Sociology is a branch of the social sciences that evolved in response to the revolutionary social changes of the 19th century, such as industrialization and urbanization, that ushered in the modern era. Sociology’s founding fathers include Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Karl Marx, and George Herbert Mead. They explored how social relationships and interactions affect individuals and large-scale social institutions, including religion, government, and education.

Today, sociologists use qualitative techniques, including ethnography; participant observation; and case studies of a variety of social phenomena, processes, and problems as methods for exploring the meaning of social life and culture to those who live it, and in building inductive theory. Quantitative techniques engage in hypothesis testing of established theories and concepts, using techniques that include experimental designs, survey questionnaires, and network analysis. Sociology as a discipline includes “ways of knowing” that link it closely to methods of the natural sciences, and more interpretive and critical perspectives that are closer to scholarship in the humanities.

The Sociology department does not have a terminal MA program. Students seeking only a master’s degree are not admitted. However, the Master of Arts degree is earned as a student progresses toward the PhD.

Bachelor’s Program
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Sociology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sociology/sociology-ba)

Minor
- Minor in Sociology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sociology/sociology-minor)

Master’s Program
- Master of Arts (MA) Degree in the field of Sociology*

Doctoral Program
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Sociology (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/sociology/sociology-phd)

* Although students are not normally admitted to a Master of Arts (MA) degree program, graduate students may earn the MA degree as they work towards the PhD.

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Sociology (SOCI)

SOCI 101 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
Short Title: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Introduction to the principal concepts, theories and methods of sociology. Required (normally) for sociology majors and minors. Enrollment in section 003 of this course is reserved for new matriculants only.

SOCI 231 - SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Short Title: SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course will confront "social problems" in everyday life by focusing on contemporary issues, situations, behaviors, and ideas in national and international contexts. The course will focus primarily on case studies in contemporary issues including racism, religion, politics, classism, sexism, and heterosexism. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 231 and SOCI 338.

SOCI 299 - EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN SOCIOLOGY
Short Title: EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN SOCI
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: This course provides one hour of university credit for faculty-directed and approved internship. Students must obtain approval from a member of the department's undergraduate committee and must submit a letter from the internship provider indicating completion and satisfactory performance. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 301 - SOCIAL INEQUALITY
Short Title: SOCIAL INEQUALITY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course investigates the causes and consequences of social inequality in the U.S., focusing on inequality by class, race, and gender. We will discuss different measures of inequality, the extent of inequality, as well as classical and modern theories for why it has been increasing since the 1970s. In addition, we will discuss how much inequality is justifiable and which redistributive programs work.

SOCI 304 - ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: RICE INTO THE FUTURE
Short Title: ENVIRON ISSUES: RICE IN FUTURE
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Students use the campus as a laboratory for learning about sustainability through group projects to reduce Rice's environmental impact or resolve environmental issues. Cross-list: ENST 302.

SOCI 306 - SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
Short Title: SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Relationship between gender and social role. Development of the contemporary sexual division of labor and process of socialization with reference to family, education, media, and occupations. Cross-list: SWGS 324.

SOCI 308 - HOUSTON: THE SOCIOLOGY OF A CITY
Short Title: HOUSTON: SOCIOLOGY OF A CITY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Houston as an exemplar of contemporary urban change. The "golden buckle of the sunbelt"; recovery from the oil boom collapse of the 1980s into a restructuring economy and a demographic revolution; the changing politics of education, quality-of-life issues, and interethnic relations, as they interact to shape the urban future. Guest lectures, field trips.

SOCI 309 - RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS
Short Title: RACE & ETHNIC RELATIONS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group II
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Historical and contemporary issues and theories of race and ethnic relations in the United States. The key groups covered will be European Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Mexican Americans. Group patterns of assimilation and conflict inform a basic tenet that race and ethnicity are organizing features of society.
Supplementary material. Cross-list: ENST 316.

Values. We will view and analyze a variety of genres, as well as reading
justice, sustainability), and both expresses and shapes environmental
environmental issues (food, water, energy, waste, environmental
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Course Level:
Restrictions:
Credit Hours:
Course Type:
Grade Mode:
Department:
Short Title:
SOCI 316 - ENVIRONMENTAL FILM
Short Title: ENVIRONMENTAL FILM
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Description: Explores the ways film represents the environment and
environmental issues (food, water, energy, waste, environmental
equality, sustainability), and both expresses and shapes environmental
values. We will view and analyze a variety of genres, as well as reading
supplementary material. Cross-list: ENST 316.
family norms and constraints on family behaviors. Cross-list: SWGS 325.

We will examine the role of social institutions and social inequality in shaping same-sex marriage, domestic violence, and household labor. We will also consider issues such as sex and sexualities, marriage and cohabitation, divorce, family structure, consequences of American family life. We will consider issues such as religion/race/ethnic inequalities; transnational migration; environmental change; and transnational social movements.

