, how to position yourself for those jobs, and skills for attaining the career you desire. 1 hour lecture. (020997)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 310 Social Research Methods** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course explores the logic and styles of sociological research, focusing on the methods of formulating research problems, the design of social research, and techniques for ensuring the quality and validity of data and conclusions. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches to research are examined. 3 hours seminar. (008969)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 315 Statistical Analysis for the Social Sciences** 3 Units
Prerequisite: SOCI 310. MATH 105 or other lower-division statistics course recommended.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course studies descriptive and inferential statistics used for the social sciences. Emphasis is on the integration of statistical research designs and data, appropriate statistical analysis, interpretation of relevant findings, and visual presentation. 3 hours seminar. (008971)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 327 Sociology of Religion** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course explores the impact of religion on the individual and society, and surveys the major developments in the field. This includes interactive relationships between religion and other social institutions, and debates on controversial issues. 3 hours lecture. (008184)
Cross listing(s): RELS 381
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 330 Sociology of Gender** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines gender as a social construct and its influences on men and women in families, school, work, politics, and culture. The focus is on how gender varies in relation to ethnicity, race, sexuality, and social class. 3 hours lecture. (005639)
Cross listing(s): MCGS 330
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 335 Women, Work, and Family** 3 Units GE, USD
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course explores the history and experiences of women in the workplace and how family roles intersect with both paid and unpaid work, in and out of the home in the United States. Considered are the impacts of race, class, gender, and globalization on poverty, child and elder care, and workplace equity. International comparisons are drawn. 3 hours lecture. (008960)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Equity, Ethics, and Policy Pathway; Gender and Sexuality Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; U.S. Diversity

SOCI 340 Sociology of Wealth, Class, and Inequality 3 Units**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course considers the unequal distribution of wealth, prestige, knowledge, and power in the U.S., and makes comparisons to other societies. How does inequality get reproduced from one generation to the next? How does inequality affect students today? This course examines the role of social networks, as well as the interconnections between class, race/ethnicity, and gender. 3 hours lecture. (008977)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**SOCI 341 Science, Technology, and Religion 3 Units GE****Prerequisite:** GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course looks at the relationship between science and religion in specific cultural contexts, including Asia, Europe, and North America. It examines the different ways that theologians, sociologists, philosophers, and scientists have approached this relationship and highlights points of conflict as well as agreement with respect to knowledge claims, moral outlooks and other issues. In addition, the course explores the impact of scientific developments on the beliefs and practices of a variety of religions as well as the ways technology has been deployed by religious practitioners. 3 hours lecture. (022282)

General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Science, Technology, and Society Pathway**Cross listing(s):** RELS 341**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**SOCI 346 Sport and Society 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course examines the connections between sport and society, including socialization, values, education, deviance, the economy, and the media. Attention is given to the ways that gender, race, social class, sexuality, and the body influence sports, as well as recent controversial issues such as player and fan violence, and drug abuse among athletes. 3 hours lecture. (006942)

Cross listing(s): KINE 346**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**SOCI 350 The Sociology of Racial Inequality 3 Units****Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or SOCI 200.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course examines relationships between racial and racialized ethnic groups in the United States by focusing on inter- and intra-group processes that shape social structures, culture, and intersecting identities. Students investigate social institutions and socializing agents that promote and/or hinder equity in access to resources such as income, education, and safe housing. 3 hours lecture. (022296)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**SOCI 354 Global Perspectives on Ethnicity and Nationalism 3 Units GC, GE****Prerequisite:** GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.**Typically Offered:** Spring only

This course studies relationships between ethnic groups outside of the U.S. Consideration is given to ethnic identities, interactions, competition, conflict over resources, cultural preservation, the development of nationalism, and state policies. 3 hours lecture. (005641)

General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Global Studies Pathway**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Global Cultures**SOCI 355 The Sociology of African Americans 3 Units****Prerequisite:** AFAM 170 or SOCI 100.**Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course examines the historical and social experiences that have shaped contemporary African American life, such as slavery, exploitation, oppression, and resistance (for example, the Civil Rights movement, the Black Power movement, and Hip Hop). Strategies for researching African American experiences are learned through analysis of Black popular culture, male/female relationships, urbanization, religion, and institutional racism. 3 hours lecture. (000140)

Cross listing(s): AFAM 355**Grade Basis:** Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division**SOCI 356 Genocide 3 Units GC****Typically Offered:** Fall only

The social impact of acts of genocide around the globe is explored, from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. This course examines the issues of ethnic and national identity, ethnocentrism, the role of technology, and issues of power. Also considered are the moral implications of genocide, as well as individual, social, and corporate responsibility. 3 hours lecture. (002230)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division; Global Cultures**SOCI 360 Self and Society 3 Units****Typically Offered:** Inquire at department

