

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## SOCIOLOGY

### SOCI 1301 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

**Format:** 3 lecture (3 credit hours)

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance.

**Credits:** 3

**Distribution:** SOCI

**Course Fee:** Internet course fee (if applicable): \$43

### SOCI 1306 SOCIAL PROBLEMS

**Format:** 3 lecture (3 credit hours)

Application of sociological principles and theoretical perspectives to major social problems in contemporary society such as inequality, crime and violence, substance abuse, environmental issues, deviance, or family problems.

**Recommended prerequisite:** SOCI 1301.

**Credits:** 3

**Distribution:** SOCI

**Course Fee:** Internet course fee (if applicable): \$43

### SOCI 2301 MARRIAGE & THE FAMILY

**Format:** 3 lecture (3 credit hours)

Sociological and theoretical analysis of the structures and functions of the family, the varied cultural patterns of the American family, and the relationships that exist among the individuals within the family, as well as the relationships that exist between the family and other institutions in society.

**Credits:** 3

**Distribution:** SOCI

**Course Fee:** Internet course fee (if applicable): \$43

### SOCI 2319 MINORITY STUDIES

**Format:** 3 lecture (3 credit hours)

This course studies minority-majority group relations addressing their historical cultural social economic and institutional development in the United States. Both sociological and social psychological levels of analysis will be employed to discuss issues including experiences of minority groups within the context of their cultural heritage and tradition as well as that of the dominant culture. Core concepts to be examined include (but are not limited to) social inequality dominance/subordination prejudice and discrimination. Particular minority groups discussed may include those based on poverty race/ethnicity gender sexual orientation age disability or religion. Recommended prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

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