SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC 1010 - Leadership/College Student  
Credit(s): 1 Credit  
The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introductory framework in leadership development theory. It is meant to encourage students to explore the leadership process and develop one's own leadership potential. The course is designed to be interactive and thought provoking while encouraging self-assessment and skill development. Offered every semester.  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 1100 - Introduction to Sociology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This introductory course emphasizes fundamental concepts in sociology and their application to contemporary society for the purpose of enhancing the students understanding of the world in which they live.  
Attributes: Service Learning, Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 1105 - Introduction to Sociology  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This introductory course emphasizes fundamental concepts in sociology and their application to contemporary society for the purpose of enhancing the students understanding of the world in which they live.  
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1505  
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

SOC 1110 - Introduction to Sociology: Diversity Emphasis  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course will survey the field of sociology, stressing important ideas, methods, and results, as well as paying particular attention to points of controversy and disagreement among sociologists to develop critical and analytical thinking. As a survey course, topics this semester will include critical inquiry into the sources of group identities, the structures of diversity or inequalities based on race, gender, class, age and life style, as well as the institutions that promote or challenge those inequalities. Students will engage these topics through readings, group discussions and exercises.  
Attributes: International Studies, Social Science Req (A&S), Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 1120 - Introduction to Sociology: Diversity and Health Emphasis  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course surveys the field of sociology, stressing important ideas, methods, and results. It focuses on health and diversity to illustrate the application of sociological ideas and develop analytic thinking skills. The text is supplemented with articles/chapters illustrating topical issues and exercises on the skills of the social sciences.  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Health Care, Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 1180 - World Geography  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course provides students with a worldwide overview of the relationship between people and place. Emphasis is given to the relationships among physical geography, environment, population, economy and culture.  

SOC 1190 - Cultural Geography  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course will familiarize the student with broad themes in cultural geography. Student will begin to think critically about how humans interact with their environments, analyze daily geographies and complete practice based assignments that explore core concepts of cultural geography.  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 1500 - The Urban Community: Race, Class, and Spatial Justice  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course will focus on people in racial and ethnic urban neighborhoods in the United States. The course will explore the basic concepts and ideas behind neighborhood, community, race, ethnicity, immigration, ethnic identity, and the spatial hierarchies of cities based on race, ethnic, and class characteristics.  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Applied, Urban Poverty - General, Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 1930 - Special Topics  
Credit(s): 2-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 1980 - Independent Study  
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2000 - Research Methods  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
Students are introduced to key issues involved in sociological research, the design of research to answer distinct types of questions, the nature and techniques of measurement and the major modes of data collection and analysis.  
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 1100, SOC 1110, SOC 1120, or SOC 1200)  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2080 - Urban Issues: Poverty in a Global Perspective  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This class examines urban poverty and unemployment from a global perspective. It takes as its point of departure a fundamental paradox: The globally connected economy has enabled the accumulation of unparalleled wealth; while at the same time, it has produced staggering inequality within and across cities.  
Attributes: Global Citizenship (A&S), International Studies, Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2100 - Classical Social Theory  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course provides an overview of social science theories, major theorists, and theoretical formulations. It emphasizes key assumptions, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of each theory, and the historical development of social theory.  
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 1100, SOC 1110, FRSC 4610, or FRSC 4610)  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2110 - Sociology of Sport  
Credit(s): 3 Credits  
This course investigates the institution of organized sports from sociological perspectives. It reveals how sports reflect American society and contribute to the social construction of that society. The course examines the culture, socialization, social structure, deviance, discrimination, stratification, economics, and politics as it appears in professional and amateur athletics.  
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Diversity in the US (A&S)
SOC 2180 - Cities and Space
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course familiarizes students with the concepts of urbanization, with a focus on cities in the context of globalization. The class will also focus on urban processes and politics with an emphasis on processes of immigration and citizenship. Students are evaluated through written projects on themes discussed in the course.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Exclusion

