# General Education

Distribution Courses

Distribution courses emphasize ways of thinking and methods of inquiry within various disciplines. Students are required to take one course in each of the following seven areas:

• Arts—Visual and Performing

• History

• Literature

• Mathematics

• Natural Science (lab required)

• Social and Behavioral Sciences

• Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning

Courses

Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (AQSR)

Courses in the AQSR category have Mathematics or Natural Science prerequisites and often additional prerequisites. For the full list of prerequisites, see the course description section of this catalog.

ONE COURSE from

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 306 | Primate Ecology and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 307 | Human Nature: Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| BIOL 221 | Genetics | 4 | F |
| BIOL 335 | Human Physiology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| CHEM 104 | General Chemistry II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| CHEM 106 | General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| CSCI 423 | Analysis of Algorithms | 4 | Sp |
| GEOG 201 | Mapping Our Changing World | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 205 | Earth's Physical Environments | 4 | F, Sp |
| HIST 207 | Quantitative History Through Applied Statistics | 4 | Sp (alternate years) |
| HSCI 232 | Human Genetics | 4 | F |
| MATH 213 | Calculus II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 239 | Contemporary Topics in Mathematics II | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 241 | Statistical Methods II | 4 | F, Sp |
| MATH 248 | Business Statistics I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| MATH 324 | College Geometry | 4 | F, Sp |
| PHIL 220 | Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning | 4 | F, Sp |
| PHYS 102 | General Physics II | 4 | Sp, Su |
| PHYS 201 | Electricity and Magnetism | 4 | Sp |
| PHYS 309 | Nanoscience and Nanotechnology | 4 | F (odd years) |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSCI 208 | Forensic Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| PSCI 214 | Introduction to Meteorology | 4 | F |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

## Environmental Studies

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**Director:**Mary Baker

Students **must**consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

**Retention Requirements**

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in the Environmental Studies major.

Environmental Studies B.A.

Course Requirements

Foundation Courses

Introduction to Environmental Studies

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| ENST 200 | Environmental Studies | 4 | F, Sp |

Statistics

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| MATH 240 | Statistical Methods I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Professional Writing

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ENGL 231 | Writing for Digital and Multimedia Environments | 4 | As needed |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| ENGL 232 | Writing for the Public Sphere | 4 | As needed |

The Natural Environment

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BIOL 100 | Fundamental Concepts of Biology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| CHEM 105 | General, Organic and Biological Chemistry I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
|  |  |  |  |
| PSCI 212 | Introduction to Geology | 4 | F, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| PSCI 217 | Introduction to Oceanography | 4 | Sp |

The Cultural Environment

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ONE COURSE from: |  |  |
| HIST 328 | History of the American West | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 358 | Environmental History | 4 | Annually |
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|  | ONE COURSE from: |  |  |
| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Archaeology | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 200 | Society and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |

The Human-Environment Interface

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PHIL 325 | Environmental Ethics | 3 | Sp |
|  |  |  |  |
| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
|  |  |  |  |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| GEOG 301 | Natural Resource Management | 4 | As needed |
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|  | ONE COURSE from: |  |  |
| ANTH 214 | Indigenous Cultures in the Amazonian Environment | 4 | Alternate years |
| COMM 240 | Mass Media and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 100 | Introduction to Environmental Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 201 | Mapping Our Changing World | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SUST 200 | Introduction to Sustainability | 4 | F, Sp Su |

Depth Courses

**FOUR COURSES**, BUT NO MORE THAN TWO FROM ANY SINGLE DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM FROM:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 307 | Human Nature: Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 325 | Cultures and Environments in South American | 4 | Alternate years |
| ANTH 334 | Steamships and Cyberspace: Technology, Culture, Society | 4 | Alternate years |
| ANTH 338 | Urban Anthropology | 4 | Alternate years |
| ENGL 315 | Literature, Environment and Ecocriticism | 4 | Annually |
| GEOG 202 | Geographic Information Systems I | 4 | Sp |
| GEOG 206 | Disaster Management | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 301 | Natural Resource Management | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 307 | Coastal Geography | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 338 | People, Houses, Neighborhoods, and Cities | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 357 | Public History | 4 | Annually |
| INGO 300 | International Nongovernmental Organizations | 4 | F |
| INGO 301 | Applied Development Studies | 3 | Sp |
| PHIL 320 | Philosophy of Science | 3 | Sp (odd years) |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 301 | Foundations of Public Administration | 4 | F |
| POL 341 | The Politics of Developing Nations | 3 | As needed |
| POL 342 | The Politics of Global Economic Change | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 345 | International Nongovernmental Organizations | 4 | F |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |
| PSCI 340 | Field Methods in Geology | 3 | As needed |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| XXX 350 | Appropriate topics from different departments | 4 | As needed |

Note: Cannot receive credit for INGO 300 and POL 345. GEOG 301 may not be taken for both Foundational and Depth credit.

