

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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Sociology

Sociology is the study of human societies. We ask basic questions like “why do humans do what we do” and “how does society work.” Along the way we pick up essential human questions like: What does it mean when we say that we live in a socially constructed reality? What is the place of the individual in society? Do we have “free will,” or are our personal actions determined by social forces? Is social life really what Thomas Hobbes called the “war of all against all”? Why do we have social order?

If you have ever thought about questions like these, you might want to consider a degree in Sociology. Humans are social beings and we interact in a social environment. Sociology is the scientific discipline that studies human behavior and social interactions of individuals, groups, organizations and whole societies. Sociology is a science, and was identified in the 1830s as one of the five “mother sciences” along with astronomy, chemistry, physics, and biology, and as such overlaps with other social sciences (Political Science, Economics, Psychology, and Anthropology) though we maintain our unique perspective. Sociology focuses primarily on contemporary societies, though we incorporate a historical and developmental perspective.

The Sociology program at Marshall University offers students the opportunity to study the intricacies of social life: how to negotiate the collaboratively constructed institutions through which our social world works, how social stratification affects opportunities for individuals and groups, how to critically analyze the problems inherent in the way we construct society, how to empirically determine the facts we construct into truths. The social and analytical skills developed through the program are essential for any job dealing with people and organizations – especially those dealing in multiethnic and global environments and that require breadth and adaptability.

You don’t often see jobs with “sociologist” in the title, but a Sociology B.A. is recognized as an excellent preparation for a wide variety of occupations, especially for careers in social policy, education, union organizing or other social movements, health care, criminology, aging network, industrial or public relations, marketing, human resource management, organizational research, or community and social services. Of course, Marshall’s Sociology program also offers an excellent preparation for professional degrees and/or advanced degrees in Sociology. A recent study by CareerCast.com ranked Sociology as the eighth most appealing job in its analysis of 200 occupations based on job characteristics such as perceived work environment, income, employment outlook, physical demands, security, and stress.

The Sociology program at Marshall seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the principles, theories and techniques of analysis in the discipline. While allowing for flexibility to accommodate students’ diverse interests, the curriculum ensures that students are introduced to social theory, learn to employ the

basic methods of the discipline, and take courses that provide a good orientation in the discipline both in breadth and depth.

Students majoring or minoring in Sociology are strongly encouraged to discuss with an advisor (in the department and/or in the office of the dean of the College of Liberal Arts) ways in which the requirements in the major/minor simultaneously cover parts of the general education requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and/or the Core Curriculum.

Honors in Sociology

The very best Sociology students are encouraged to consider graduating with program honors. To graduate with Honors in Sociology a student must enroll in two subsequent 3 credit courses for a total of 6 credits over one year. A 3 credit SOC 485 Independent Study followed by SOC 493 Senior Seminar II will be the ordinary sequence, but if necessary the courses can be taken in the reversed order.

The prerequisites for obtaining permission to pursue the Honors in Sociology option are: the student must be a declared Sociology major in Junior or Senior standing, have a GPA in all concluded Sociology classes of a minimum of 3.5, and have a written agreement with a faculty member, who will act as the advisor. In the first term, the student will prepare a study plan and literature review for an independent research project; at the end of the term, this work must be presented to a committee of at least three faculty members who will together determine the grade.

The prerequisites for pursuing the second term of the honors option include: an “A” in the first term, a GPA in all concluded Sociology classes of a minimum of 3.5, and written permission by the advisor. In the second semester, the student will conduct the proposed research project and report her/his findings (the report will ordinarily be a written paper, but can be supplemented by presentations in other media – an exhibition, a film, etc.). At the end of the term, this work must be presented to a committee of at least three faculty members who will together determine the grade. The grade “A” for the work in the second term will be recognized on the student’s transcript as “Graduating with Honors in Sociology.”

