

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## SOCIOLOGY

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### **SOC 5003: Minority Relations**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

A study of minority groups with emphasis upon discrimination, socio-historical characteristics, and processes of social change. Minorities considered include racial, ethnic, and gender.

### **SOC 5013: Drugs in Society**

Cross-listed: CJ 5013 Drugs in Society

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

This course presents a comprehensive study of the history and prohibition of drugs use in the United States, as well as the effects of drugs on society in the form of crime, prison, and treatment. The main focus of this class is on the history of drug use, how certain drugs become illegal, and the intended and unintended consequences of drug prohibition for communities and society.

### **SOC 5043: Social Psychology**

Cross-listed: PSY 5043 Social Psychology

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

A study of the factors that influence the attitudes, behaviors, and cognition of the individual with a special emphasis on interactions among people.

### **SOC 5053: Sociology of Health and Illness**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

An in-depth look at the sociology of health and illness including an examination of the social structures related to the medical system, the social psychology of health and illness, a comparative analysis of sick role behavior, as well as the study of social causes and consequences of health and illness.

### **SOC 5063: Social Stratification**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

A study of social class and consequences for society and individuals.

### **SOC 5183: Social Gerontology**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or a related field

An introduction to the sociology of aging: content provides general and specific knowledge regarding the aging process. Implications for economic, political, and family institutions are emphasized.

### **SOC 6013: Advanced Statistics**

Cross-listed: PSY 6013 Advanced Statistics

Prerequisite: PSY/SOC 2053 or equivalent and graduate standing in sociology or psychology or instructor and program director permission.

An advanced study of the concepts and techniques in descriptive and inferential statistics. Emphasis placed on the application of statistics and psychological research.

### **SOC 6023: Advanced Sociological Theory**

Offered: Fall

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field

This course provides an in-depth survey of the classical social theorists and theoretical traditions in the 19th and 20th centuries. Attention will be directed to major thinkers and schools of thought which are responsible for the emergence of social theory (and the field of sociology). Contemporary theorists who have had a major impact on the discipline will also be examined.

### **SOC 6033: Advanced Methodology**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

An introduction to research methodology, with emphasis upon conceptualization, design, and processes.

### **SOC 6043: Evaluation and Assessment**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

An Introduction to the logic and methods of modern social program evaluation and assessment. Emphasizing the benefits of applied sociological methods, the course reviews nonprofit program measurement with a focus on costs and effects.

### **SOC 6053: Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

This course offers specialized instruction in an area of criminal justice not otherwise covered in the curriculum.

Note: The focus of the course will vary from offering to offering, thus students may take the course more than once.

### **SOC 6063: Advanced Topics in Gerontology**

Prerequisite: BA or BS in Sociology or related field.

This course offers specialized instruction in an area of gerontology not otherwise covered in the curriculum.

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### **SOC 6891: Independent Study**

Prerequisite: Graduate student status with successful completion of all 12 hours of required coursework in the program.

Open to graduate students who wish to pursue individual study or investigation of some facet of knowledge which complements the purpose of the University's graduate program. Students will be required to plan their studies and prepare formal written reports of their findings.

Note: The selected topic may not constitute any duplication of study leading to the accomplishment of a thesis.

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### **SOC 6991: Thesis Research**

Prerequisite: Graduate student status with successful completion of all 12 hours of required coursework in the program.

This course is designed to allow the student specific time to research, write, and complete the thesis.

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