This course explores the relationship between the individual and society by focusing on how people create and sustain their daily lives. The emphasis is on interactions with others, and the effect of individual behavior upon group dynamics. Socialization, identities and the self, emotions, conformity, and communication are explored. 3 hours lecture. (008994)

Grade Basis: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units**Course Attributes:** Upper Division

- SOCI 363 Sociology of Human Stress** 3 Units GE
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course examines the ways that social life contributes to human stress, and how stress impacts health and well-being. Students explore the ways that families, relationships, school, jobs, and social inequalities influence the effects of stress on our lives. Various coping and adaptation strategies are discussed. 3 hours lecture. (008973)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Health and Wellness Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 370 Population and Migration** 🌱 3 Units GC, GE
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 A study of the demographic patterns of mortality, fertility, migration, and refugees. Considered are influences such as inequality, economic development, environmental changes, and war on global populations. 3 hours lecture. (008957)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Global Studies Pathway; Race, Ethnicity, and Sovereignty Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Global Cultures; Sustainable Course
- SOCI 375 Global Problems** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 We explore historic, economic, political, ecological and social changes that have created social problems worldwide. We examine a broad range of global problems and current global developments through a macro sociological lens. 3 hours lecture. (021605)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 380 Sociology of Deviant Behavior** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course takes an in-depth look at how deviance is constructed in our society. This includes deviant identities, deviant subcultures, and the stigmatization of individuals and groups engage in non-normative behavior. Students examine the main theories of deviance, and consider ethical and political issues when researching deviance. 3 hours lecture. (008974)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 384 Criminology** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 The study of crime and criminal behavior as a social phenomenon. Adopting a sociological perspective, this course examines crime trends, types of crime, and social and personal factors related to criminal behavior. Special attention is paid to inequality in the criminal justice system, street and white-collar crimes, victimization and other social costs of crime and punishment. 3 hours lecture. (009017)
Cross listing(s): POLS 384
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 398 Special Topics in Sociology** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 2 hours lecture. (008986)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 399 Special Problems** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. This course is designed to allow the student to pursue independent study with departmental permission. A maximum of 6 units may be applied toward the BA degree. 3 hours supervision. (008987)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 411 Social Research Practicum** 3 Units
Prerequisite: SOCI 310 and SOCI 315 or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This is a hands-on research course where students design and conduct research projects. Every stage of research, from project conceptualization through data collection and analysis, is undertaken. This course provides practical experience in research methods for use in future employment or graduate studies. 3 hours seminar. (015570)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 420 Environmental Sociology** 🌱 3 Units GE, USD
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course views the environment as shaped by human societies, where competing values and interests play out. Controversial issues such as population growth, pollution, rapid climate change, water and land use, and noxious facility siting in minority, working class, and poor communities are examined. Attention is directed to public policies, corporate practices, and social movements and individual habits that promote solutions. 3 hours lecture. (008963)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Agriculture, Food, and Environment Pathway; Sustainability and Climate Change Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; U.S. Diversity

