SOCI 1100 Introduction to Sociology (3)
Intended primarily for students who wish to gain a broad, general overview of the field and its area of study, methods of inquiry, and conceptions and analysis of society. Students will learn about core concepts in sociology, including sociological perspectives on culture; social structure; socialization; social institutions; personality and the self; prejudice and discrimination; the significance of race, class, and gender; political and social change; demography; human ecology; and crime and deviance. **GCP Coding: (SSHB) (OCOM)**

**SOCI 1800 Careers in Sociology (1-2)**
Provides students with career information for the field of sociology, including careers fields such as health care, business, government, the military, the criminal justice system, and law. Students are given guidance on how to search for and apply to graduate programs and internships, create personal statements, develop a résumé, and find jobs within the field of sociology. **Prerequisite: SOCI 1100 or permission of instructor.**

**SOCI 2000 Issues in Contemporary Society (3)**
Introductory level course designed to provide a brief, intensive overview of specific areas of contemporary sociology. Uses a number of approaches to provide students with a chance to explore how sociological principles are applied to a specific topic or area of interest. Topics vary each semester. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

**SOCI 2100 Topics in Sex and Gender (3)**
Special topics in the study of sex and gender will be offered in this course. Topics include women, femininities, men, masculinities, sexualities (heterosexualities, gay, lesbian or bisexualities), etc. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

**SOCI 2175 Social Movements (3)**
Explores the general characteristics of classic and modern social movements. Analyzes problems of recruitment, organization, duration, institutionalization, ideology, technology, and innovation. Introduces sociological perspectives on comparative economic and social development, with an emphasis on social and political change. **GCP Coding: (SSHB) (OCOM)**

**SOCI 2275 Topics in Social Institutions (3)**
This course provides an introduction to one social institution from a sociological perspective -- institutions such as family; political systems and the law (including war and peace); education; medicine and science; religion; economic structure, work and occupations; and mass media. The course includes functionalist, conflict, interactionist, and feminist analyses of social institutions. Students will produce or evaluate academic literature related to the social institution and formulate a researchable thesis or hypothesis. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

**SOCI 2300 Deviance and Social Control (3)**
Examines behaviors that deviate from idealized or actual social norms, such as homosexuality, alcoholism and drug addiction, mental illness, prostitution, or sexual violence. Analyzes sociological theories of deviant behavior (such as social control theory, functionalism, interactionism, conflict, and feminism). **Prerequisite: SOCI 1100 or CRIM 1100 or permission of the instructor.**

**SOCI 2375 Global Social Problems (3)**
Provides an introduction to a wide range of social problems such as homelessness, crime, and poverty, and how these social problems differ by race, class, and gender. Includes major sociological theoretical perspectives on social problems (such as functionalism, conflict, interactionism, and feminism). **GCP Coding: (SSHB) (INTC)**

**SOCI 2380 White Collar Crime (3)**
White-collar crime generally involves the use of a violator's position of significant power, influence, or trust in the "legitimate" order for the purpose of illegal gain. The prosecution and defense of white-collar crime differ significantly from the prosecution and defense of street crime at every point - including investigation, litigation, and consequences. This course is the study of contemporary forms of white-collar crime and its explanations, theories, and accounts along with its investigation, adjudication, and regulation.

**SOCI 2400 Topics in Inequality (3)**
This course provides an introduction to one or more aspects of inequality from a sociological perspective, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, class, immigration status, and intersectionality. The course includes functionalist, conflict, interactionist, and feminist analyses of inequality. Students will produce or evaluate academic literature related to inequalities and formulate a researchable thesis or hypothesis. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

**SOCI 2525 Introduction to Social Work (3)**
This course provides a broad survey of the social work profession, its history, and the values and ethics that are fundamental to the profession. An overview of social work theory, practice, policy, research, and the diversity of populations are integrated in exploring the knowledge, values, and skills base of the social work profession.
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SOCI 2575 Urban Sociology (3)
Provides an introduction to sociological perspectives on metropolitanization and suburbanization, urban systems and development, residential patterns and housing (including community identity and disorganization), and human ecology. Analyzes how human ecology, population structure and dynamics, and migration impact residential patterns. GCP Coding: (SSHB) (CRI)

SOCI 2600 Topics in Social Informatics (3)
This course provides an introduction to one or more aspects of social informatics from a sociological perspective. Social informatics is a field of study that examines how new technologies change, alter, or are incorporated into current social practices. Possible areas of study include biomedicine, new media technologies, nanotechnology, transhumanism, geoengineering, and online worlds. The course includes functionalist, conflict, interactionist, and feminist analyses of informatics. Students will produce or evaluate academic literature related to the social informatics and formulate a researchable thesis or hypothesis. May be repeated for credit if content differs.

