COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

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 435 – Fieldwork in Sociology (1-4)**

Students will get hands-on experience using sociology in the field as part of an experiential learning process, such as through service learning or applied research, under an instructor’s supervision. 4-16 contact hours.

Prerequisite: Completion of at least 30 college credits with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and consent of Department Chair. Some fieldwork sites may have additional requirements.

Offered: As needed.

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 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.

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.