Anthropology

Anthropology is the systematic study of humans, their practices, and the myriad ways they experience these practices. Anthropologists study humanity in its diverse cultural, social, physical and linguistic forms. As an academic discipline, Anthropology bridges the humanities and social sciences in addressing fundamental questions having to do not only with how the human world works and how people negotiate their social and cultural realities but also with what it *means* to be human. Anthropology draws from prehistorical, historical, and contemporary cases and is distinct in addressing all levels of sociopolitical organization and subsistence strategies ranging from foraging bands and horticultural tribes to modern industrialized states and the globalized realities of the world today. Anthropology is, by its nature, interdisciplinary and international in both theory and practice.

Our program offers students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to thoroughly and creatively explore the world and peoples around them. Anthropology classes stress the exchange of ideas and build strength in critical thinking, communication, and intellectual exploration. An anthropological perspective will become increasingly important in the 21st century. There is today a growing demand for sensitivity to the values, beliefs, and cultural structures of other groups that might be different from one’s own. In all parts

of society, people progressively need the ability to live, work, and appreciate diversity while simultaneously becoming more aware of the relations that connect various groups and the commonalities they share.

As reported by the American Anthropological Association and the Society for American Archaeology, demand for graduates with degrees in Anthropology is high. Anthropology graduates work in many fields in which research on humans and their behavior is needed, including private corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Anthropology majors commonly find employment in state and federal governments, non-governmental and other international aid organizations, education, business, human resources, social work, historical resource management/field-technicians in archaeology, and, increasingly, health care. Many Anthropology majors continue to graduate school in such fields as: Anthropology, History, Law, Geography or Medicine.

The Anthropology program at Marshall University seeks to ensure that each student develops a solid foundation in the basic principles, theories and techniques of analysis within the discipline. The curriculum ensures that students are introduced to all four disciplinary subfields: social-cultural anthropology, physical-biological anthropology, archaeology, and linguistics. Since students majoring in anthropology vary in their interests and career goals, the curriculum allows for flexibility in developing individual courses of study, including opportunities for involvement in faculty research through course offerings and independent study.

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Programs

- Anthropology, B.A. (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/anthropology-ba/>)
- Anthropology, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/anthropology-minor/>)
- Sociology, Accelerated Graduate Degree (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/sociology-accelerated-graduate-degree/>)
- Sociology, B.A. (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/sociology-ba/>)
- Sociology, Minor (<http://catalog.marshall.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/liberal-arts/sociology-anthropology/sociology-minor/>)

Courses

 - General Education Course

Anthropology

ANT 201  Cultural Anthropology (CT) 3 Credit hours

Introduction to the scientific study of culture with emphasis on the cultures of small-scale societies. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, International, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 201H  Cultural Anthropol Honors (CT) 3 Credit hours

Introduction to the scientific study of culture with emphasis on the cultures of small-scale societies. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills. For the honors student.

Pre-req: Admitted Honors College with a score of 1.

Attributes: Critical Thinking, Honors, International, Core II Social Sciences

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 280 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 281 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 282 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 283 Special Topics 1-4 Credit hours

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 301 Social Statistics 3 Credit hours

Introduction to statistical analysis of social data.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 322 Archaeology 3 Credit hours

Introduction to the methods and theory of archaeology.

Attributes: COLA Humanities

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 323 Archaeolog Field Train 3-6 Credit hours

Supervised instruction in on-site archaeological data collection, survey and excavation techniques.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

ANT 324 Archaeological Analysis 3 Credit hours

Supervised instruction in processing and analyzing archaeological materials recovered by fieldwork.

Pre-req: ANT 322.

Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- ANT 325 World Prehistory** **3 Credit hours**
An introduction to the archaeology of pre-literate cultures, from the emergence of Homo Sapiens to the present.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 326 Classical Archaeology** **3 Credit hours**
Archaeology of ancient Greece and Rome, and their colonies and imperial domains.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 331 Physical Anthropology** **3 Credit hours**
The study of human physical evolution, from the earliest hominins to the present day, based on the study of primatology, human genetics, and the paleontological record.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 361 Ethnographic Research** **3 Credit hours**
A project-based introduction to ethnographic research design and practice.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 362 🌍 Health, Culture & Society** **3 Credit hours**
A cross-cultural, historical, and bio-cultural examination through case-study of social and environmental factors that affect human health and disease.
Pre-req: ANT 201 or ANT 201H or SOC 200 or SOC 200H.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 363 US Culture and the Family** **3 Credit hours**
An historically and ethnographically informed consideration of the changing meaning and place of family and work in everyday American life, media, and politics.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 364 Expressive Culture** **3 Credit hours**
Exploration of expressive cultural forms in the construction of personal and communal identities and their meaningful attachment to particular geographic places.
Attributes: Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 365 Anthropology through Film** **3 Credit hours**
Exploration of film as general anthropological field of interest with emphasis on understanding selected films as cultural texts and association with particular and changing cultural, political, economics and historical contexts.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 371 🌍 Linguistic Anthropology** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the theories and methodologies of linguistic anthropology and to language as a cultural phenomenon and form of diversity.
Attributes: International, COLA Humanities
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 372 Methods in Language & Culture** **3 Credit hours**
In this course, students will learn a variety of methods for studying language and culture used in anthropology, sociolinguistics, and applied linguistics by collecting and analyzing actual linguistic data
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 402 Principles of GIS** **4 Credit hours**
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) principles, techniques, and applications for the social and natural sciences with emphasis on foundational geographic principles in a lecture/lab format.
Attributes: Digital Humanities
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 411 Deconstructing Appalachia** **3 Credit hours**
Exploration of the historical and cultural significance of Appalachia in the American experience and imagination.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 412 Appalachian Field Exp I** **3-6 Credit hours**
Supervised fieldwork in an Appalachian community studying the social and cultural characteristics of the area.
Pre-req: ANT 411.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 428 Arch Theory and Analysis** **3 Credit hours**
An introduction to archaeological theory and its application to the material record of cultures, past and present.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 440 🌍 African Cultures** **3 Credit hours**
Comparative analysis of the ethnic groups of Africa, using archaeological and ethnographic data.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 441 Oceania** **3 Credit hours**
Comparative analysis of the indigenous peoples and cultures of Melanesia and Polynesia, using archaeological and ethnographic data.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 442 The Native Americans** **3 Credit hours**
Comparative analysis of the indigenous inhabitants of North America, using archaeological and ethnographic data. PR: Six hours of anthropology or departmental permission.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 445 🌍 American Ethnicities** **3 Credit hours**
Comparative overview of historical and contemporary patterns of immigration, settlement, and inter-ethnic relations in the United States.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 460 🌍 Crime and Custom** **3 Credit hours**
This course examines law and legal processes in diverse cultures from anthropological and law and society perspectives.
Attributes: COLA Humanities, Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 464 🌍 Design, Planning & Health** **3 Credit hours**
Social scientific study of how places where people live, work, and recreate affect quality of life and overall health with an emphasis on design decisions within urban and regional planning.
Attributes: Digital Humanities, Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- ANT 465 🌿 Disaster, Culture & Health** **3 Credit hours**
Study of contemporary environmental and social problems emphasizing health impacts of natural and technological disasters on communities around the world.
Attributes: Digital Humanities, International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 466 🌿 Culture and Environment** **3 Credit hours**
This course will examine the symbolic and structural dimensions of struggles over defining, organizing, and controlling the natural environment from biocultural perspective.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 467 🌿 Culture in Ethnographies** **3 Credit hours**
In depth exploration and comparison of diverse cultural groups through reading and discussing ethnographic texts. PR: Six credit hours of anthropology or departmental permission.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 468 National Identity** **3 Credit hours**
Exploration of cultural, political and economic processes that contribute to creation and maintenance of the modern national state as an imagined community.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 472 🌿 Language, Gender and the Body** **3 Credit hours**
Uses methods and theories from anthropology, linguistics, and sociology to examine how gendered bodies in different cultures are constructed through ways of acting in the world.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 478 Intro to Sociolinguistics** **3 Credit hours**
Sociolinguistics is the study of the effects of language in society relevant to discourse practices, language attitudes, variations, shifts and changes.
Pre-req: ENG 102 or ENG 302 or ENG 201H.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 480 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 481 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 482 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 483 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 485 Independent Study** **1-4 Credit hours**
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 486 Independent Study** **1-4 Credit hours**
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 487 Independent Study** **1-4 Credit hours**
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 488 Independent Study** **1-4 Credit hours**
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 489 Internship** **1-4 Credit hours**
Supervised practicum founded on anthropological knowledge in a host institution. 40-45 hours of internship work correspond with 1 credit hour.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 491 🌿 Anthropological Theory** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to major theoretical traditions of anthropology with emphasis on the connection between fieldwork and development of theory.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 492 Senior Seminar I** **3 Credit hours**
Application of anthropological theory and practice to individually designed projects. This course fulfills the capstone requirement for undergraduate anthropology majors.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ANT 493 🌿 Senior Seminar II** **3 Credit hours**
Application of anthropological theory and practice to individually designed projects. Fulfills the capstone requirement for undergraduate majors.
Attributes: Capstone Course
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- ## Sociology
- SOC 200 🌿 Understanding Society (CT)** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the study of human society. This class emphasizes critical thinking skills.
Attributes: American Institutions, Critical Thinking, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 200H 🌿 Understanding Society Hon (CT)** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the study of human society for the honors student. This course emphasizes critical thinking skills.
Pre-req: Admitted Honors College with a score of 1.
Attributes: American Institutions, Critical Thinking, Honors, Multicultural, Core II Social Sciences
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 280 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 281 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 282 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 283 Special Topics** **1-4 Credit hours**
Selected topics not covered in regular course offerings.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