SOC 2220 - Peace and Conflict Studies
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces students to social science perspectives on peace and conflict by examining cooperation and conflict in human society. Cross-cultural examples and examination of our evolutionary past reveal what is really 'human nature'.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 1200
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2250 - Sexual Minorities in a Fluid Social World
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of the cultural and historical factors faced by LGBTQ individuals and focuses on how these factors play out in contemporary societal institutions. Both positive and negative issues will be addressed within the family, religion, education, government, economics, media, and healthcare. The goal is to determine how sexual minority identification and expression has varied across these social institutions and how power and negative reactions, such as homophobia, have structured these social institutions.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2300 - American Popular Culture
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course examines mainstream (in contrast to high culture) cultural elements that prevail in American society, mainly in the more popular media. It includes myths, morals, music, material consumption, rituals, and icons of mass media.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2360 - Diversity & Health Disparities
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits
Why are some people healthy and others not? The U.S. and world manifest great disparities in health and mortality. This course investigates health disparities by class, race, sex, age as well as other related categories.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Health Care

SOC 2470 - Culture and Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will focus on exploring the interplay between culture and health by examining issues such as the social construction of disease and health and the traditional health and illness beliefs and practices of select populations both within and outside the United States.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2480 - Drugs and Society: Legal and Medical Implications of the "War on Drugs"
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course takes a sociological approach to understanding U.S. drug use and drug policy. We will examine what constitutes a "drug", how drugs' meanings and uses have changed over time, and how professional, economic, and cultural forces shape how we make sense of drugs and the people who use them.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 2490 - Sociology of Medicine
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Sociological interpretation of selected aspects of the field of medicine, including health and illness behaviors, professional socialization, analysis of health organization, political and economic aspects of health care delivery, cross national comparisons of health systems.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2500 - Social Ecology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Social ecology is a holistic approach to urban problems recognizing that interactions within the social, institutional, and cultural contexts of people-environment relations support well-being. The causes of urban problems (e.g. sprawl, crime, violence, disease/illness, housing segregation and food insecurity) are sought in social structures, environmental scarcity, and people's socio-economic status.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Applied

SOC 2630 - Religion and Social Sciences: Theoretical and Empirical Reflections on Religion
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course uses classic works in the social sciences as well as contemporary empirical research to discuss the nature and future of religion in the American context. Highlighted are the demographic changes in the distribution of religious identity and their consequences.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course is designed for experimental courses or courses of special interest that are approved by the departmental faculty prior to offering. This opportunity may take the form of a visiting faculty member or another program requesting a unique course at the 200 level for a single semester.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 2980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3020 - Qualitative Research
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces the major methodologies and techniques for conducting research into the human condition in its natural context. It includes discussion of the analysis of group behavior, beliefs, rituals, ceremonies, relate to technologies, and generally order their natural world and control their societies.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3100 - Sociological Theory
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of sociological theories, major theorists, and theoretical formulations. It includes the key assumptions of different theories, evaluation of each theory, appreciation of the historical development of theories, and how theories shape our understanding of society.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)
SOC 3150 - Theory of the Social Sciences
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The aim of this course is to introduce students to key concepts and debates surrounding the study of "society" and "culture" as well as to a range of empirical research into sociocultural processes that is currently being conducted. The concept of culture is considered from a number of perspectives, including the economy, the symbolic, emotion and affect, and globalization. At the same time, cultural debates are connected with other key dimensions of social theory including identity, gender, class, and ethnicity.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3180 - Immigration
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Students critically engage themes of urban immigration, citizenship and transnationalism, while developing the skills needed for graduate research. They write a professional quality research proposal for a small fieldwork study and participate in the research seminar by helping to critique each other's proposals.
Attributes: Global Citizenship (A&S), Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Immigration

SOC 3220 - Urban Sociology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Sociology of the city and the metropolis. Examines processes of change and resistance to change in the urban community; ethnic and racial groupings; the effects of varying social policies and efforts at urban development. Includes field experience.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Applied, Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 3230 - Gender and Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examination of the impact of large-scale forces on how gender roles are structured and enacted in our society. Particular attention to be paid to the different experiences of men and women in the labor force, politics, and the family.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3300 - Social Psychology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Processes of social interaction and reciprocal influence which arise in and constitute groups. Central emphasis is on self image and communication.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3350 - Social Movements
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Analysis of selected American social movements since 1930, including their precipitating factors, recruitment strategies and consequences. The role of societal power an ideology as well as that of social identification and meaning on collective action are examined.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3360 - Racial and Ethnic Relations
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class focuses on how races and ethnic groups in the United States differ in their access to economic, political, and social resources and manage the resulting tensions that arise as a result of such inequalities.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Exclusion