Capstone

Select one of the following: Seminar, Internship or Fieldcourse

Seminar

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| ENST 461 | Environmental Studies Capstone Seminar | 4 | F |
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|  | -Or- |  |  |

Internship

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| INGO 303 | Pre-Internship Seminar in International Nongovernmental Organizations | 1 | As needed |
|  | -And- |  |  |
| INGO 304 | Internship in International Nongovernmental Organizations | 1-4 | As needed |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | -Or- |  |  |

Fieldcourse

CHOOSE ONE from the following:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 482 | Anthropology Field School: Archaeology | 4-8 | As needed |
| ANTH 483 | Anthropology Field School: Biological Anthropology | 4-8 | As needed |
| ENST 462 | Internship in Environmental Studies | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 463 | Internship in Geography | 4-6 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 327 | Internship in State Government | 4 | Sp |
| POL 328 | Field Experiences in the Public Sector | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Note: ANTH 482, ANTH 483 and GEOG 463 only require 4 credits to fulfill the requirement. INGO 304 requires all 3 credits to fulfill the requirement.

Note: If selecting the INGO options, both INGO 303 and INGO 304 MUST be completed.

Note: Students enrolled in the Environmental Studies program can only receive credit for ONE of the following courses: ENST 462, GEOG 463, INGO 304, POL 328.

*Note: Program adds to 48-56 without general education courses.*

Total Credit Hours: 64-68

Environmental Studies Minor

The minor on Environmental Studies consists of a minimum of 20 credit hours, as follows:

Course Requirements

Foundation Courses

Introduction to Environmental Studies

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| ENST 200 | Environmental Studies | 4 | F, Sp |

The Natural Environment

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ONE COURSE from: |  |  |
| BIOL 100 | Fundamental Concepts of Biology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| CHEM 105 | General, Organic and Biological Chemistry I | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSCI 212 | Introduction to Geology | 4 | F, Su |
| PSCI 217 | Introduction to Oceanography | 4 | Sp |

The Human Environment

**CHOOSE ONE COURSE** that cannot be counted in your major from:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 101 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 102 | Introduction to Archaeology | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 214 | Indigenous Cultures in the Amazonian Environment | 4 | Alternate years |
| COMM 240 | Mass Media and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ECON 214 | Principles of Microeconomics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| HIST 328 | History of the American West | 4 | As needed |
| HIST 358 | Environmental History | 4 | Annually |
| GEOG 100 | Introduction to Environmental Geography | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| GEOG 201 | Mapping Our Changing World | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 301 | Natural Resource Management | 4 | As needed |
| PHIL 325 | Environmental Ethics | 3 | Sp |
| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 203 | Global Politics | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 200 | Society and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SUST 200 | Introduction to Sustainability | 4 | F, Sp Su |

Depth Courses

**CHOOSE TWO COURSES** from:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 307 | Human Nature: Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| ANTH 325 | Cultures and Environments in South American | 4 | Alternate years |
| ANTH 334 | Steamships and Cyberspace: Technology, Culture, Society | 4 | Alternate years |
| ANTH 338 | Urban Anthropology | 4 | Alternate years |
| ENGL 315 | Literature, Environment and Ecocriticism | 4 | Annually |
| GEOG 202 | Geographic Information Systems I | 4 | Sp |
| GEOG 206 | Disaster Management | 4 | F, Sp |
| GEOG 301 | Natural Resource Management | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 307 | Coastal Geography | 4 | As needed |
| GEOG 338 | People, Houses, Neighborhoods, and Cities | 3 | As needed |
| HIST 357 | Public History | 4 | Annually |
| INGO 300 | International Nongovernmental Organizations | 4 | F |
| INGO 301 | Applied Development Studies | 3 | Sp |
| PHIL 320 | Philosophy of Science | 3 | Sp (odd years) |
| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 301 | Foundations of Public Administration | 4 | F |
| POL 341 | The Politics of Developing Nations | 3 | As needed |
| POL 342 | The Politics of Global Economic Change | 4 | Every third semester |
| POL 345 | International Nongovernmental Organizations | 4 | F |
| POL 355 | Policy Formation Process | 4 | Sp |
| PSCI 340 | Field Methods in Geology | 3 | As needed |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| XXX 350\* | Topics Course | 3-4 |  |

Note: Cannot receive credit for INGO 300 and POL 345. GEOG 301 may not be taken for both Foundational and Depth credit.

