# SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

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<td>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)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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<td>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)</td>
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### 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

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division

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

#### Grade Basis:
Graded

### 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)

**Course Attributes:** Lower Division; US Diversity

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

### 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

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### 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. Recommended: MATH 105 or other lower-division statistics course.
**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 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: Fall and spring
We explore historic, economic, political, ecological and social changes that have created global 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): CRIM 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: Inquire at department
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
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; US 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 441W 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:** Fall only
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 484 Youth, Crime, and Delinquency 3 Units
**Prerequisite:** Recommended: SOCI 384.
**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
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
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
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
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
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
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
Typically Offered: Faculty permission.
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
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
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