SOCI 2650 Games and Society (3)
This course explores the role that games play in our society -- why we like to play games, and what the games we play tell us about ourselves and our sense of the world around us. Looks at games from the perspective of several theoretical traditions: as rational exercises meant to impose order, as a cultural product to tell certain narratives, and as interactive exercises that create community and shared experience. Examines the rising trend in "gamification" -- the usage of games towards pro-social activities like learning and education, and in addressing social and behavioral problems. Investigates if games can -- or should be -- accurate representations of our social worlds, and how we can go about using them to tell sociologically interesting stories.

SOCI 2750 Introduction to Measurement and Statistics (3)
Designed to aid the student in learning how to "make sense" of a body of numbers: how to summarize and extract information from numbers; how to detect, measure, and use relationships between variables; and how to use statistical aids to the decision-making process. Course covers descriptive statistics, correlation and regression, and inferential statistics such as the t-test and analysis of variance. GCP Coding: (QL)

SOCI 2825 Introduction to Research Methods (3)
Research is at the heart of the behavioral and social sciences. This course will cover the basics of quantitative and qualitative research design. In addition, students will be provided with the means to critically analyze and assess the ethics of research findings.Lastly, students will be given the opportunity to develop a research proposal. Prerequisite: SOCI 1100 or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 2900 Community Practicum (3)
Students engage in service learning work at a community agency and have an opportunity to experience agency operations firsthand. A variety of field placements are available, depending on the student's background and interests. Classroom component will include discussion of placement experiences or issues and the ethics of service work. May be repeated for credit if content differs. Prerequisites: SOCI 1100, sophomore standing, permission of the instructor, and approval of placement proposal.

SOCI 3000 Topics in Sociology (3)
An advanced, in-depth analysis of issues and topics in sociology. Topics vary by semester. May be repeated for credit if content differs. Prerequisites: SOCI 1100 and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 3175 Social Psychology (3)
Examines how people influence and are influenced by their social setting. The connection between individual and social processes is one of the basic themes in sociology. Three questions emerge: (1) How does a person develop a sense of who he/she is? (2) What are the influences of others, social interaction, and social structures on the individual? (3) How does the individual actively participate in structuring his/her social world? In investigating these questions, this course will explore the topics of the development of self and identity and the social influence of others, roles, group and life course processes, and also assess topics in social psychology in need of further development. Prerequisites: SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 3250 Applied Social Science (3)
Introduces applied anthropology/sociology and employs a comparative perspective to investigate the importance of utilizing anthropological and sociological concepts in dealing with current social and cultural issues. Prerequisites: SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 3276 Sociology of Media and Technology (3)
Analyzes sociological perspectives on the social institution of mass media and communications, emphasizing a critical analysis of the social, political, and economic context of mass media and communications. Various topics will be presented, such as the media as an agent of socialization; media ownership and bias; media globalization; media ethics and responsibility; and the ideology, effects, and audience for media messages. Prerequisite: SOCI 1100 or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 3380 Transnational Crime (3)
The primary purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth look at several pressing issue related to transnational criminal behavior and how nations, NGOs, and private corporation are involved in both facilitating and preventing it. Topics for discussion include: international trafficking of people, arms, and drugs; money laundering; syndicated or organized crime; terrorism; the illicit trade in counterfeit goods; intellectual and digital theft; and cybercrime. Prerequisites: SOCI 1100 or CRIM 1100 and junior status; or permission of instructor.

SOCI 3450 Sex and Gender (3)
Provides an introduction to sociological perspectives on sex and gender; includes historical and comparative trends, legislative responses to women, social inequality, social mobility, and work and labor force participation. Includes major sociological theoretical perspectives on sex and gender (such as functionalism, conflict, interactionism, and feminism). GCP Coding: (SSHB) (ETH)

