

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
SOCIOLOGY
SPRING 2015**

Undergraduate Courses

SOC 1010 - Introductory Sociology (3)

Kingston, enrl 200, MW 9-9:50am

The fundamental concepts and principles of sociology with special attention to sociological theory and research methods. Survey of the diverse substantive fields in the discipline with a primary emphasis on the institutions in contemporary American society.

Dependent section required.

SOC 2052 – Sociology of the Family (3)

Pugh, enrl 240, MW 11-11:50am

Comparison of family organizations in relation to other social institutions in various societies; an introduction to the theory of kinship and marriage systems.

Dependent section required.

SOC 2230 - Criminology (3)

McConnell, enrl 180, MW 5-5:50pm

Socio-cultural conditions affecting the definition, recording, and treatment of delinquency and crime. Examination of Theories of deviant behavior, the role of the police, judicial and corrective systems and the victim in criminal behavior.

Dependent section required.

SOC 2470 – American Society & Popular Culture (3)

Olick, enrl 180, MW 10-10:50am

This course is an early level course, which aims to introduce students to a sociological perspective on popular culture, and to examine the working of selected sociological concepts in several examples of popular culture. A familiarity with introductory level sociology is suggested, but not required. The course has two parts. In the first we will become acquainted with sociological perspectives and theories on culture; in the second we will look at several popular novels and movies and discuss how they might be interpreted sociologically.

Dependent section required.

SOC 2600 – Leadership Across the Disciplines (3)

Bateman, enrl 75, MW 11am – 12:15pm

Restricted to: Second Year

DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD SOCIOLOGY MAJOR/MINOR.

Open to second-year students in the College, including those considering Commerce. Examines leadership from different disciplinary perspectives, including commerce and a variety of liberal arts disciplines. Involves guest speakers from different departments in the College and the Commerce School. Serves as a stand-alone course and also as a prerequisite to future, advanced leadership courses.

SOC 2900 – Economy & Society (3)

Polillo, enrl 60, TR 9:30-10:20am

Markets, firms, and money are part of everyday experience. Economists insist that they should work similarly independently of their social context. The central idea of economic sociology is that economic institutions are 'embedded' in social relations. We will study what embeddedness means, and what it implies. We look at how institutions constitute markets; how rationality varies; and how money interacts with social relations in unexpected ways.

SOC 3020 - Introduction to Social Theory (3)

Fuchs, enrl 80, MW 1-1:50pm

An introduction to the major theoretical issues and traditions in sociology, especially as developed in the writings of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim, Sociology majors are expected to take this course in their third year.

Dependent section required.

SOC 3110 – Introduction to Survey Research Methods (3)

Guterbock, enrl 25, TR 12:30-1:45pm

Surveys are everywhere these days, but good surveys are not easy to do. Learn how to conduct a successful, high-quality sample survey. Understand the main sources of survey error and learn about ways to achieve high quality measurement and representative results. Learn best practices in designing samples, writing questions, constructing questionnaires, conducting interviews and implementing surveys via mail, telephone, or the Internet.

SOC 3130 - Introduction to Social Statistics (4)

Wilcox, enrl 70, MW 12-12:50pm

Prerequisite: SOC 3120

Elementary statistical methods for social science applications. Topics include summarizing data with graphs and descriptive measures, generalizing from a sample to a population as in opinion polls, and determining the relationship between two variables. No special mathematical background is required, and students will be taught basic computer techniques. Three hours of lecture, two hours of laboratory work. Majors are expected to take this course in their third year.

Dependent section required.

SOC 3410 – Race & Ethnic Relations (3)

Vickerman, enrl 35, MW 2-3:15pm

Introduces the study of race and ethnic relations, including the social and economic conditions promoting prejudice, racism, discrimination, and segregation. Examines contemporary American conditions, and historical and international materials.

Dependent section required.

