

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of society. Students who major in sociology have the opportunity to learn in-depth about social structures and processes, and to gain skills in critical thinking, writing and data analysis. Sociology graduates go into many different fields, as described by a recent study by the American Sociological Association.

Course code for this program is **SOCY**.

Bachelor's Degree

- Sociology - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/sociology/sociology-bachelor-arts-ba/>)

Minor

- Sociology - Minor (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/sociology/sociology-minor/>)

Certificates

- Animals & Society - Certificate (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/sociology/animals-society-certificate/>)
- Care, Health and Resilience - Certificate (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/sociology/care-health-resilience-certificate/>)
- Social Innovation - Certificate (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/sociology/social-innovation-certificate/>)

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Courses

SOCY 1001 (3) Introduction to Sociology

Examines basic sociological ideas including social relations, social interaction, social structure, and social change. Examples are drawn from societies around the world.

Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame

Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology
MAPS Course: Social Science

SOCY 1004 (3) Deviance in U.S. Society

Examines the social construction of deviance in the U.S., the process of acquiring a deviant identity and managing deviant stigma, and the social organization of deviant act, lifestyles, relationships and careers.

Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame

Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 1006 (3) The Social Construction of Sexuality

Discusses the social determinants of sexuality. Analyzes the economic, psychological, and cultural influences on human sexuality. Interactional perspective of human sexuality is presented.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 1006

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective

Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 1016 (3) Sex, Gender, and Society 1

Examines status and power differences between the sexes at individual and societal levels. Emphasizes historical context of gender roles and status, reviews major theories of gender stratification.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 1016

Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame

Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective

Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 1021 (3) United States Race and Ethnic Relations I

Examines how concepts of race and ethnicity have manifested historically and manifest currently in U.S. society. Covers foundational concepts such as prejudice, discrimination, and privilege. Also addresses the structural causes and consequences of race and ethnicity in various aspects of U.S. society, such as the housing market, the criminal justice system, and education.

Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame

Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 1022 (3) Ethics and Social Issues in U.S. Health and Medicine

Explores current ethical and policy issues in U.S. health and medical practices. Includes such issues as alcohol and drug abuse, organ transplants and substitutes, genetic engineering, contraception, abortion, occupational safety and health, and euthanasia.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 1841 (1-6) Independent Study in Sociology

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 2011 (3) Contemporary Social Issues and Human Values

Explores contemporary societies on a global scale. Focuses on such issues as capitalism, socialism, race and ethnic problems, sex discrimination, poverty and the concentration of wealth, crime and deviance, human rights and human values, peace and war.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 2022 (3) Happiness in Society

Examines the measurement, meaning, and causes of happiness and its relationship to social life in the contemporary United States as well as in other countries. Students will also learn about and critically evaluate existing strategies for enhancing happiness in their lives. Formerly offered as a special topics course.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 2031 (3) Social Problems

Examines various social problems in the U.S. through a traditional sociological framework focused on race, class, and gender. Considers such problems as economic, racial, and gender inequality as manifestations of broader structural dynamics rooted in unequal relations of power. Addresses topics such as mass incarceration, poverty, segregation, drug use, immigration, and war and terrorism.

Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame

Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 2034 (3) Drugs in United States Society

Examines the relationship between drugs and social contexts. Lends insight into why people find consciousness alteration meaningful, what kinds of experiences and problems arise, and what types of social policies emerge to control drug use.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 2044 (3) Crime and Society

Explores issues related to crime, the criminal justice system, and crime-related public policy. It addresses what we know about crime and how we know it, how our society responds to crime, how the institutions designed to address crime (police, courts, corrections) function, and diversity in experiences with the criminal justice system.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 2044

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 2061 (3) Introduction to Social Statistics

Introduces students to quantitative analysis of social phenomena. Emphasizes understanding and proper interpretation of graphs; measures of central tendency, dispersion, and association; and the concept of statistical significance. Assumes students have only limited mathematical background.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Quant Reasn Mathmat Skills