This course will teach students the important influences and consequences of American family life. We will consider issues such as sex and sexualities, marriage and cohabitation, divorce, family structure, same-sex marriage, domestic violence, and household labor. We will also examine the role of social institutions and social inequality in shaping family norms and constraints on family behaviors. Cross-list: SWGS 325.

This course examines the phenomenon of race mixing (e.g. interracial interaction, multiracial identity) from a sociological perspective. The course covers the legal, political, and cultural contexts of interracial interaction and how these impact current understanding of what it means to be "mixed race." Recommended Prerequisite(s): SOCI 101

This course explores how the process of global integration transforms human life with specific emphasis on: the global economy and economic development; transnational political organizations; culture change; the effect of globalization on social stratification, including gender/race/ethnic inequalities; transnational migration; environmental change; and transnational social movements.

This course examines qualitative methodological approaches for conducting social science research. Particularly, students will examine how qualitative methods allow social scientists to analyze the symbolic, religious, gendered, socio-economic, policies and historical forces and contexts that underlie and motivate beliefs, ideologies, practices and social change. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 541. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 341 and SOCI 541.

This course explores demographic processes. This course explores demographic techniques and collection of racial data. Topics include: Roots of racial diversity, collecting racial data, immigration and population growth, and population policies. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 543. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 343 and SOCI 543.
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and contemporarily) in popular culture, including television, film, social
media outlets, newspapers and magazines, novels, and 'art.' Well also
interrogate these images and portrayals interact with perceptions,

This course examines African American-Jewish relations
in the United States from colonial times to the present day. Through
readings, music, images, and films, we will explore constructions of racial
identity, arenas of religious and cultural interaction, and the politics and
politics that have shaped African American-Jewish relations in urban
neighborhoods.

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Sociology
**SOCI 365 - POLITICS OF REPRESENTATION: HOW WE UNDERSTAND “WAR” AND “THE RACIAL OTHER”**  
**Short Title:** POLITICS OF REPRESENTATION  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Does media show how things really are? This class explores the politics of representation, particularly in times of social mayhem, revolution, and war. Although we will focus primarily on cultural and political representations of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, this class will also put this dispute in comparison with other global events. Cross-list: ANTH 365.

**SOCI 367 - ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY**  
**Short Title:** ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group II  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course focuses on the foundations of environmental sociology and takes a social and historical approach to examine how humans affect the environment and the environment affects humans. Topics include: agricultural sustainability, resource extraction and climate changes; environmental racism/sexism; globalization and development; population, and consumption, and environmental movements. Cross-list: ENST 367.

**SOCI 368 - SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER**  
**Short Title:** SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course will cover social dimensions of disasters stemming from natural and human hazards. Emphasis will focus on social, economic and political forces that put people unequally at risk as well as how vulnerable social groups experience and adjust to these risks and associated hazards.

**SOCI 371 - POVERTY, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN CAPABILITIES**  
**Short Title:** POVERTY, JUSTICE, CAPABILITIES  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group I  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course provides an overview of the study of poverty, justice, and human capabilities. The course considers theory and economic policy oriented towards improving human well-being in the US, Asia, Africa, and other regions. Readings address not just material deprivations but also gender, racial and ethnic disparities, health status, education, human rights, and political freedoms. To be considered for the course, please complete the brief questionnaire at pjhc.rice.edu/enrollment-questionnaire. Preference is given to those that have declared the PJHC minor. Formerly HUMA/SOCI 280. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: HUMA 371. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 371 and HUMA 280/SOCI 280.

**SOCI 374 - SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE**  
**Short Title:** SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course investigates the meaning, durability and significance of prejudice based upon social psychological literature addressing intergroup and interpersonal conflict and its resolution. Problems of relations between racial groups in contemporary society are also discussed.

**SOCI 376 - ART AND ACTIVISM: CRITICAL STUDY OF HOPE IN TIMES OF CRISIS**  
**Short Title:** ART AND ACTIVISM  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course explores art and social change in times of mass displacement, racial oppression, and war. It surveys the efforts involved in achieving justice and the possible implications of remaining historically mute and hopeless. The class will host contemporary activists and artists concerned with radical visions of hope in Houston. Cross-list: ANTH 376.
### SOCI 377 - HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

**Short Title:** HEALTH DISPARITIES  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This class will explore patterns and explanations surrounding health disparities in the United States based on key status characteristics (socioeconomic status, race/ethnic identity, nativity, gender, and sexual orientation). We will draw on interdisciplinary scholarship covering diverse fields (e.g., medical sociology, social demography, public health, public policy) and methodologies.