SOC 3440 – Chinese Society (3)

Wang, enrl 25, TR 11am-12:15pm

This seminar provides a survey of Chinese society and social changes in the reform-era (1979 to the present). It uses sociological analysis to comprehensively examine various aspects of contemporary Chinese society including: economic development, social inequality, governance, political reform, nationalism, religion, ethnicity, and popular culture.

SOC 3470 – Sociology of Development (3)

Blumberg, enrl 35, 12:30-1:45pm

This study of the development of human societies explores the five major 'techno-economic bases' that have characterized our species' history (hunting-gathering, horticultural, agrarian, industrial and information/biotech) and examines how contemporary macrolevel trends affect our lives at the microlevel.

SOC 3559 – Sociology of American Film (3)

Press, enrl 30, MW 2-3:15pm & film component R 6-8:30pm

This course offers a sociological analysis of the both the institutions that produce the Hollywood film and of Hollywood film itself from a sociological perspective. The course will include analysis of the studio system, the narrative and other techniques that produce the "classical Hollywood cinema," the gender, racial and religious biases of popular cinema, and the sociological implications of classical Hollywood cinema.

Dependent section required.

SOC 3595-001: Special Topics in Sociology: Sociology of Tourism (3)

Corse, enrl 35, TR 11am-12:15pm

This course examines the role of tourism in social life. It will focus on how tourism reflects and shapes our social, cultural, and political identities and inequalities. Individual travel writings and tourist experiences will be theorized by a sociological lens. Readings include theoretical and empirical studies of tourism.

SOC 3595-002: Special Topics in Sociology: After Communism (3)

Makarova, enrl 25, TR 2-3:15pm

The course will explore the changes and challenges confronting communist and post-communist countries in different regions of the world. The focus is on the everyday lives of ordinary people. Topics include the changing meanings of work and consumption; family and gender; personhood and identity; memory and nostalgia; and new urban visions in thought and practice.

SOC 3700 – Health and Society (3)

Waggoner, enrl 35, TR 12:30-1:45pm

This course explores the social dimensions of health and illness, focusing especially on the social experience of illness, the social determinants of disease, and the role and meaning of medicine and public health in modern U.S. society. The class examines how we define health problems and their solutions, and it considers the ways in which race, gender, class, age, and sexuality matter for understanding health-related experiences and discourses.

SOC 4010 – Sociology of Music (3)

Rubin, enrl 20, MW 3:30-4:45pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

Students will consider ways in which social communities intersect with, respond to, and create musical communities. Musical taste will be interrogated as a point of identification and self-presentation that is neither given nor natural, but contingent and constructed. Students will engage foundational critical texts in the sociology of music, and examine both the continuities and the disjunctures represented by our era of digital social media.

SOC 4053 – Sociology of Education (3)

Kingston, enrl 20, MW 2-3:15pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

Analysis of education as a social institution and its relationship to other institutions, e.g., the economy, the stratification system, the family. Special attention will be devoted to the role of education in the status attainment process.

SOC 4055 – Sociology of Law (3)

Black, enrl 20, W 3:30-6pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

After a brief history of legal sociology during the past century, the course introduces and elaborates a sociological theory of legal behavior. The primary focus is the case, a specific legal conflict. The theory explains the handling of each case with its social structure, such as the social closeness and social elevation of the parties. Although the course is primarily scientific in emphasis, the practical relevance of the theory is addressed.

SOC 4057 – Family Policy (3)

Wilcox, enrl 20, MW 3:30-4:45pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

The relationship between family and society as expressed in policy and law. Focus on the effects of formal policy on the structure of families and the interactions within families. The American family system will be examined as it has responded to laws and policies of government and private industry and to change in society.

SOC 4059 – Conflict (3)

Black, enrl 20, M 3:30-6pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

A theoretical exploration of the handling of grievances in diverse social settings. Analysis of social conditions associated with phenomena such as vengeance, honor, discipline, rebellion, avoidance, negotiation, mediation, and adjudication.