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning Math

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

MAPS Course: Mathematics

SOCY 2077 (3) Environment and Society

Examines interactions between societies and their natural and built environments through the lens of inequality. Describes how environmental problems vary along, are shaped by, and exacerbate disparities along lines of race, socioeconomic status, and other forms of social status. Also examines collective efforts to address social and environmental problems.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 2080 (3) Sociology of the Helping Professions

Investigates how today's helping professionals are trained and socialized to care for clients, the challenges they face in working within modern bureaucracies and with advanced technologies and the importance of inter-professional care.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 2091 (3) Topics in Sociology

Variety of courses taught by visiting and regular faculty. See current departmental announcements for specific content. Students may receive credit for this course up to three times for different topics.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 2092 (3) Sex, Power and Reproduction

Examines fertility, contraception and abortion with an emphasis on demographic trends, social stratification and policy impacts. Sociological, demographic and public health perspectives will be presented.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 2150 (3) Gender, Race, and Chainsaws

Practice fundamental skills of visual literacy with an emphasis on understanding the sociological importance of popular media's representation of different groups of people and the implications of these representations for social justice. We will analyze how historical and current social conditions influence the creation, distribution, and interpretation of visual media in our culture, focusing on films in the horror genre. Formerly offered as a special topics course.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 3001 (3) Classical Theory

In-depth study of classical sociological theorists, particularly Marx, Durkheim, and Weber. Examines their roles in defining the discipline of sociology.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomore, Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3002 (3) Population and Society

Examines population, its structure and processes, and its relationships to selected areas of the social structure. Examines Malthusian, neo-Malthusian, and Marxist perspectives.

Requisites: Restricted to Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 3011 (3) Contemporary Theory

Continuation of SOCY 3001. In-depth study of modern and post-modern theories of the 20th century, including structural-functionalist, conflict, symbolic interactionist, feminist, and world system theories.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3012 (3) Gender and Development

Provides a sociological perspective on gender, globalization, and economic development in the Global South. Examines a variety of topics, including feminist theories of development; poverty and inequality; women's work in the context of globalization; and women's activism and feminism(s).

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 3012

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

Departmental Category: Asia Content

SOCY 3016 (3) Marriage and the Family in the United States

Comparative and historical examination of marriage and the family within the U.S. Emphasizes changing family roles and family structures. Also considers alternatives to the nuclear family and traditional marriage exploring new definitions of family.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 3016

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 3032 (3) Social Epidemiology

Introduces students to social epidemiology. Identifies how social structures, institutions, norms, relationships, and neighborhood context affect health. Particular attention is paid to ways in which economic inequality, racism, and gender discrimination increase groups' risk of exposure to factors that undermine health.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3041 (3) Self and Consciousness

Explores human development from a psychosocial perspective, focusing on the interplay between psychological patterns and social forms. Issues such as self-image and social consciousness are studied within the larger context of individual and collective forces leading to transformation.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: INVS 3041

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3042 (3) Topics in Population and Health

A variety of courses in population and/or health will be taught, usually by visiting lecturers. See current departmental announcements for specific content.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 3044 (3) Race, Class, Gender, and Crime

Overview of race, class, gender and ethnicity issues in offending, victimization and processing by the justice system. Examines women and people of color employed in the justice system.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 3044 and WGST 3044

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 1021 or SOCY 2044.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 3045 (3) Sociology of Death and Dying

Addresses sociological aspects of thanatology (the study of death and dying). Includes study of the social meaning of death and its normative treatment in western civilization, with a focus on the contemporary United States.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 or SOCY 3001 (minimum grade D-).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 3046 (3) Topics in Sex and Gender

Faculty present courses based on their area of expertise and specialization in the field of sex and gender. Students should check current sociology department notices of course offerings for specific topics.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 3046

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 3052 (3) Medical Sociology

Explores the role of medicine and medical systems in society. How does society shape health, how does health shape social position, and how do societies make sense of health and illness? Topics may include epidemiology, social demography of health, social stress, health behavior, experiences of illness and recovery, health care provision, and health care delivery systems.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 3141 (3) Social Movements and the Politics of Protest

Considers theory and research about social movements and other forms of protest within and beyond the United States. Examines their impacts as well as factors shaping their success and failure, including leadership, ideology, recruitment, strategy, organizational dynamics, and broader social context.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3151 (3) Self in Modern Society

Explores how modern social institutions and culture shape our personal experiences, how personal experiences can affect the nature of those, institutions and culture, and how strategies can be developed for achieving balance between the individual and society.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values

Arts Sci Core Curr: United States Context

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3161 (3) Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity

Explores various manifestations of race and ethnicity in different parts of the world. Includes in-depth coverage of various subtopics, such as racial and ethnic stratification, identity formation, social movements, politics, citizenship, and migration.