SOC 3370 - Violence in America
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course addresses the conditions under which groups argue and fight, sometimes violently. It reviews the social roots of intergroup conflict and violence in America including the rioting that took place in Ferguson, Missouri in 2014. It also is a research course. Students will collect information to track the way groups argued and fought in the years leading up to and following two of the more dramatic acts of mass violence ever to occur in America: the New York Draft Riots of 1863 and the 1964 Harlem-Bedford Stuyvesant riots.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3380 - Power in U.S. Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The socioeconomic roots of political affiliation and interest group formation are examined as are the theoretical and practical considerations of the relationship between social structure and political action.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3390 - Cultural Anthropology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Exploration and examination of different societies including tribal, rural, and urban. Analysis of cultural systems, their legacies, and their meaning in contemporary contexts. Emphasis on cross-cultural case studies that highlight the impact of larger forces such as globalization, acculturation, migration, and social and political organizations.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity in the EU, International Studies, Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3400 - Organizations: Theory and Practice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines some of the salient sociological models, concepts and problems of organizations. The role of students as citizens of an organizational society and as participants in a variety of occupational, civic and value-based organizations is emphasized.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3410 - Marriage and the Family
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examination of theories and data on different types of families, role assignments, and definitions, pertaining to various types of societies through space and time. Modern aspects of family institutions and problems, with an emphasis on the issue of equality of marriage.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Diversity in the US (A&S)

SOC 3420 - Principles of Social Development
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course looks at the concept of social development which implies value based social change. Sociological thinking is applied to major societal issues both at a national and international level.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3430 - Sociology of Emotions
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course focuses on a deeply personal yet thoroughly social phenomenon, human emotion. It will examine some of the major themes and notable studies that have emerged in recent decades and students are encouraged to understand and creatively apply course concepts to their own lives and the world around them.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)
SOC 3490 - Sociology of Mental Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of how western society defines and researches mental health, the causes and consequences of mental health problems, and how institutions respond to mental illness. Topics include: perspectives on mental health, stigma, demographics of incidence/prevalence, treatment and institutional responses.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3500 - Social Inequality
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The different forms of inequality will be examined from different theoretical perspectives. The course examines the causes and consequences of inequality in society as well as alternative approaches to dealing with the inequality.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000; SOC 2100; (FRSC 4610 or SOC 1100)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Social Justice

SOC 3510 - The Structure of Poverty: Globally and Locally
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the structural causes of poverty at the global and local levels from a multidisciplinary perspective. The course focuses on the social, political, and economic structures that produce and perpetuate poverty. The global dimension of the course focuses on developing countries, while the local dimension focuses especially in the St. Louis area.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

SOC 3525 - Elite & White-Collar Deviance
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will use sociological and organizational theories to analyze, critique, and examine deviance and crimes committed by organizations, the rich, and powerful. This class will place an emphasis on the social structural (macro-level) and social psychological (micro-level) factors associated with elite and white collar deviance.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3570 - Sociological Theories of Crime
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course offers theoretical and methodological tools to study the different explanations of criminal and deviant behavior. Students will learn about strain, control, life course, disorganization, and subcultural theories. The course relates the theories to their historical intellectual origin and the role they play in public policy today.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3575 - Theories of Crime
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces different explanations of criminal behavior, including the individual and contextual levels variables appropriate for different theories. In addition, the course relates the theories to their historical development and the role they play in public policy. The objectives are to describe the historical development of different theories and clarify the assumptions of different theories.
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Schol for Professional Studies college.
Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