### SOCI 380 - SOCIAL THEORY

**Short Title:** SOCIAL THEORY  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course engages and analyzes the foundational texts of social theory from its classical roots to its contemporary branches. Students will explore theoretical approaches that inform current sociological research and during the course will examine social phenomena of particular interest to them from the perspective of two major theorists.

### SOCI 381 - RESEARCH METHODS

**Short Title:** RESEARCH METHODS  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** An introduction to the methods sociologists use to study human societies and their members. Hypothesis formulation and research design; qualitative studies through observation and interviews; historical and comparative approaches; sample surveys and the statistical analysis of quantitative data, political and ethical issues in social research.

### SOCI 382 - SOCIAL STATISTICS

**Short Title:** SOCIAL STATISTICS  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Emphasizes the practical uses of statistics to answer the types of questions sociologists ask. We learn sample description, sampling and probability, sampling theory, and how to make inferences from samples to populations. We study and apply common univariate, bivariate, and multivariate statistics. Because most statistical analysis is done with the aid of computers, we also learn how to use a common statistical package.

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**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** An introduction to the methods sociologists use to study human societies and their members. Hypothesis formulation and research design; qualitative studies through observation and interviews; historical and comparative approaches; sample surveys and the statistical analysis of quantitative data, political and ethical issues in social research.

### SOCI 384 - SOCIAL STATISTICS

**Short Title:** SOCIAL STATISTICS  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Emphasizes the practical uses of statistics to answer the types of questions sociologists ask. We learn sample description, sampling and probability, sampling theory, and how to make inferences from samples to populations. We study and apply common univariate, bivariate, and multivariate statistics. Because most statistical analysis is done with the aid of computers, we also learn how to use a common statistical package.

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**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Emphasizes the practical uses of statistics to answer the types of questions sociologists ask. We learn sample description, sampling and probability, sampling theory, and how to make inferences from samples to populations. We study and apply common univariate, bivariate, and multivariate statistics. Because most statistical analysis is done with the aid of computers, we also learn how to use a common statistical package.

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**Course Type:** Seminar  
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**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** An introduction to the methods sociologists use to study human societies and their members. Hypothesis formulation and research design; qualitative studies through observation and interviews; historical and comparative approaches; sample surveys and the statistical analysis of quantitative data, political and ethical issues in social research.

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### SOCI 389 - SOCIAL STATISTICS

**Short Title:** SOCIAL STATISTICS  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** An introduction to the methods sociologists use to study human societies and their members. Hypothesis formulation and research design; qualitative studies through observation and interviews; historical and comparative approaches; sample surveys and the statistical analysis of quantitative data, political and ethical issues in social research.

### SOCI 401 - RELIGION SEMINAR

**Short Title:** RELIGION SEMINAR  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** A course that explores the theories, tools, concepts, and major debates that are central to the sociology of religion. Specific attention is devoted to religious practices, communities, and identities as well as how the sociology of religion relates to other sub-fields within the broader discipline. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 501. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 401 and SOCI 501.
SOCI 402 - RACE AND FAMILY SEMINAR
Short Title: RACE AND FAMILY SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: What features of family life are marked by race? This course examines the question and gauges whether differences are a matter of culture or do they reflect issues of structure (or access to opportunities) and what are the implications for race/ethnic inequality? Topics include racial socialization and ethnic identity. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 502. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 402 and SOCI 502.

SOCI 403 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-6
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Directed reading and written papers on subjects not regularly offered; advanced study of subjects on which courses are offered. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 404 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Directed readings and essay writing on special subjects. Includes advanced study in subjects from other courses, if desired. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 405 - ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
Short Title: ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Beginning with the theoretical frameworks for ethnographic and other qualitative research methods, the course will cover ethics, entry, observation, field notes, interviewing, data analysis, and writing reports. It will offer a hands-on approach combining lectures, research through lectures, readings, and fieldwork. Field projects can be conducted in group, classroom, campus, or community settings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 505. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 405 and SOCI 505.

SOCI 406 - BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES
Short Title: BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The course provides a survey of basic demographic methods for assessing population change, fertility, mortality, and (im)migration and characteristics such with age, gender, race/ethnicity, household/family composition, marital status, economic, employment, and educational. Emphasis placed on the use of the methods in a variety of demographic and other settings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 506. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 406 and SOCI 506.

SOCI 407 - GENDER SEMINAR
Short Title: GENDER SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An overview of the construction and reproduction of gender as a social category. Course will compare various conceptualizations of gender and discuss structural-, interactional-, and individual-level processes that reproduce gender inequality. Will also explore interactions of gender with other axes of social difference, such as sexuality, race/ethnicity and social class. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 607. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 407 and SOCI 607.