Total Credit Hours: 20

## Justice Studies

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**Department of Sociology**

**Director of Justice Studies:** Jill Harrison

Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Justice Studies B.A.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PHIL 206 | Ethics | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| POL 202 | American Government | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| PSYC 110 | Introduction to Psychology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Research Methods

CHOOSE Option I, II, or III below

Option I

(For all justice studies majors, including those double majoring in justice studies and sociology)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Option II

(For students double majoring in justice studies and political science)

|  |  |  |  |
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| POL 300 | Methodology in Political Science | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Option III

(For students double majoring in justice studies and psychology)

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| PSYC 320 | Research Methods II: Behavioral Statistics | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Core Theory and Capstone

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| JSTD 466 | Seminar in Justice Studies | 4 | F, Sp |
| POL 332 | Civil Liberties in the United States | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 309 | The Sociology of Delinquency and Crime | 4 | F, Sp |

Core Choices

THREE COURSES from

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ANTH 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| SOC 333 | Comparative Law and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
|  |  |  |  |
| HIST 315 | Western Legal Systems | 4 | As needed |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| POL 315 | Western Legal Systems | 4 | As needed |
|  |  |  |  |
| PHIL 321 | Social and Political Philosophy | 3 | F, Sp |
|  |  |  |  |
| POL 327 | Internship in State Government | 4 | Sp |
|  | -Or- |  |  |
| POL 328 | Field Experiences in the Public Sector | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
|  |  |  |  |
| POL 335 | Jurisprudence and the American Judicial Process | 3 | As needed |
| SOC 318 | Law and Society | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 340 | Law Enforcement: Theory and Application | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 341 | Corrections: Process and Theory | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

POL 327: Double majors in justice studies and social work may choose SWRK 436.

Cognates

TWO COURSES from

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| JSTD 3XX | Topics in Justice Studies | 4 |  |
| MGT 341 | Business, Government, and Society | 3 | F, Sp, Su |
| PHIL 315 | Evidence, Reasoning, and Proof | 3 | Annually |
| POL 331 | Courts and Public Policy | 4 | F |
| SOC 342 | Women, Crime, and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 343 | Juveniles and Justice | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 344 | Race and Justice | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 345 | Victimology | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

Total Credit Hours: 51-55

**Sociology**

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**Department of Sociology**

**Department Chair:** Mikaila M. L. Arthur

**Department Faculty: Professors** Ciambrone, Clark, Filinson, Jackson, Niklas; **Associate Professors** Arthur, Harrison; **Assistant Professor** Bery, Chaudhuri, Harkness, Nopper, Ramos

Students **must** consult with their assigned advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

**Sociology B.A.**

**Course Requirements**

**Courses**

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| SOC 300 | Classical Sociological Theories | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 400 | Contemporary Sociological Theories | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 404 | Social Data Analysis | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 460 | Senior Seminar in Sociology | 4 | F, Sp |

FIVE ADDITIONAL COURSES in sociology with no more than one at the 200-level for a total of 19-20 credits.

Note: MATH 240 may also be taken to fulfill part of this additional course requirement.

*Note: Connections courses cannot be used to satisfy these requirements.*



**Total Credit Hours: 39-40**

**Sociology Minor**

**Course Requirements**

The minor in sociology consists of six courses for a minimum of 22 credit hours:

**Courses**

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| SOC 300 | Classical Sociological Theories | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 302 | Social Research Methods | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

**ONE COURSE from**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SOC 200 | Society and Social Behavior | 4 | F, Sp |
| SOC 202 | The Family | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 204 | Urban Sociology | 4 | As needed |
| SOC 207 | Crime and Criminal Justice | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 208 | The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| SOC 217 | Aging and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |

One additional sociology course (Connections courses do not count toward minor).

At least 6 more credit hours at the 300- and 400-levels.

SOC 264 - Sex and Power: Global Gender Inequality (4)

The unequal access of women and men to socially valued resources is explored through the lens of race, class, and ethnicity, and from cross-cultural and historical perspectives. This course will not count toward the sociology major.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring

SOC 267 - Comparative Perspectives on Higher Education (4)

Comparative interdisciplinary exploration of contemporary and historical issues in higher education. Uses the RIC experience as a case study for analyzing current controversies around colleges and universities.