SOC 4350 – Comparative Gender Stratification (3)

Blumberg, enrl 20, TR 9:30-10:45am

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

The course examines (1) theories of gender stratification, (2) the extent of, and changes in, gender stratification in the U.S. and (3) a cross-cultural look at the extent of gender stratification from our hunting-and-gathering ancestors to today's information/biotech society. The course will also (4) look at contemporary examples of both local level gender equality/near equality and extreme gender inequality (e.g., in Taliban Afghanistan).

SOC 4420 – Sociology of Inequality (3)

Vickerman, enrl 20, MW 3:30-4:45pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

A survey of basic theories and methods used to analyze structures of social inequality. Includes comparative analysis of the inequalities of power and privilege, both their causes and their consequences for social conflict and social change.

SOC 4510 – Topics in the Sociology of Work: Work, Care, Ethics & Insecurity (3)

Pugh, enrl 20, MW 2-3:15pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

The new “age of insecurity” mounts new ethical challenges: increasingly temporary relationships at work and in our intimate lives destabilize conventional notions of what we owe each other on the job and at home. This course considers the most important roots of insecurity: e.g., globalization, outsourcing, divorce and other trends. We’ll reflect upon the tension between freedom and interdependence as we develop our own postindustrial ethics.

SOC 4550 – Topics in Ethics & Society: Race and Ethics (3)

Pendergrass, enrl 20, TR 2-3:15pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

This course will survey theories, concepts, and empirical evidence in sociology that contribute to public debates about race and ethics. We will consider issues such as affirmative action, death penalty sentencing, abortion, race-based medicine, mandatory DNA testing, the legacies of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, the story of Henrietta Lacks, and more.

SOC 4600 – Gender & Culture (3)

Corse, enrl 20, TR 2-3:15pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

How the social definition of gender affects and is affected by cultural artifacts such as literature, movies, music, and TV. Students are expected to be familiar with general sociological concepts and theory and be regularly prepared for participation in a demanding seminar

SOC 4640 – Urban Sociology (3)

Makarova, enrl 20, TR 11am-12:15pm

Prerequisites: Six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

The course explores changing urban live in different cultural, social and historical settings. It examines both classic and contemporary debates within urban sociology and relates them to the wider concerns of social theory. Among the topics to be discussed are theories of urban development and decline, social segregation and urban inequality, cultural meanings of the city, problems of urban policy and planning.

SOC 4800/4810/4820 – Undergraduate Internship Program (4)

Prerequisites: Students must be a fourth year sociology major with substantial completion of major requirements

An internship placement to be arranged by the supervising faculty. Students will work in various agencies in the Charlottesville community such as health care delivery, social services, juvenile justice, etc. Regular class meetings with the supervising faculty to analyze the intern experience and to discuss assigned reading. *Only three credits can be counted toward the Sociology any-level elective major requirement.*

SOC 4970 – Special Studies in Sociology (1-6)

Prerequisites: Fourth year students with a minimum GPA of 3.2 in sociology (or overall GPA of 3.2 for non-majors) and permission of instructor.

An independent study project conducted by the student under the supervision of an instructor of his or her choice. Application required: <http://www.virginia.edu/sociology/forms/independentstudyform.pdf>

SOC 4980 – Distinguished Majors Thesis Research (3)

Prerequisites: Admission to the Distinguished Majors Program in Sociology & SOC 3120.

Independent research, under the supervision of a DM faculty adviser, for the DMP thesis.

SOC 4981 – Distinguished Majors Thesis Writing (3)

Prerequisites: Admission to the Distinguished Majors Program in Sociology & SOC 4980.

Writing of the DMP thesis under the supervision of a DM faculty adviser.

Graduate Courses

Courses at the 5000-level are open to advanced undergraduates with instructor permission. All such courses have a prerequisite of six credits of sociology and/or permission of the Instructor; some have additional prerequisites as noted.