SOCI 408 - ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH II
Short Title: ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH II
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 405
Description: Continuation of theoretical frameworks for ethnographic and other qualitative research methods including ethics, entry, observation, field notes, interviewing, data analysis and writing reports. Field projects can be conducted in group, classroom, campus or community settings. Instructor Permission Required.
SOCI 424 - RACE AND ETHNICITY SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** RACE AND ETHNICITY SEMINAR  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Overview of the sociological study of race and ethnic relations; identifying the major contributions made to the sociological study of race and the ethnicity; and the major areas in need of new thinking and research. Focus on theoretical formulations, historical understandings, and consequences of race and technical relations globally. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 524. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 424 and SOCI 524.

SOCI 425 - POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Course is a graduate level overview of population health, including the social determinates of morbidity and mortality, fertility and birth outcomes, health disparities, and contextual determinants of health. Course will cover major theoretical perspectives in the field, including fundamental cause theory, life course theory, and theories of stress and resilience. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 525. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 425 and SOCI 525.

SOCI 426 - CONTEMPORARY THEORY  
**Short Title:** CONTEMPORARY THEORY  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course builds foundational understanding of the diverse theoretical traditions of the last half-century that underlie much of the work currently being undertaken in sociology. Theories include: symbolic interactionism, critical theory, structuralism, power and social control, neo-institutionalism, feminist theory, and cultural theory. Evaluation based on papers, memos and seminar participation. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 526. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 426 and SOCI 526.

SOCI 422 - SOCIAL AUTOPSIES: HOW SOCIETY KILLS US  
**Short Title:** SOCIAL AUTOPSIES  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course explores mortality, and how long we live, as a social process. Though we often reflect on the biological, physiological, and genetic conditions that play parts in the length of our lives, we will explore evidence suggesting that social conditions shape mortality prospects for all of us. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 522. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 422 and SOCI 522.

SOCI 423 - SOCIOLGY OF FOOD  
**Short Title:** SOCIOLGY OF FOOD  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course examines the production, distribution, and consumption of food as a medium to understand the relations between large social processes and the practices of everyday life. Topics include: food policy; commodification of food; food security and hunger; food, health and the body; cultural food practices; and alternative food systems. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 523. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 423 and SOCI 523.

SOCI 424 - RACE AND ETHNICITY SEMINAR  
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**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Overview of the sociological study of race and ethnic relations; identifying the major contributions made to the sociological study of race and the ethnicity; and the major areas in need of new thinking and research. Focus on theoretical formulations, historical understandings, and consequences of race and technical relations globally. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 524. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 424 and SOCI 524.

SOCI 425 - POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR  
**Short Title:** POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Course is a graduate level overview of population health, including the social determinates of morbidity and mortality, fertility and birth outcomes, health disparities, and contextual determinants of health. Course will cover major theoretical perspectives in the field, including fundamental cause theory, life course theory, and theories of stress and resilience. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 525. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 425 and SOCI 525.

SOCI 426 - CONTEMPORARY THEORY  
**Short Title:** CONTEMPORARY THEORY  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course builds foundational understanding of the diverse theoretical traditions of the last half-century that underlie much of the work currently being undertaken in sociology. Theories include: symbolic interactionism, critical theory, structuralism, power and social control, neo-institutionalism, feminist theory, and cultural theory. Evaluation based on papers, memos and seminar participation. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 526. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 426 and SOCI 526.

SOCI 422 - SOCIAL AUTOPSIES: HOW SOCIETY KILLS US  
**Short Title:** SOCIAL AUTOPSIES  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course explores mortality, and how long we live, as a social process. Though we often reflect on the biological, physiological, and genetic conditions that play parts in the length of our lives, we will explore evidence suggesting that social conditions shape mortality prospects for all of us. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 522. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 422 and SOCI 522.

SOCI 423 - SOCIOLGY OF FOOD  
**Short Title:** SOCIOLGY OF FOOD  
**Department:** Sociology  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course examines the production, distribution, and consumption of food as a medium to understand the relations between large social processes and the practices of everyday life. Topics include: food policy; commodification of food; food security and hunger; food, health and the body; cultural food practices; and alternative food systems. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 523. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 423 and SOCI 523.
SOCI 436 - RESEARCH SEMINAR: THE HOUSTON AREA SURVEY
Short Title: HOUSTON AREA SURVEY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Continuation of the series of annual surveys on how Houston residents are reacting to the ongoing economic and demographic changes. Includes sampling procedures, questionnaire construction, interviewing, data analysis, and the logic and skills of survey research. Culminates in a research report that develops empirical hypotheses and tests their validity with the survey findings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 536. Recommended Prerequisite(s): SOCI 381 & SOCI 382. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 436 and SOCI 536.

