

SOCIOLOGY (SO)

SO101 Principles of Sociology (3 Credits)

An introduction to the study of society; emphasizes the basic social structure and processes of group living. Included are analysis of culture, socialization, control and deviance, organizations, power, stratification, and social change. Completion of this course is a required to enroll in advanced courses in sociology and should be taken in freshman or sophomore year by those planning advanced work in the discipline.

SO200 Theories of Crime (3 Credits)

Crime and delinquency as a social phenomenon. The nature and extent of crime and delinquency in the United States, a review of the most popular theories of crime causation and the social factors that influence its existence from early biological theories to modern social-cultural theories, specific factors of gender, race, social class, etc., are discussed in detail.

Prerequisite(s): CJ111 and SO101, or permission of instructor.

SO201 Social Statistics (3 Credits)

An introductory course in statistical methods of data analysis relevant to the social sciences, intended to develop students as informed and critical consumers of social science research with an emphasis on application to criminological and sociological issues. MA103 prepares students for this course, and students are strongly advised to take MA103 to fulfill their Bridge General Education requirement for quantitative analysis.

Pre/corequisite(s): CJ200 or SO200, and a quantitative analysis course: MA103, MA105, MA106, MA107, MA109, MA110, MA115, or equivalent, or permission of instructor.

SO304 Globalization & Sustainability (3 Credits)

This course addresses how traditional models of development, embraced by all nations of the world, inspire patterns of production and consumption that stand in the way of building a just, sustainable and peaceful world. It addresses the fundamental principles that the human community should pursue to attain a sustainable global society founded on economic justice, respect for nature, and universal human rights.

Required for sustainability minor.

SO371 Deviance (3 Credits)

An analysis of the concept of deviance both as a theoretical topic and a practical device in American society. Specific patterns of deviance will be discussed in detail, e.g., organized crime, political deviance, gambling, terrorism, suicide, sexual deviance.

Prerequisite(s): SO101 or permission of the instructor.