General Education Category: Connections.

Prerequisite: FYS 100, FYW 100/FYW 100P/FYW 100H and 45 credit hours.

Offered: Even years.

SOC 300 - Classical Sociological Theories (4)

The development and functions of sociological theory in its historical, social, and scientific contexts are studied. Also analyzed are the more important theories from those of Comte to the early Parsons.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 302 - Social Research Methods (4)

Social research methods are examined, with emphasis on the connection between theory and research, values and ethical issues in research, study design, conceptualization, measurement, and methods of data collection.

General Education Category: Gen. Ed. Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course and completion of Mathematics Gen. Ed. distribution requirement, or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 303 - Fountain of Age (4)

The impacts of aging at the individual, interactional, and societal level are examined, with ethical, public policy and economic challenges considered. Historical, cross-cultural and gender variations in aging are explored. Students cannot receive credit for both GRTL 303 and SOC 303, or SOC 261.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 306 - Formal Organizations (4)

In analyzing the goals, operation, and impact of modern organizations, consideration is given to such characteristics as bureaucratization, the role of the bureaucrat, industrial relations, and organizational change.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 309 - The Sociology of Delinquency and Crime (4)

Theoretical orientations toward the causes of delinquent and criminal behavior are studied. Also examined are various types of criminal behavior, as well as research, measurement, and prediction methods. Relevant social policy is explored.

Prerequisite: SOC 207 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 314 - The Sociology of Health and Illness (4)

Topics include the influence of the social and economic environment on health and disease, and social-cultural forces affecting medicine.

Prerequisite: Completion of any 200 level course in a social/behavioral science or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

SOC 315 - Community (4)

Interactive learning is pursued through field experience or applied research that produces service to the community.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or completion of at least 45 college credits and consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 316 - Sociology of Education (4)

The school is examined as one of the major institutions in contemporary society concerned with the socialization of children (and adults).

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 317 - Politics and Society (4)

Relationships of power and authority and their social foundations are examined. Students may receive credit for only one of the following: HIST 317, POL 317, and SOC 317.

Prerequisite: POL 204 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Spring.

SOC 318 - Law and Society (4)

Law as a social institution is examined. Attention is given to theories of law; law as it relates to social control and social change; the organization, making, implementation, and impact of law; and the profession and practice of law.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 320 - Law and the Elderly (3)

The major laws affecting the older population (e.g., Social Security) are examined, as well as areas where criminality may occur, such as elder abuse.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Annually.

SOC 333 - Comparative Law and Justice (4)

Systems of law and justice are examined in prestate and state societies to understand the operation of law and justice in cross-cultural contexts and the United States. Students cannot receive credit for both SOC 333 and ANTH 333.

Prerequisite: Any 100- or 200-level course in a social science.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 340 - Law Enforcement: Theory and Application (4)

The philosophy, history, and practice of law enforcement are examined. Organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and their roles in the administration of criminal justice are explored.

Prerequisite: SOC 207 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 341 - Corrections: Process and Theory (4)

Focus is on the history and development of corrections in the United States, including rationales of punishment, critical analysis of correctional processes and theories, and alternatives to incarceration.

Prerequisite: SOC 207 or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 342 - Women, Crime, and Justice (4)

Focus is on women's experiences with crime, justice, and the law. Topics include an overview of American laws that affect women, the impact of social movements on justice for women, women and crime, and women in the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 343 - Juveniles and Justice (4)

The impact of juvenile status on the rights of the individual, the historical and philosophical foundations of the juvenile justice system, and its current organization and administration are examined.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: As needed.

SOC 344 - Race and Justice (4)

Focus is on the intersection of race with crime, justice and the law. Considers whether there is institutionalized bias towards specific racial groups in the legal and criminal justice systems.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

SOC 345 - Victimology (4)

Topics such as the victimization of individuals and groups by crime, the criminal justice system, terrorism, and the abuse of power are examined.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level sociology course or consent of department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

SOC 390 - Directed Study (3-4)

Designed to be a substitute for a traditional course under the instruction of a faculty member. This course may be repeated with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, department chair and dean.

Offered: As needed.

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 Data Analysis (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; POL 300 or 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: 18 credit hours of sociology courses, including SOC 400 and SOC 404 and a minumum 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.