SOCI 437 - SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
Short Title: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Analyzing educational inequality in the U.S. using concepts of educational equality and inequality and analysis of the factors that shape schooling outcomes. Addressing the role of students, families, neighborhoods, schools, school organizations and teachers. Special topics: education of immigrants, school segregation, accountability, higher education and the future of educational inequality. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 537. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 437 and SOCI 537.

SOCI 438 - FAMILY SEMINAR
Short Title: FAMILY SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will cover the history of the family and key theoretical and empirical debates about family formation, stability, and dissolution. Ultimately, we will seek to answer the question: is the American family in decline? Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 538. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 438 and SOCI 538.

SOCI 451 - IMMIGRATION IN A GLOBAL WORLD
Short Title: IMMIGRATION
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course compare 20th century immigration to the US (and other countries) with more recent migratory flows. Topics will be related to the transnational identities of immigrants, ethnic discrimination, and the impact of immigrants on civic and religious institutions. A central part of the course is a semester-long research project. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 551. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 451 and SOCI 551.

SOCI 453 - RACE, MIGRATION, AND HEALTH SEMINAR
Short Title: RACE, MIGRATION, AND HEALTH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: In this class we will examine the relationship between racial identity, nativity, and health status. Through readings and class discussion we will examine how racial identity and generational status shape health-related resources, stressors, behaviors, and supports. We will also consider how these factors relate to health care access and use. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 553. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 453 and SOCI 553.

SOCI 459 - RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE
Short Title: RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will use the tools of social science to understand how religion shows up in public life, both in the US and around the globe. Topics include: epistemology and methodology of public religion; how religion shapes views on politics, gender, families, science, race, immigration, education, the workplace; the challenges of religious diversity and crossing sociopolitical divides. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 559. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 459 and SOCI 559.
SOCI 465 - GENDER AND HEALTH
Short Title: GENDER AND HEALTH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This seminar explores the relationship between gender and health (longevity, physical illness and functioning, mental health, and health behavior). Specific topics include masculinity, disease expression, medical research, health care use, stress and social relationships, and intersectionality (race/ethnicity and sexuality) as they relate shaping health outcomes among men and women. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: SWGS 465. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 665. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 465 and SOCI 665.

SOCI 469 - COMMUNITY BRIDGES TRAINING
Short Title: COMMUNITY BRIDGES TRAINING
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course is the precursor for the spring course, SOCI 470, Inequality and Urban Life. Only students accepted into the Community Bridges Program may enroll in this course, where we do preparatory readings, trainings and workshops for the spring community internships. Instructor Permission Required.

SOCI 470 - INEQUALITY AND URBAN LIFE
Short Title: INEQUALITY AND URBAN LIFE
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 4
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course combines classroom study with seven hours of fieldwork per week, working on projects with a local organization. We study how urban areas generate wealth and poverty, the experience of inequality, and issues of community development. Enrollment is by permission only. Instructor Permission Required.

SOCI 483 - DATA ANALYSIS
Short Title: DATA ANALYSIS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This graduate course introduces students to multivariate regression methods. It assumes previous coursework in elementary statistics and the use of STATA. We will cover regression analysis for continuous dependent variables and move in to intermediate and some advance analysis for categorical dependent variables, commonly referred to as generalized linear models.

SOCI 485 - IDENTITIES IN A DIVERSE WORLD
Short Title: RACIAL IDENTITIES
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: How have shifts in ethnic and race diversity affected the way we answer the question, "who am I?" "Identities in a Diverse World" is a seminar dedicated to answering this core question by exploring the new frontiers of understanding race and ethnicity. Topics include: Racial Passing, Transracial adoption, Whiteness, and Immigration. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 585. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 485 and SOCI 585.

SOCI 492 - DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH
Short Title: DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Sociological research under faculty supervision. Includes first-semester review of relevant literature and the preparation of an outline for planned research, followed by second-semester research and the writing of an honors thesis. Open only to students in sociology honors program. Instructor Permission Required.

SOCI 493 - DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH
Short Title: DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Sociological research under faculty supervision. Includes first-semester review of relevant literature and preparation of outline for planned research, followed by second-semester research and the writing of an honors thesis. Open only to students in sociology honors program. Instructor Permission Required.

SOCI 500 - SUMMER RESEARCH
Short Title: SUMMER RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Sociological research for graduate students in sociology. Repeatable for Credit.
SOCI 501 - GRADUATE RELIGION SEMINAR
Short Title: GRADUATE RELIGION SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A graduate level course that explores the theories, tools, concepts, and major debates that are central to the sociology of religion. Specific attention is devoted to religions practices, communities, and identities as well as how the sociology of religion relates to other sub-fields with the broader discipline. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 401. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 501 and SOCI 401.