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1021.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3171 (3) Whiteness Studies

Uses the conceptual framework of the sociology of race and ethnic relations to explore whiteness as a racial category that is centered and privileged in American society. Investigates the development of whiteness from past white supremacy, current colorblindness, to possible future multiculturalism. Analyzes the consequences of whiteness as a racial identity and a social structure.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3201 (3) Sociological Research Methods

Introduces students to the logics and methods of sociological research. This requirement for majors teaches ways to answer sociological questions by collecting and analyzing different types of data. Students are trained in research ethics and learn how to collect their own data and conduct original sociological research. Collection and analysis of both qualitative and quantitative data are included.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of SOCY 2061 or ANTH 4000 or EBIO 4410 or ECON 3818 or GEOG 3023 or IPHY 2800 or IPHY 3280 or MATH 2510 or PSCI 2075 or PSYC 2111 or EDUC 4716 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3301 (3) Survey Methods

Teaches quantitative research methods and, particularly, methods of survey research. Topics include sampling, interviewing, schedule construction, data analysis, computer methods, index construction, and statistical analysis. Students participate in a survey project, design, collect data, and prepare a research paper on the basis of collected data.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of SOCY 2061 and SOCY 3001 (all minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 3314 (3) Violence Against Women and Girls

Focuses on aspects of the victimization of women and girls that are "Gendered" - namely, sexual abuse and intimate partner abuse. Also explores the importance of race, class, and sexuality in gendered violence.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 3314 and WGST 3314

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1016 or WGST 1016.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 3401 (3) Field Methods

Skill development prepares students to conduct qualitative sociological research. Emphasizes ethnographic techniques, including intensive interviewing, direct observation, coding, participant observation, and report writing. Students conceive and execute a field research project with data collection, analysis, and a report.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4000 (3) Gender, Genocide and Mass Trauma

Studies the persistence of genocide and the effects of mass trauma on women and girls. Within the framework of political and social catastrophe, examines cataclysmic world events and the traumatic consequences for women of religious persecution, colonialism, slavery and the genocides of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4010

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1016 or WGST 1016 or WGST 2000 or SOCY 3314 or WGST 3314.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 4002 (3) Sociology of Aging

Studies present and future roles of the aged in the family, the community, and the larger society. Considers economic, political, and health consequences of various retirement systems.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 4004 (3) Advanced Topics in Criminology

Variety of courses in criminology. See current departmental announcements for specific content.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 2044.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 4007 (3) Global Human Ecology

Examines global environmental issues using sociological perspectives. A variety of critical contemporary challenges are explored that link social and ecological processes. These include the social dimensions of climate change, inequitable distribution of pollution, the environmental aspects of population growth, and resource shortages. Policies and strategies for change are explored.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SEWL 2000

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4014 (3) Criminology

Examines the scientific study of types of criminal behavior and explanations for criminal behavior, with special attention to social factors affecting criminal behavior.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 2044 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 4016 (3) Sex, Gender and Society 2

Studies status and power differences between the sexes at individual, group, and societal levels. Examines empirically established sex differences, and reviews biological, psychological, and sociological explanations for gender differences.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4016

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1016 or WGST 1016 or WGST 2000 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 4017 (3) Animals and Society

Examines the role of non-human animals in human society. Investigates the social construction of the human/animal boundary. Challenges ideas that animals are neither thinking nor feeling. Examines the many ways humans rely on animals. Considers the link between animal cruelty and other violence. Explores the moral status of animals.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4018 (3) Sport in Society

Investigates the world of sport via the social structures and processes that underlie this ubiquitous and much-pursued area of social life. Elucidates social dimensions of sport by highlighting and debating different theoretical and methodological dimensions of sociology of sport research. Examines demographics of sport, including gender, race, and sexual orientation, as well as inequalities within sport, along with the politics, economics, globalization, and commodification of sport.

