

# Sociology

## Sociology Classes

### SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology

This course provides a basic introduction to and overview of the field of sociology, including basic concepts, terms, major theories, methods, perspectives, and approaches employed in the discipline. The course examines the major social institutions that are the subject of the field and the sociological approaches employed to understand these institutions and their functions.

**Units:** 3

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### SOC 290: Topics in Sociology

**Units:** 1-4

**Program:** [Sociology](#)

### SOC 298: Special Study

**Units:** 1-4

**Program:** [Sociology](#)

### SOC 299: Independent Study

**Units:** 1-4

**Program:** [Sociology](#)

### SOC 300: Introduction to Sociological Theory

This course introduces students to major classical, contemporary, critical, and post-modern sociological theories and theorists. Students obtain both a conceptual foundation and historical perspective of sociological theories. In addition they become familiar with various themes associated with sociological theories. The application and linkage of theory with contemporary social issues and social science research is also a feature of this course.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 100 or SOC 100.

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# SOC 305: Social Movements and Social Change

This course provides students with a comprehensive overview of the state of social movements and social change in 20th Century. Students become familiar with the history of the field, recent developments and its current status. Case studies of social movements and social change may be analyzed cross-nationally. Students also examine empirical studies and theoretical frameworks associated with social movements and social change.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 100 or SOC 100.

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# SOC 310: Social Problems

This course introduces students to major social problems in America and other societies. Students learn to apply sociology concepts and theories and to analyze social problems. Emphasis is placed on problem solving, discussion, and debate.

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# SOC 320: Sociology of Education

This course provides an overview of schooling, its purpose, and function in historical and contemporary societies. It introduces theoretical and methodological perspectives for understanding the purpose, structure, and function of educational systems in various societies. Students examine, discuss, and debate multiple perspectives regarding the roles, purposes, and outcomes of schooling, and they conduct an in-depth study of a major issue regarding schooling in different societies. A focus on cultural issues such as ableism, racism, sexism, and inequality in education is also offered.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

SOC 100 or Instructor Consent.

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# SOC 330: Social Stratification and Inequality

This course examines the many facets of inequality and rankings that exist among various groups and organizations in different societies, as well as methods of assessing inequality. Students engage in cross-cultural comparisons to explore global stratification and inequality between countries and produce a project that entails a cross-cultural, comparative analysis.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 100 or SOC 100.

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# SOC 390: Advanced Topics in Sociology

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)

## SOC 398: Special Study

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)

## SOC 399: Independent Study

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)

## SOC 400: The Philosophy of Feminist and Queering Theory

This course is aimed at understanding different theoretical approaches to studying gender, sexuality, identity, sexism, exchanges of women, patriarchy, labor, otherness, oppression, and theoretical change. In addition it will cover more abstract interrogations of theoretical assumptions within explicative frameworks of post-modernism, post-structuralism, social constructivism, post-colonialism, materialism, transnational feminism and also critical and queer theoretical frameworks. Different feminist perspectives will be covered such as liberal, Marxist, radical, standpoint, etc. Special attention will be given to the exploration of power relations and other forms of inequality. We will also spend significant time engaging with feminist/ queer critiques of knowledge production, notions of perspective, representation, identity, and objectivity.

**Units:** 3

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 100 or SOC 100 or SBS/INTS 215 or ANTH/INTS 348.

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## SOC 490: Advanced Topics in Sociology

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)

## SOC 498: Special Study

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)

## SOC 499: Independent Study

**Units:** 1-4  
**Program:** [Sociology](#)