SOC 400 - Contemporary Sociological Theories (4)

The development of sociological theory in its historical and social contexts since the early work of Parsons is explored. Also analyzed are contemporary schools of theory and representative theorists.

Prerequisite: SOC 300.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 404 - Social Research Methods II (4)

Students develop skill in the preparation, analysis, and interpretation of data and in the use of technology in the research process. Lecture and laboratory. 4 contact hours.

General Education Category: Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course; SOC 302; and any Gen. Ed. Mathematics course, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 460 - Senior Seminar in Sociology (4)

This is an integrating experience for the sociology major.

Prerequisite: 20 credit hours of sociology courses, including SOC 300, SOC 404, and concurrent enrollment in or completion of SOC 400, and a minimum 2.0 G.P.A., or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 490 - Independent Study in Sociology (3-4)

Students select a topic and undertake concentrated research or creative activity under the mentorship of a faculty member.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, department chair and dean.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 491 - Independent Study I (4)

Students select a topic and undertake concentrated research or creative activity under the mentorship of a faculty advisor.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, program director and dean, and admission to the sociology honors program.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 492 - Independent Study II (4)

This course continues the development of research or activity begun in SOC 491. For departmental honors, the project requires final assessment from the department.

Prerequisite: SOC 491 and consent of instructor, department chair and dean.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 501 - Professional Writing for Justice Services (4)

Students will learn effective writing techniques using critical thinking and cultural competency practices to support careers in criminal justice, related social services and disciplinary academic work.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

SOC 504 - Advanced Quantitative Analysis (4)

The analysis of quantitative data is covered, including sample- and population-based datasets, with an emphasis on multivariate linear and logistic regression and the development of data displays.

Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate courses in research methods and statistics, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

SOC 509 - Advanced Criminological Theory (4)

In-depth study of classical and contemporary theories, including criminology and victimology, with application to contemporary issues in the field.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall.

SOC 532 - Advanced Qualitative Methods (4)

Students collect and analyze interview and observational data. Skills include the writing of field notes, interview techniques and inductive analytical procedures.

Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate courses in research methods and statistics, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

SOC 533 - Evaluation Research (4)

Students learn research design, data collection and analysis in applied settings, with a focus on using methods of formative and summative evaluation and assessment.

Prerequisite: Graduate status and undergraduate courses in research methods and statistics, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall (odd years).

SOC 536 - Current Legal Issues (4)

An analysis of current legal issues facing the justice system, such as issues relating to criminal trials, punishment, family law, surveillance and civil rights.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring (even years).

SOC 551 - Topics in Criminology (4)

Focus is on topics in the study of criminology. May be repeated once for credit with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 552 - Topics in Stratification (4)

Focus is on topics in the study of in the study of social stratification as impacting justice systems. May be repeated once for credit with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 553 - Topics in the Sociology of Law (4)

Focus is on topics in the study of the sociology of law. May be repeated once for credit with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 554 - Topics in Social Problems (4)

Focus is on topics in the sociological study of social problems. May be repeated once for credit with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Graduate status or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.