

# SOCY - SOCIOLOGY (SOCY)

## **SOCY U101 Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit Hours**

Introduction to the major theoretical and methodological perspectives used to explain, investigate and analyze social life.

## **SOCY U201 Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences 3 Credit Hours**

Fundamental principles of descriptive and inferential statistics as used in the social sciences, including measures of central tendency and variation, the normal approximation, probability, chance variability, estimation, hypothesis testing, and correlation.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U301 Sociological Theory 3 Credit Hours**

Roots and historical development of various sociological lenses as tools for examining the social world.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U302 Sociological Research Methods 3 Credit Hours**

Quantitative, qualitative and comparative methods used in social science research, focusing on research design, data collection and analysis, and ethical issues.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

Pre/Corequisite(s): SOCY U301 or consent of instructor.

## **SOCY U310 Individual and Society 3 Credit Hours**

Selected theoretical orientations, methodological procedures, and research findings pertaining to the relations between the individual and society.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U311 Social Problems 3 Credit Hours**

Content selected for contemporary importance and sociological relevance.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U320 Sociology of Aging 3 Credit Hours**

Processes of aging as a form of socialization and demographic reality, including institutional effects. The status of the elderly and the sources of prejudice and discrimination they experience are emphasized.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U321 Animals and Society 3 Credit Hours**

Sociological perspectives on human-animal interaction and the role of animals in society.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U322 Community Development 3 Credit Hours**

Processes and issues associated with social change and institutional transformation at the local and regional levels. Applies social scientific theory and methods to understand varying patterns of change, the role of economic, cultural, and technological factors, and how stakeholders address challenges related to poverty, crime, housing, and disparities in health, politics, and the environment.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U323 Urban Sociology 3 Credit Hours**

Characteristics, causes, and impacts of city life. Different types of urban areas and current issues are examined from comparative, historical, and global perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U325 Social Movements 3 Credit Hours**

Characteristics, causes, and impacts of social and political movements in the modern world. Different types of movements, including the American civil rights movement, are examined from comparative, historical, and global perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U327 Population Dynamics 3 Credit Hours**

Issues in measurement of the distribution and development of human population. Applies the analytical methods used in accounting for the effects of births, deaths and migrations.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U328 Social Demography 3 Credit Hours**

Selected theoretical orientations, methodological procedures and historical perspectives related to the social analysis and context of demographic change.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U329 Social Change 3 Credit Hours**

Applies sociological lenses to current major social, cultural, economic, political, and global transformations, emphasizing their interrelationships.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U330 Social Inequality 3 Credit Hours**

Theoretical perspectives and research on the unequal distribution of wealth, power, and prestige in social life on a global, national, and local scale. Attention is given to the impact of globalization on social stratification.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U333 Race and Ethnic Relations 3 Credit Hours**

Examines the basic concepts of race and ethnicity, relevant sociological theories, and their application to critical issues.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U335 Fat Studies 3 Credit Hours**

An interdisciplinary analysis of social attitudes toward fatness and fat people. Size is presented as a status marker, social identity, form of inequality, and site of feminist activism.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U337 Gender and Society 3 Credit Hours**

A sociological investigation of gender as a fundamental principle of social life. The interdependence of gender constructions and of societies' inequality structures across social institutions is explored.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U339 Women and Armed Conflict 3 Credit Hours**

Women's lives in the context of armed conflict examined from comparative, historical and global perspectives.

## **SOCY U341 Sociology of Families 3 Credit Hours**

Methods and theories used in the examination of intimate human relationships, including parenting, violence and abuse, and divorce and remarriage. Emphasizes the social factors that bring about change in family-related behaviors and create diversity in family forms.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

## **SOCY U343 Political Sociology 3 Credit Hours**

The societal conditions affecting political ideas, institutions, and practices. The role of politics in society is examined from comparative, historical, and global perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U345 Sociology of Religion 3 Credit Hours**

The societal conditions affecting religious beliefs, institutions, and practices. The role of religion in society is examined from comparative, historical, and global perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U347 Sociology of Organizations and Work 3 Credit Hours**

Sociological investigation of how post-industrial society and globalization impact the workplace, jobs, workers, gender, families and communities. The role of leadership in organizations is also examined.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U349 Displaced Persons 3 Credit Hours**

Characteristics and causes of displacement and their impacts on people's lives. Different types of displacement, with emphasis on traumatic events, are examined from comparative, historical, and global perspectives.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U351 Social Deviance 3 Credit Hours**

Theories, methods and substantive issues in the creation, involvement, recognition and control of deviance. Sociological theories and pertinent research data are integrated in the context of contemporary societal issues.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U353 Sociology of Crime 3 Credit Hours**

Social factors in the development, identification, and treatment of crime and criminals.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U355 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Credit Hours**

Social factors in the development, identification and treatment of delinquents and juvenile delinquency in the context of juvenile justice systems.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U357 Sociology of Mental Health and Mental Illness 3 Credit Hours**

Social factors in the development, identification, and treatment of mental illness.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U359 Globalization and Crime 3 Credit Hours**

Global crime focusing on the relationship between globalization, crime, and justice which involves a diverse range of activities affecting the political, economic, and social development of countries around the world. Topics will focus on the proliferation of crime emphasizing migration, international policing, drug/human trafficking, international terrorism, environmental crime, cybercrime, and economic exploitation.

Prerequisite(s): CRJU U101 or SOCY U101.

**SOCY U361 Medical Sociology 3 Credit Hours**

The social organization of medicine including patterns of morbidity and mortality, the social and cultural factors influencing disease, and the organization of the health care system in the United States.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U363 Sociology of Death and Dying 3 Credit Hours**

A sociological and cross-cultural perspective on dying, death, and bereavement in contemporary society.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U391 Special Topics 3 Credit Hours**

Emerging issues in contemporary sociology. Selected topics organized around faculty and student areas of special interest. This course can be taken more than once if the topic is different.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U395 Internship 3 Credit Hours**

Supervised work experience in a community agency based on an individualized, contracted program planned in conjunction with the relevant sociology faculty member. Ten hours per week in the field placement, at least three class meetings, and a formal, written sociological analysis of the field experience are required. The course may be taken more than once, but may be applied toward major credit in sociology only once.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

Typically Offered: Upstate Spring Offering

**SOCY U399 Independent Study 1-6 Credit Hours**

An individualized, contracted program of study planned in conjunction with a sociology faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101.

**SOCY U499 Senior Seminar 3 Credit Hours**

A capstone course designed around topics selected by faculty. Emphasis is on research with written and oral presentations.

Prerequisite(s): SOCY U101, SOCY U201, SOCY U301, and SOCY U302; and a grade of C or better in 15 additional hours of upper level sociology.