SOCI 502 - RACE AND FAMILY SEMINAR
Short Title: RACE AND FAMILY SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: What features of family life are marked by race? This course examines the question and gauges whether differences are a matter of culture or do they reflect issues of structure (or access to opportunities) and what are the implications for race/ethnic inequality? Topics include racial socialization and ethnic identity. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 402. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 502 and SOCI 402.

SOCI 503 - TEACHING SOCIOLOGY
Short Title: TEACHING SOCIOLOGY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will examine different approaches to teaching sociology at the university level, including core curriculum, a syllabus, and different forms of presenting material and evaluating students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Sociology department faculty will discuss their particular approaches to teaching sociology.

SOCI 505 - ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
Short Title: ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Beginning with the theoretical frameworks for ethnographic and other qualitative research methods, the course will cover ethics, entry, observation, field notes, interviewing, data analysis, and writing reports. It will offer a hands-on approach combining lectures, research through lectures, readings, and fieldwork. Field projects can be conducted in group, classroom, campus, or community settings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 405. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 505 and SOCI 405.

SOCI 506 - BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES
Short Title: BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course provides a survey of basic demographic methods for assessing population change, fertility, mortality, and (im)migration and characteristics such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, household/family composition, marital status, economic, employment, and educational. Emphasis placed on the use of the methods in a variety of demographic and other settings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 406. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 506 and SOCI 406.

SOCI 510 - RELIGION AND SOCIETY
Short Title: RELIGION AND SOCIETY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This seminar focuses on the ways in which religion is impacted by society, how society is shaped by religion, and the functions, uses, and meanings of religion in the modern world. We rely on the sociological perspective for understanding religion. Field work required.

SOCI 511 - COMMUNITY & URBAN SOCIOLOGY
Short Title: COMMUNITY & URBAN SOCIOLOGY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of urban development, form, and heterogeneity; and the conditions of life associated with living in cities, their growth and purposes globally and locally.
SOCI 523 - SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
Short Title: SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course examines the production, distribution, and consumption of food as a medium to understand the relations between large social processes and the practices of everyday life. Topics include: food policy; commodification of food; food security and hunger; food, health and the body; cultural food practices; and alternative food systems. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 423. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 523 and SOCI 423.

SOCI 524 - RACE AND ETHNICITY SEMINAR
Short Title: RACE AND ETHNICITY SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Course is a graduate level overview of population health, including the social determinates of morbidity and mortality, fertility and birth outcomes, health disparities, and contextual determinants of health. Course will cover major theoretical perspectives in the field, including fundamental cause theory, life course theory, and theories of stress and resilience. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 425. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 524 and SOCI 424.

SOCI 525 - POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR
Short Title: POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Course is a graduate level overview of population health, including the social determinates of morbidity and mortality, fertility and birth outcomes, health disparities, and contextual determinants of health. Course will cover major theoretical perspectives in the field, including fundamental cause theory, life course theory, and theories of stress and resilience. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 425. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 524 and SOCI 424.

SOCI 526 - CONTEMPORARY THEORY
Short Title: CONTEMPORARY THEORY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course builds foundational understanding of the diverse theoretical traditions of the last half-century that underlie much of the work currently being undertaken in sociology. Theories include: symbolic interactionism, critical theory, structuralism, power and social control, neo-institutionalism, feminist theory, and cultural theory. Evaluation based on papers, memos and seminar participation. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 426. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 526 and SOCI 426.

SOCI 528 - GIS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
Short Title: GIS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RES
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will focus on integrating spatial concepts into social science research using GIS software. Topics include: data acquisition, structure and management; principles of exploratory data analysis and cartographic visualization; and exploratory spatial data analysis (spatial auto correlation).
SOCI 536 - RESEARCH SEMINAR: THE HOUSTON AREA SURVEY
Short Title: HOUSTON AREA SURVEY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Continuation of the series of annual surveys on how Houston residents are reacting to the ongoing economic and demographic changes. Includes sampling procedures, questionnaire construction, interviewing, data analysis, and the logic and skills of survey research. Culminates in a research report that develops empirical hypotheses and tests their validity with the survey findings. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 436. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 536 and SOCI 436.

SOCI 537 - SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
Short Title: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Analyzing educational inequality in the U.S. using concepts of educational equality and inequality and analysis of the factors that shape schooling outcomes. Addressing the role of students, families, neighborhoods, schools, school organizations and teachers. Special topics: education of immigrants, school segregation, accountability, higher education and the future of educational inequality. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 437. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 537 and SOCI 337/SOCI 437.

SOCI 538 - FAMILY SEMINAR
Short Title: FAMILY SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will cover the history of the family and key theoretical and empirical debates about family formation, stability, and dissolution. Ultimately, we will seek to answer the question: is the American family in decline? Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 438. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 538 and SOCI 438.