- SOCI 433 Constructing Sexualities** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 How do societies and individuals shape sexuality? This course investigates the relationship between sexual behavior and identities, and looks at the ways that sexuality is affected by science, politics, race, and social movements. Historical, subcultural, and cross-cultural examples are used to understand how these dynamics play out in our lives. 3 hours lecture. (009000)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 440 Political Sociology** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course focuses on the relationship between the state and society, and discuss concepts such as social divisions, legitimacy, and the state. Students examine contemporary political systems and processes of political change. Special attention is given to the role of political power on national, regional, and local issues. 3 hours lecture. (008962)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 441HW Public Sociology -- Honors (W)** **3 Units W, GW**
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement, SOCI 300, SOCI 310, senior standing. Open to sociology majors who have a 3.5 GPA, faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 We focus on applying sociological knowledge beyond the classroom. We practice explaining sociological insights to non-sociologists through the news, social media, and other public and private forums. We also learn to put sociology to use in our jobs, community, families, organizations, social movements, and other everyday settings. The main topic varies from semester to semester. 3 hours discussion. (009002)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment
- SOCI 441W Public Sociology (W)** **3 Units W, GW**
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement, SOCI 300, SOCI 310, senior standing.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 We focus on applying sociological knowledge beyond the classroom. We practice explaining sociological insights to non-sociologists through the news, social media, and other public and private forums. We also learn to put sociology to use in our jobs, community, families, organizations, social movements, and other everyday settings. The main topic varies from semester to semester. 3 hours discussion. (009001)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment
- SOCI 447 Social Movements** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines the nature of protests and collective behavior, exploring the emergence, development, and decline of social movements. Students discuss the role of propaganda, public opinion, and social activism. 3 hours lecture. (008972)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 465 Sociology of Work and Occupations** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Many people spend the majority of their waking hours occupied with work. This course examines the structure and organization of work and its influence on many aspects of our lives, with some attention to personal career interests. Topics include the social history of work, the meaning of work, labor struggles, relations within the workplace, socialization into occupations, and global changes in work. 3 hours lecture. (009003)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 470 Medical Sociology** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 How does society affect our health? This course investigates the relationship between inequality and health, the body, and mental illness. Additionally, we consider how wellness and sickness is socially constructed, how health care organizations and the medical professional function, and compare health care systems internationally. 3 hours lecture. (022219)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 480 Cults, Charisma, and Extremist Ideologies** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Spring only even years
 This course uses case studies to examine cults and extremist movements, exploring a variety of groups with different belief systems and goals. Students learn why such groups emerge and evolve, how charismatic leaders influence and control their followers, the processes of recruitment and conversion, and the impact these groups have on their members and the larger society. 3 hours lecture. (020225)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 484 Youth, Crime, and Delinquency** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: SOCI 384 recommended.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course examines marginalized, deviant, and criminally active youth. Students consider how teen experiences and behaviors are labeled and treated differently throughout society. Social, historical, and legal perspectives are used to understand the impact of the juvenile justice system, policies, and trends on the lives of American youth. 3 hours lecture. (009018)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 486 Sociology of Law** **3 Units**
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course explores the social context of law, legality, and society, concentrating on the numerous ways that law permeates all forms of social behavior. The focus is on the relationships between law, social institutions and social change, and how they interact with issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and social justice. 3 hours lecture. (009016)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- SOCI 487 Sociology of Gangs** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course explores gang activity in the United States, focusing primarily on contemporary street gangs. The social conditions that lead to their emergence are considered, as well as perceptions of the gang problem. Also considered are racial and ethnic differences between gangs and potential solutions to the challenges that gang present. 3 hours lecture. (008976)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 488 Prison Industrial Complex** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only odd years
 This course is designed to introduce key issues of mass incarceration and the prison industrial complex (PIC), to critique efforts that uphold and those that attempt to dismantle it, and to study contemporary writings about the PIC. We focus on a number of ideas regarding the economic, social, political, and cultural consequences of U.S. mass incarceration. Additional objectives for this course include: clarifying core issues of the PIC; investigating its impact on society; examining theoretical and activist approaches to challenges of the PIC; studying ways in which race and racism, social class, gender, immigration policy, and capitalism are profoundly woven into the PIC; and practicing and improving written and verbal communication skills; and exercising analytical thinking. 3 hours lecture. (021926)
Cross listing(s): MCGS 488
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 489 Applied Sociology Internship** 1-15 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an internship offered for 1.0-15.0 units. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member. This course applies the knowledge gained in the sociology major or minor to an actual work setting. Students should talk to a faculty advisor about what kind of internship setting would be good for their career goals and interests. 3 hours supervision. (009020)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 489A Applied Sociology Internship** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an internship offered for 3.0 units. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member. This course applies the knowledge gained in the sociology major or minor to an actual work setting. Students should talk to a faculty advisor about what kind of internship setting would be good for their career goals and interests. 9 hours independent study. (021449)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 490 Grantwriting for Sociology** 3 Units
Prerequisite: SOCI 300, SOCI 310.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 All not for profit and many other organizations are funded at least in part by grants. In this course, students learn and practice finding a range of private and governmental funding sources, developing quality grant applications, and managing grant projects. This is a hands on course where students gain practical skills for managing grant funded organizations. 3 hours seminar. (021405)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 498 Special Topics** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 1 hour seminar. (009023)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 499 Special Problems** 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (009024)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 499H Honors in Sociology** 3 Units
Prerequisite: SOCI 441HW, faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This is an independent study course in which Honors-in-the-major students work closely under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Honors students define an original research problem, complete a literature review, conduct research, and write an analytical research paper. Honors students refine their papers and make public presentations. 9 hours supervision. (009028)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SOCI 589T Apprenticeship in Teaching Sociology** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 Apprentices learn about teaching sociology through assisting an instructor with a specific course. Apprentices get individualized instruction from faculty and then apply what they have learned to the college classroom environment, where they have an active role in assisting with student learning. 9 hours supervision. (015872)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

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