SOC 5060 – Contemporary Sociological Theory (3)

Polillo, enrl 15, T 2-4:30pm

Prerequisites: SOC 5030, six credits of sociology, or permission of instructor; open to advanced undergraduates

A consideration of the nature and purpose of sociological theory as well as a survey of the most important contemporary theories and theorists.

SOC 5100 – Research Design & Methods (3)

Roksa, enrl 12, T 5-7:30pm

Prerequisites: SOC 3120, or graduate standing, six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

Study of the steps necessary to design a research project including searching the literature, formulating a problem, deriving propositions, operationalizing concepts, constructing explanations, and testing hypothesis.

SOC 5120 – Intermediate Social Statistics (3)

Gorman, enrl 15, M 5-7:30pm & lab F 2-3:50pm

Prerequisites: SOC 3130, or graduate standing, six credits of sociology or permission of instructor

Studies the social science applications of analysis of variance, correlation, and regression; and consideration of causal models.

SOC 5559 – Heidegger (3)

Fuchs, enrl 12, W 3-5:30pm

This seminar will provide an overview of Heidegger's thought through an analysis of select core texts, spanning from some of his earliest efforts to *Being and Time* and later work on the "History of Being".

SOC 8030/8040 – Sociological Issues (1)

Olick, enrl 45, R 3:30-5pm

Contemporary issues affecting sociology as a science, as an academic discipline, and as a profession. Frequent guest lectures.

SOC 8054 – Political Sociology (3)

Slez, enrl 12, M 2-4:30pm

Explores the relationships between social structure and political institutions. Competing theories about such topics as power structures, political participation, ideology, party affiliation, voting behavior, and social movements are discussed in the context of recent research on national and local politics in the United States.

SOC 8055 – Sociology of Law (3)

Black, enrl 5, W 3:30-6pm

Examines the structure and functioning of the legal institution in primitive and modern societies and the institutionalization of social justice. Consideration will be given to a variety of special issues: conditions under which laws change, the relationship between the legal and political systems, and the social impact of legal sanctions.

SOC 8059 – Conflict (3)

Black, enrl 5, M 3:30-6pm

Theoretical exploration of the social causes of conflict about right and wrong and the social factors that explain the handling of these conflicts in diverse settings across the world. Topics include individual and collective violence, avoidance, third-party intervention such as mediation and adjudication, therapy, and the evolution of conflict and morality across history.

SOC 8998 – Non-Topical Research, Preparation for MA Research (1-12)

For Master's research, taken before a thesis director has been selected.

SOC 8999 – Non-Topical Research (1-12)

For Master's thesis, taken under the supervision of a thesis director

SOC 9010 – Directed Readings (1-12)

SOC 9050/9060 – Research Apprenticeship (3-12)

This course provides practical research experience through close collaboration with a faculty member. [Faculty members will propose projects and choose apprentices from the pool of applicants.] Student apprentices will be junior colleagues, involved in all phases of the project. This collaborative effort will lead to a distinct scholarly product, usually a co-authored paper suitable for publication.

SOC 9050/9060 is offered on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis, typically for 3 hours of credit. (Three hours may be counted as part of the 24 hours of graded courses for the M.A. degree, though students selecting this options may not apply credits for Directed Readings to the 24-hour requirement. Up to 6 hours of credits for SOC 905/906 may be applied to Ph.D. requirements; however, the number of allowable hours for Directed Readings is correspondingly reduced.)

SOC 9998 – Non-Topical Research, Preparation for Doctoral Research (1-12)

For Doctoral Research, taken before a dissertation director has been selected.

SOC 9999 – Non-Topical Research, After Ph.D. Proposal (1-12)

For Doctoral Research, taken after a dissertation director has been selected.

NOTE: *If a student neither contacts the instructor in advance nor appears at the first class meeting, the Sociology Department and/or instructor reserves the right to cancel the student's enrollment.*