SOCI 541 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
Short Title: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course examines qualitative methodological approaches for conducting social science research. Particularly, students will examine how qualitative methods allow social scientists to analyze the symbolic, religious, gendered, socio-economic, policies and historical forces and contexts that underlie and motivate beliefs, ideologies, practices and social change. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 341. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 541 and SOCI 341.

SOCI 543 - RACE, SOCIETY AND POPULATION CHANGE
Short Title: RACE, SOCIETY & POPULATION CHG
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The U.S. population is more diverse than ever before - how did that happen? This course looks at how race and ethnicity patterns demographic processes. This course explores demographic techniques and collection of racial data. Topics include: Roots of racial diversity, collecting racial data, immigration and population growth, and population polices. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 343. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 543 and SOCI 343.

SOCI 551 - IMMIGRATION IN A GLOBAL AGE
Short Title: IMMIGRATION
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course compare 20th century immigration to the US (and other countries) with more recent migratory flows. Topics will be related to the transnational identities of immigrants, ethnic discrimination, and the impact of immigrants on civic and religious institutions. A central part of the course is a semester-long research project. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 451. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 551 and SOCI 451.
SOCI 553 - RACE, MIGRATION, AND HEALTH SEMINAR
Short Title: RACE, MIGRATION, AND HEALTH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: In this class we will examine the relationship between racial identity, nativity, and health status. Through readings and class discussion we will examine how racial identity and generational status shape health-related resources, stressors, behaviors, and supports. We will also consider how these factors relate to health care access and use. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 453. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 553 and SOCI 453.

SOCI 559 - RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE
Short Title: RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will use the tools of social science to understand how religion shows up on in public life, both in the US and around the globe. Topics include: epistemology and methodology of public religion; how religion shapes views on politics, gender, families, science, race, immigration, education, the workplace; the challenges of religious diversity and crossing sociopolitical divides. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 459. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 559 and SOCI 459.

SOCI 580 - CLASSICAL THEORY
Short Title: CLASSICAL THEORY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course engages and analyzes the foundational texts of social theory from its classical roots to its contemporary branches. Students will explore theoretical approaches that inform current sociological research and during the course will examine social phenomena of particular interest to them from the perspective of two major theorists.

SOCI 581 - QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
Short Title: QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Designed as a graduate level overview of quantitative research methods, with a focus on survey construction and design. The class moves through the stops of the research design process, and discusses mixed-methods and meta-analysis research. Class also includes a strong focus on writing, critique, peer review, and the publishing process.

SOCI 582 - QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS I
Short Title: QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS I
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An introduction to statistics and data analysis for graduate students in sociology. Topics include descriptive statistics, visual representation of data, univariate and bivariate tests, as well as an introduction to multiple regression. Techniques for visualizing data will be discussed throughout. Familiarity with the statistical package Stata is assumed.

SOCI 583 - QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS II
Short Title: QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS II
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course introduces students to multiple regression methods - a set of models that relate an outcome (also referred to as response or dependent) variable to a set of explanatory or independent variables. Students should have a previous coursework on descriptive statistics, bivariate regression, as well as familiarity with Stata.

SOCI 584 - QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS III
Short Title: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS III
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 582 and SOCI 583
Description: The course will give an overview of several advanced statistical techniques commonly used in Sociology.
SOCI 585 - IDENTITIES IN A DIVERSE WORLD
Short Title: RACIAL IDENTITIES
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: How have shifts in ethnic and race diversity affected the way we answer the question, “who am I?” “Identities in a Diverse World” is a seminar dedicated to answering this core question by exploring the new frontiers of understanding race and ethnicity. Topics include: Racial Passing, Transracial adoption, Whiteness, and Immigration. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 485. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 585 and SOCI 485.

SOCI 586 - MULTILEVEL MODELING
Short Title: MULTILEVEL MODELING
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): SOCI 582 and SOCI 583
Description: This course is an introduction to multilevel modeling methods for data with complex clustering. The major topics include two-level models for continuous, categorical, and count outcomes, three-level models, multilevel models of change and models for imperfectly nested data. Instructor Permission Required.

SOCI 596 - STATISTICAL PROGRAMMING
Short Title: STATISTICAL PROGRAMMING
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will provide a thorough introduction to the statistical software package Stata. The emphasis will be on important skills for quantitative research that are not typically covered in statistics classes. Topics will include: data management, creating graphs, presentation of results, workflow, and documenting one’s work.