- SOC 300 Social Organization** **3 Credit hours**
A multidisciplinary examination of the fundamental principles and theories that underpin social organization, exploring the ways in which individuals come together to form cohesive groups, institutions and communities.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 310 Self and Society** **3 Credit hours**
Study of sociological perspectives on social interaction and the relationship between the individual and society.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 311 Deviance and Social Control** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the basic concepts and theories of deviant behavior and the mechanism of social control.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 313 Social Problems** **3 Credit hours**
Analysis of current social issues and problems from a variety of sociological perspectives.
Pre-req: SOC 200 or SOC 200H or SOC 200E.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 330 Community Health** **3 Credit hours**
An investigation of those social institutions and environmental, social, and personal factors in the community to maintain health and provide support in illness as related to social theory..
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 342 American Society** **3 Credit hours**
Sociological analysis of the structural and cultural features of contemporary American society and their historic development.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 344 Social Research** **3 Credit hours**
Intro to systematic social research methodology.
Pre-req: SOC 200 or SOC 200H.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 345 Social Statistics** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to statistical analysis of social data.
Pre-req: SOC 200 with a minimum grade of D or SOC 200H with a minimum grade of D.
Attributes: Statistics
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 360 Social Theory** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the dominant theoretical perspectives in sociology examining the assumptions about human nature, society and sociology that constitute each theoretical tradition.
Pre-req: SOC 200 or SOC 200H.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 362 🌿 Health, Culture and Society** **3 Credit hours**
A cross-cultural, historical, and bio-cultural examination through case-study of social and environmental factors that affect human health and disease.
Attributes: Multicultural
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 375 Social Stratification** **3 Credit hours**
Introduction to the analysis of structured social inequality with emphasis on the dimensions of social class, race and gender.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 401 🌿 Population Dynamics** **3 Credit hours**
The course focuses on population and its relation to characteristics of the environment. Specifically, it is designed to discuss the interaction of population processes like immigration.
Attributes: International
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 403 Advanced Research Design** **3 Credit hours**
Intermediate social research methodology with an emphasis on both qualitative and quantitative research design.
Pre-req: SOC 344.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 408 The Family** **3 Credit hours**
Theoretical analysis of the family as a primary social institution.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 413 Social Movements** **3 Credit hours**
Analysis of large-scale social change, including intentional social movements and revolutions.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 420 Criminology** **3 Credit hours**
An overview of sociological criminology, including an examination of explanations of criminal behavior, types of criminal activity, and an analysis of the criminal justice system.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 423 Social Class Power & Conflict** **3 Credit hours**
Theoretical analysis of economic and political inequality and the role of social conflict in the process of large- scale social organization.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 425 Race and Ethnicity** **3 Credit hours**
Diverse theoretical approaches to the meaning of race and ethnicity and the character of racial/ethnic relations, with substantive focus primarily on the U.S.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 430 Women in Sports** **3 Credit hours**
The history of women in sport, gender equity, opportunities for women in intercollegiate and professional sports (such as participant, coach, trainer, journalist, agent, and promoter), and physiological perspectives.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 432 Appalachian Communities** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the economics, politics, and social relations of Appalachia, including contemporary debates.
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode
- SOC 433 Work in Society** **3 Credit hours**
Study of the organization and structure of the work plant as a social system; the meaning and organization of work; managerial functions; management-labor relations; and human relations in industry.
Attributes: American Institutions
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode

SOC 440 Aging in Society	3 Credit hours	SOC 470 Field Experience	3-6 Credit hours
An introduction to the social processes and consequences of growing older for both the individual and society.		Supervised fieldwork in public or private agencies, or within communities, affording students an opportunity to apply sociological knowledge and skills in generating research and or addressing practical problems.	
Pre-req: SOC 200 or SOC 200H.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
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SOC 442 Urban Sociology	3 Credit hours	SOC 480 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
The sociology of urban and metropolitan communities.		Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.	
Attributes: American Institutions		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode			
SOC 443 Evaluation Research	3 Credit hours	SOC 481 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
Analysis and application of principles/methods of survey design and the theories/methods for assessing the outcomes of applied organizational programs to affect change in people and/or social conditions.		Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
SOC 450 Religion in Society	3 Credit hours	SOC 482 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
Sociological analysis of religion as a social institution.		Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.	
Attributes: American Institutions		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode			
SOC 451 Science, Knowledge, and Tech	3 Credit hours	SOC 483 Special Topics	1-4 Credit hours
Exploration of the effects of social factors on the development and authorization of knowledge claims, especially science and technology.		Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled courses.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
SOC 452 Soc of Death & Dying	3 Credit hours	SOC 485 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
Study of death and dying as a societal and cultural phenomenon. Explores how institutions within our society deal with death.		Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.	
Pre-req: SOC 200 with a minimum grade of D or SOC 200H with a minimum grade of D.		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode			
SOC 455 Gender and Society	3 Credit hours	SOC 486 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
Analysis of social differentiation and inequality by gender, with a focus on the contemporary U.S.		Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
SOC 460 Holocaust and Genocide	3 Credit hours	SOC 487 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
An examination of the Holocaust and other genocides from an interdisciplinary social science perspective.		Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
SOC 465 Environment and Society	3 Credit hours	SOC 488 Independent Study	1-4 Credit hours
A critical examination of the link between society and the environment, including ideas about nature, wilderness, and the wild causes of environmental degradation and responses to the environmental issues.		Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. Advance permission required.	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
SOC 466 🌿 Culture and Environment	3 Credit hours	SOC 489 Internship	1-4 Credit hours
This course will examine the symbolic and structural dimensions of struggles over defining, organizing, and controlling the natural environment from a biocultural perspective.		Supervised practicum founded on sociological knowledge in a public or private agency. Forty to forty-five hours of internship work correspond with one credit hour.	
Attributes: International		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
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SOC 468 National Identity	3 Credit hours	SOC 492 Senior Seminar I	3 Credit hours
Exploration of cultural, political and economic processes that contribute to creation and maintenance of the modern nation state as an imagined community.		Application of sociological theory and practice to individually designed projects. This course fulfills the capstone requirement for undergraduate majors. (PR: sociology major in senior standing or departmental permission)	
Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	
		SOC 493 🌿 Senior Seminar II	3 Credit hours
		Application of sociological theory and practice to individually designed projects. Fulfills the capstone requirement for undergraduate majors.	
		Attributes: Capstone Course	
		Grade Mode: Normal Grading Mode	