SOCI 3475 Race and Ethnicity (3)
Examines sociological perspectives on race and ethnicity, including prejudice and discrimination, historical and comparative trends in intergroup relations, legislative responses to racial or ethnic minorities, social inequality, social mobility, and work and labor force participation. Includes sociological theoretical
perspectives on race and ethnicity (such as functionalism, conflict, interactionism, and feminism). **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 3550 Sociological Theory (3)**
Evaluates the strengths and limitations of classic and contemporary sociological theory from functionalist, conflict, interactionist, and feminist traditions and theorists such as Marx, Weber, and Durkheim to provide students with a framework to explain how society works. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100 and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 3575 Environmental Sociology (3)**
Examines sociological perspectives on human ecology. A variety of topics illustrating the relationship between humans and the physical environment will be presented, such as consumption and sustainability, globalization; environmental politics and law; urban systems and development; residential patterns and housing; metropolitanization and suburbanization; and the environmental impact of population structure, dynamics, and migration. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 3610 Independent Reading Course (1-5)**
Designed for individual student exploration of a given body of knowledge or a specific area of interest. Selected topics agreed upon between student and a member of the departmental faculty. Topic of the course, detailed learning outcomes, and means of evaluation to be negotiated between student and faculty member. Intended for majors. May be repeated for credit if content differs. **Prerequisites:** Junior standing in sociology and permission of the department.

**SOCI 3875 Sociology Lab (1-3)**
Lab is designed to complement a 3000-level core course allowing the instructor and student to work collaboratively toward the development of a course related project. May be repeated for credit if content differs. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100 and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4000 Advanced Studies in Sociology (3)**
Designed for in-depth study of a specific area or issue in sociology. May be repeated for credit if content differs. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100 and 12 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4175 Globalization and Social Change (3)**
Analyzes sociological perspectives on globalization and social change, including a variety of topics such as comparative economic and social development, political change, technology and innovation, political and social change, how social change factors such as population or urbanization affect social structures and individuals, and examples of specific policy implications using reasoning about social-structural effects. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4276 Organizational Theory (3)**
Examines sociological perspectives on the economy, work, and occupations, emphasizing organizational forms and change, organizations and their environment, organization theory, and voluntary organizations. Includes sociological theoretical perspectives on work and organizations (such as functionalism, conflict, interactionism, and feminism). **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4300 Radical Violent Extremism (3)**
A consensus definition of violent extremism is hard to come by. Academics, law enforcement, and policy makers all have often widely different definitions of terrorism and violent extremism, and different reason for why it occurs. This course is not intended to answer the question of what is and is not terrorism and extremism and what causes it. However, we will give time to all of the current major theories, typologies, and major movements in terrorism, hate, and extremism to gain a better understanding of what it is, and why it is important that we pay attention to it. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100 or CRIM 1100 and junior status; or permission of instructor.

**SOCI 4475 Class, Status, and Power (3)**
Analyzes sociological perspectives on social class, status, power, and stratification. Includes a variety of topics, such as prejudice and discrimination, legislative responses to minorities, social inequality, social mobility, and work and labor force participation. Analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of sociological theories to explain stratification (such as functionalism, conflict, interactionism, and feminism). **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4575 Demography and Social Network Analysis (3)**
Analyzes sociological perspectives on population structure, dynamics, and migration. Includes a variety of topics, such as population characteristics and aging, basic demographic methods, demographic theory, urban systems and development, residential patterns and housing, metropolitanization and suburbanization, and human ecology. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4610 Advanced Independent Reading Course (1-5)**
Designed for individual student exploration of a given body of knowledge or a specific area of interest. Selected topics agreed upon between student and a member of the departmental faculty. Topic of the course, detailed learning outcomes, and means of evaluation to be negotiated between student and faculty member. Intended for majors. May be repeated for credit if content differs. **Prerequisites:** Senior standing in sociology and permission of the department.

**SOCI 4750 Advanced Statistics (3)**
Examines data analysis techniques for complex research designs, emphasizing the application of advanced statistical techniques such as complex analysis of variance and multivariate statistics. Introduces the student to the use of statistical software as a tool for data analysis. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2750, SOCI 2825; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4825 Senior Thesis (3-6)**
Students will synthesize material from other sociology courses, emphasizing the central importance of the intersecting impact of race, class, and gender, in a final report of an advanced, individual research project (ideally including original data collection or analysis of existing data) which demonstrates advanced writing skills and reports the results of that research.
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in relation to an existing body of knowledge. Course may be repeated once for credit with permission of department chair. 
**Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2750, SOCI 2825, and 6 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.

**SOCI 4875 Advanced Sociology Lab (1-3)**
Lab is designed to complement a 4000-level course allowing the instructor and student to work collaboratively toward the development of a course related project. May be repeated for credit if content differs. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100 and 12 credit hours of sociology; or permission of instructor.

**SOCI 4900 Senior Overview (3)**
Provides a culminating experience for sociology majors, allowing students to synthesize and apply psychological knowledge in preparation for a career. Students will use their sociology skills and knowledge to become familiar with the research, theories, and methods associated with an area of personal interest. **Prerequisites:** SOCI 1100, SOCI 2825, and 9 credit hours of sociology; or permission of the instructor.