SOCI 600 - GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: SECTION ONE: This course focuses on the sociology of global cities, especially on their comparative study. It examines their rise and development as central nodes in the world system, the means to their centrality and the threats to maintaining their status. A required end product of the course will be a publishable research paper using a comparative analysis of global cities. SECTION TWO: This course explores the relationship between social factors and health, illness, and mortality, with a heavy emphasis on quantitative experiences of illness, the doctor-patient relationship, and the socialization of medical students and new doctors. SECTION THREE: This course examines the causes and consequences of societal stratification in different institutional spheres. Students will be expected to examine key theoretical perspectives as well as understand and critique different methodological approaches to the study of social stratification. SECTION FOUR: Designed to familiarize students with the historical and contemporary theoretical explanations of the formation of, identification with, and implications of racial and ethnic categories in the United States and globally. Additionally, this course will cover empirical studies that investigate the perpetuation of racial and ethnic inequality in comparative, international perspective. SECTION FIVE: This course focuses on the mechanisms that lead to and/or perpetuate marginalization of social groups (e.g. racial, socioeconomic, religious, etc...) in urban areas. In particular, this course examines policies (i.e. public housing, cash welfare, corporation tax breaks, zoning laws) that increase or decrease the generational marginalization of groups. SECTION SIX: This course will delve extensively into criminology. The course will cover four broad areas: 1) how crime is imagined and portrayed, 2) empirical patterns of crime, 3) theories of crime causation and victimization, and 4) societal responses to crime, encompassing studies of social control, policing, the legal system, and punishment. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 601 - CLASSICAL THEORY II
Short Title: CLASSICAL THEORY II
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The student will go beyond the basic graduate level theory course, doing advanced readings in theories, related to a substantive area in which the student concentrates.
SOCI 602 - QUANTITATIVE METHODS
Short Title: QUANTITATIVE METHODS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The student will do advanced work in an area of statistical interest with a faculty member who specializes in the techniques.

SOCI 603 - DIRECTED READING IN URBAN SOCIOLOGY
Short Title: URBAN SOCIOLOGY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This reading course covers foundational readings in the area of urban sociology.

SOCI 604 - MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION FOR GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS
Short Title: GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Explores useful statistical models beyond standard linear regression. Topics covered are logit and probit models for both binary and ordinal dependent variables, even count models, models for heteroskedastic regressions, and more. Maximum likelihood unifies these models by providing a single, coherent approach to estimation and about how data are generated.

SOCI 605 - NON-THESIS GRADUATE RESEARCH
Short Title: NON-THESIS GRADUATE RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Individual research not for thesis credit. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 606 - THESIS RESEARCH
Short Title: THESIS RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 607 - GENDER SEMINAR
Short Title: GENDER SEMINAR
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An overview of the construction and reproduction of gender as a social category. Course will compare various conceptualizations of gender and discuss structural-, interactional-, and individual-level processes that reproduce gender inequality. Will also explore interactions of gender with other axes of social difference, such as sexuality, race/ethnicity and social class. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 407. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 607 and SOCI 407/SOCI 504.

SOCI 608 - GRADUATE RESEARCH DESIGN
Short Title: GRADUATE RESEARCH DESIGN
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This required graduate seminar in sociological research design focuses on the logic of inquiry within the discipline, including practices of advanced empirical and theoretical contribution. Topics will span state-of-the-art analyses and their exemplars. Department Permission Required.

SOCI 609 - GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Sociological independent study under faculty supervision. Only open to graduate students. Repeatable for Credit.

SOCI 610 - PROFESSIONALIZATION WORKSHOP
Short Title: PROFESSIONALIZATION WORKSHOP
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This professionalization workshop is designed to introduce graduate students to professionalization topics such as: giving a conference presentation, writing a fellowship or grant proposal, and the reviewing process of journals. Repeatable for Credit.
SOCI 611 - CRAFTING A DISSERTATION
Short Title: CRAFTING A DISSERTATION
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course will enable students to receive instructor and peer feedback on dissertation proposals and dissertation chapters. Topics covered will include how to write a dissertation, start to finish. Students must have successfully completed at least one comp exam by August 31st to be eligible.

SOCI 665 - GENDER AND HEALTH
Short Title: GENDER AND HEALTH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This seminar explores the relationship between gender and health (longevity, physical illness and functioning, mental health, and health behavior). Specific topics include masculinity, disease expression, medical research, health care use, stress and social relationships, and intersectionality (race/ethnicity and sexuality) as they relate shaping health outcomes among men and women. There are additional requirements for Graduate students. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: SOCI 465. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for SOCI 665 and SOCI 465.

SOCI 700 - DISSERTATION RESEARCH
Short Title: DISSERTATION RESEARCH
Department: Sociology
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate. Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Dissertation research credit. Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: SOCI

Department Description and Code
- Sociology: SOCI

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in Sociology: SOCY

Graduate Degree Description and Codes
- Master of Arts degree: MA
- Doctor of Philosophy degree: PhD

Graduate Degree Program Description and Code
- Degree Program in Sociology: SOCI