Recommended: Prerequisites SOCY 1001 and SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 4024 (3) Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Examines the history, incidence and prevalence of delinquent behavior among youth.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 2044 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 4027 (3) Inequality, Democracy, and the Environment

Focuses on the structural forces affecting environmental degradation and environmental behavior by examining the relationships between (a) inequality and democratic decision making and (b) undemocratic decision making; U.S. and corporate food and energy policy; and global environmental degradation. Focuses on the role that global inequality plays in fostering environmental degradation.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENVS 4027

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4030 (3) Sociology of Climate Change

Examines the human drivers and causes of climate change, the health and security risks it creates and the efforts of societies to mitigate and adapt to its effects.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENVS 4030

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4031 (3) Social Psychology

Studies individuals in social context. Reviews philosophical and sociological treatments of the relation between the individual and society. More specific topics include the socialization process, theories of human development and personality formation, language acquisition, conformity, aggression, sex differences in personality and gender identity, and the relation between attitudes and overt behavior.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4037 (3) Hazards, Disasters and Society

Explores the societal dimensions of hazards and disasters, emphasizing disaster theory and research, and key issues in the sociological study of disasters, social vulnerability, and the impacts of disasters in the U.S. and worldwide.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 5037

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4042 (3) Economic Sociology

Defines relationship between economy and society; sociological approach to study of economic activity and organization; difference from the theoretical and methodological assumptions orienting the discipline of economics; tackles these questions in two ways: studies foundations as established in works of Smith, Marx, Weber, Polanyi, and Schumpeter, and considers current research in economic sociology, focusing on concepts of markets, networks, and embeddedness.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 27-180 credits (Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 4047 (3) Topics in Environment and Society

Variety of courses taught by visiting and regular faculty. See current departmental announcements for specific content.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4052 (3) Social Inequalities in Health

Focuses on social inequalities in health in both U.S. and international contexts. Reviews the link between health status and various types of social statuses, including but not limited to socioeconomic status, gender, race and ethnicity. Explanations for the relationships between these factors and various health outcomes are discussed. Focuses on multiple levels of analysis, from the physician-patient interactions to health care systems and social policies. Students have the opportunity to develop their own specific research interests in this field.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective
Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 4060 (2) Caring for Others

Enables teachers to earn credit for the MOOC Caring for Society. This 2 credit course is an abbreviated version of the 3 credit course SOCY 4062 Suffering and Care in Society.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 4062

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

SOCY 4062 (3) Suffering and Care in Society

Examines how modern societies understand and respond to the reality of human suffering, how care systems are organized, and the experiences of professional caregivers.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 4060

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 4063 (3) Risk and Resilience in Society

Explores the growing dangers of modern life and the ability of society and its members to recover from epidemics, terrorism, financial disasters, natural catastrophes and other harmful events. Special attention is given to the social (as opposed to the individual) sources of risk and resilience and their implications for the helping professions.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4071 (3) Social Inequalities and Social Change

Provides a sociological perspective on social inequalities in the United States, such as those pertaining to social class, race, ethnicity, sex, gender, sexuality, and age. Examines current data of patterns and trends of such inequalities, reviews scholarship on their roots, and critically evaluates social change efforts to redress them.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 5071

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4081 (1-3) Sociology of Education

Analyzes the school as a social organization. Among topics considered are power and control in the school; classroom interaction and its relation to learning and personality development in students; roles of educators; and reciprocal relations of school and community.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4084 (3) Punishment, Law and Society

Places the current state of punishment in the U.S. in historical and cross national context. Examines key features of penal systems and key sociological theories about the relationship between punishment and society.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ETHN 4084

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 2044.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 4086 (3) Family and Society

Studies the changing relationship between family and social structure. Examines variations in family organization and considers political, social, ideological, demographic, and economic determinants of family formation.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: WGST 4086

