

# Sociology (SOCl)

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## Courses

### **SOCI 50001. Proseminar. 1 Hour.**

An informal forum for graduate students and faculty to present and discuss ongoing research interests as well as the current state of the discipline. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

### **SOCI 5010V. Advanced Problems in Sociology. 1-3 Hour.**

Individual research on problems or problem areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

### **SOCI 50203. Advanced Social Research. 3 Hours.**

An examination of experimental and quasi-experimental designs used in the analysis of sociological data with focus upon appropriate units of analysis and design selection, sampling, interview techniques, and questionnaire construction. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor consent. (Typically offered: Fall)

### **SOCI 5030V. Special Topics. 1-6 Hour.**

Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in depth in regular courses. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

### **SOCI 50803. Applied Qualitative Research. 3 Hours.**

An introduction to research strategies including intensive interviewing, participant observational fieldwork, content analysis, historical analysis, and comparative research. Emphasis on the practical aspects of designing and executive research involving multiple methods of data gathering and analysis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

### **SOCI 51103. Seminar in Social Inequality. 3 Hours.**

Major theories of stratification; types of stratification systems, comparisons of modern and traditional systems; emergent trends. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 51303. The Community. 3 Hours.**

A sociological analysis of the theory, methods and materials used in the study of the community. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 52303. Theories of Deviance. 3 Hours.**

A survey of major theories-classical, developmental, ecological, functionalist, conflict, subcultural, control, and phenomenological-explaining morally condemned differences in society. Particular emphasis is on practical implications of each perspective for policy and social control. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 52503. Classical Social Theory. 3 Hours.**

A survey of social theory up to the late 20th century. An introduction to the classical sociological themes that continue to inform research, analysis, and policy formation. Major issues will include the relationship between the individual and the community, and the sources of stability, conflict, and change. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

### **SOCI 52603. Contemporary Social Theory. 3 Hours.**

Analysis of contemporary social theories & major theoretical debates. Emphasis is on critical evaluation & application of theoretical perspectives to current social issues affecting families and communities. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

### **SOCI 53101. Applied Data Analysis Laboratory. 1 Hour.**

Provides instruction for data transformations required for the advanced statistical procedures used in the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). Also provides instruction in the use of advanced statistical procedures covered in SOCI 53203. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

### **SOCI 53203. Applied Data Analysis. 3 Hours.**

Covers basic concepts and applications of the general linear model to a variety of sociological research issues and problems. Also provides an introduction to binary dependent and multivariate categorical data analysis for sociological research. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Familiarity with statistical computer programs is assumed. (Typically offered: Spring)

### **SOCI 54103. Seminar in Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.**

An examination of the causation of crime, focusing primarily on sociological theories. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

### **SOCI 54203. Research in Criminology. 3 Hours.**

Examination of empirical research in criminology, focusing on methodological problems, strategies, and findings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall)

### **SOCI 54303. Victimization. 3 Hours.**

Study of the causes, correlates, and consequences of victimization, focusing on theories of victimization and the role of victims in the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 54403. Seminar in Terrorism and Homeland Security. 3 Hours.**

Examines the evolution of modern terrorism and homeland security, focusing primarily on the dynamics of American terrorist movements (ideologies, motives, and tactics). Social, political, and criminal justice responses to terrorism are also considered. (Typically offered: Spring)

### **SOCI 54503. Social Control. 3 Hours.**

Study of sociological theories and research on formal social control, primarily institutional responses to criminal behavior. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 54703. Crime and Community. 3 Hours.**

Examination of how neighborhood structural characteristics and social organization affect crime, as well as how the presence of crime and disorder in a community can affect neighborhood social organization. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)

### **SOCI 55003. Research Internship. 3 Hours.**

Supervised research experience. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

### **SOCI 56003. Environmental Sociology. 3 Hours.**

The course provides a social perspective on environmental issues. It examines the linkage between society, ecological systems and the physical environment. It provides conceptual framework(s) for analyzing environmental issues, considers the role of humans in environmental issues, and enhances understanding the complexity of the relationship between societal organization and environmental change. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both SOCI 46003 and SOCI 56003. (Typically offered: Spring)

This course is cross-listed with HDFS 56003.

### **SOCI 6000V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.**

Master's Thesis. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.