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Sex and Gender

SOCY 4104 (3) The Death Penalty in America

Examines the historical and international use of capital punishment, and then focuses on its use and status in the United States in this century, with a special look at Colorado. Critically examines the arguments for and against capital punishment. The inmates on death row and their families will be examined, as well as the needs of families of homicide victims.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 4014 (minimum grade C-).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Deviance and Criminology

SOCY 4117 (3) Food and Society

Examines the food system along the lines of social justice and environmental sustainability. Investigates the institutional and cultural supports of major food system problems and contemporary efforts to address those problems, including the realms of food production, processing, distribution, marketing, policy, regulation, consumption, and activism.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Environment and Society

SOCY 4121 (3) Sociology of Religion

Examines complex interactions between religious and other social structures, such as the economy, government, and the family, and how globalization is affecting religious traditions across the globe. Includes discussion of how various religions are used or misused to justify terrorism and other acts of violence.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 3001.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4131 (1-3) Advanced Topics in Sociology

Variety of advanced specialty courses taught by visiting and regular faculty designed for upper division sociology majors. See current departmental announcement for specific content.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4132 (3) Gender, Islam and Modernity

Examines gender in contemporary Muslim societies, with emphasis on Asia and the Middle East. Explores issues such as veiling, feminism, sexuality, family, women's participation in politics and social movements.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 4141 (3) The Social Psychology of Friendships

Studies friendships between individuals and groups, applying social psychological theories of interaction and group processes. Examines the effects of hierarchies of status and power and of norms and social pressure on friendships. Attempts to answer questions like how social categories like gender, race, and class affect friendships, what are the unwritten rules of behavior among friends in different situations, and what happens when we violate them.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4160 (3) Designing Social Innovations

One of the goals of higher education is to nurture innovative thinking and prepare professionals to solve society's most complex and pressing problems. Towards that end, this course reviews academic and practitioner literatures on the processes involved in designing social innovations.

Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SOCY 5160

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 4161 (3) Executing Social Innovations

Introduces students to the skills and strategies involved in developing a business plan for a social business or an organization wanting to increase its social impact.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

SOCY 4441 (3) Senior Honors Seminar 1

Helps students design and initiate an honors thesis based on original sociological research.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of SOCY 3001 and SOCY 3301 (all minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4451 (3) Senior Honors Seminar 2

Helps students complete an honors thesis based on original sociological research. Emphasizes analyzing data, writing research reports, and presenting results.

Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of SOCY 3001 and SOCY 3201 (all minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course
Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4841 (1-8) Independent Study in Sociology

Upper-division variable credit. Instructor consent required.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 8.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4911 (1-3) Teaching Sociology

Students participate in a teaching seminar under the supervision of a faculty member. Includes pedagogical strategies for implementing concrete educational goals and encouraging higher levels of creativity and analysis in a large, lower-division class. Emphasizes mentorship and personal development. Instructor consent required.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 1001 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4923 (3-6) Animals and Society Certificate Internship

Offers students applied learning opportunities to explore interests and clarify career goals associated with animal welfare. Students apply theory, acquire new skills, gain experience, and network with professionals. Internships integrate theory, knowledge, and practice through planned, supervised work experience.

Recommended: Prerequisite SOCY 4017 Animals and Society.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

SOCY 4931 (1-6) Internship in Sociology

Provides an academically supervised opportunity for junior and senior sociology majors to work in public or private organizations to gain practical knowledge and experience, and allows students to make a connection between sociological theory and the "real world". Instructor consent required.

Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.

Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of SOCY 3001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Sociology (SOCY) majors only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: General Sociology

SOCY 4932 (3) Internship in Care, Health and Resilience

Provides an academically supervised opportunity for juniors and seniors interested in the helping professions to work in a job that provides them valuable hands-on experience, allows them to apply insights learned in their formal coursework and helps them make informed career choices upon graduation. This course cannot be applied to the SOCY major or minor requirements.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Population and Health Issue

SOCY 4935 (3) Internship in Social Innovation

Provides an academically supervised opportunity for juniors and seniors interested in social innovation to work in a job that provides them valuable hands-on experience, allows them to apply insights learned in their formal coursework and helps them make informed career choices upon graduation. This course cannot be applied to the SOCY major or minor requirements.

Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors) with a minimum GPA of 2.0.