SOC 3580 - Deviant Behavior: Drugs, Alcohol and Addiction
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Deviance takes the forms from simple violations of informal codes of dress (violations) to the systematic eradication of human lives (genocide). Our studies together will consider both individual and systemic deviance, with particular attention paid to deviant behavior on the part of powerful social groups and even entire nations.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3590 - Law and Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examination of the complexities and concerns inherent in sociological and legal understanding of the relationship between law and society. Law is examined both as a social force and a social product.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3610 - Sociology of International Relations
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course is designed to analyze the sociological factors and influences that give a particular group of people identity and uniqueness; Examines the sociological skills required to facilitate understanding of different societies and identifies the changes that might be expected in future international relations.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3700 - Health and the Social Sciences
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will focus upon health in relation to psychological and sociological approaches to understanding health. Students will develop habits of mind and method in learning across disciplines plus skills in solving problems by bringing together the theories and methods of psychology and sociology for more synthetic understandings of complex issues in the fields of health and medicine. Discussion of selected health-related topics from the fields of psychology and sociology will stress social science concepts and principles, scientific reasoning, problem solving, the design and interpretation of research evidence and data-based and statistical reasoning.
Prerequisite(s): (PSY 1010, SOC 1100, SOC 1110, or SOC 1120)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3701 - MCAT Recitation
Credit(s): 1 Credit
This course serves as an optional supplement to SOC 3700, Health and the Social Sciences. This recitation is designed to: a) review foundational sociological and psychological concepts and competencies expected in the revised MCAT exam for student applying to medical schools, and b) provide MCAT test-taking practice.
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 1100, SOC 1110, SOC 1120, or PSY 1010)
Corequisite(s): SOC 3700
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3840 - African-American Religious Traditions
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The purpose of this class is to expose the student to the historical and social nature of African American Religion. The course will cover the historical development of African American Religion from its African origins up to and including the Civil Rights Movement with some attention given to contemporary black liberation theology.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)
SOC 3850 - Human Sexuality in the Black Community
Credit(s): 3 Credits
In addition to providing general knowledge about human sexuality, this course assists students with gaining an insight into their sexuality and relationships. In addition to examining sexual issues at the personal and relational level, the course focuses on increasing general knowledge and understanding of human sexuality.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3870 - Metropolitan Environment
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3910 - Internship
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
SOC 3930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course is designed for experimental courses or courses of special interest that are approved by the departmental faculty prior to offering. This opportunity may take the form of a visiting faculty member or another program requesting a unique course at the 300 level for a single semester.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 3980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course is designed for experimental courses or courses of special interest that are approved by the departmental faculty prior to offering. This opportunity may take the form of a visiting faculty member or another program requesting a unique course at the 300 level for a single semester.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4010 - Evaluation Research
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers both the theory and methods of evaluation research. It provides students with a basic understanding of the social science approaches and techniques to evaluate non-profit and government agencies. The social and political context in which agencies and social programs operate is incorporated into the analysis.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000; SOC 3010
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4015 - Quantitative Research Methods
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces the quantitative skills, methods, and techniques necessary for analyzing the implementation and impact of social programs and policies (more specifically, those related to sociology and criminal justice). Students will learn the vocabulary associated with scientific thinking and research, data collection, data analysis, data presentation, and interpretation and discussion of analytical results. This is an introductory course in quantitative (i.e., numerically-based information or data) statistical analysis that covers the properties/characteristics of data and variables and presents both descriptive and inferential statistics.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4025 - Qualitative Research
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces the major methodologies and techniques for conducting research into the human condition in its natural context. It includes discussion of the analysis of group behavior, beliefs, symbols, rituals, ceremonies, relate to technologies, and generally order of their natural world and control their societies.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4050 - Feminist Social Movements
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course analyses the American women's equal rights and suffrage movements of the 19th century to the present. The course makes comparisons with feminist movements in European countries. Permission of the instructor.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4100 - Introduction to Urban Economic
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Analysis of the factors determining economic growth of urban areas. Economic considerations relevant to selected urban problems such as poverty, unemployment, housing and transportation.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S), Urban Poverty - Applied

SOC 4120 - Student Internship
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces the major research methods and techniques for conducting research into the human condition in its natural context. It includes discussion of the analysis of group behavior, beliefs, symbols, rituals, ceremonies, relate to technologies, and generally order of their natural world and control their societies.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4150 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
We study the administration of law enforcement agencies, emphasizing the process, role, organization, and management of policing organizations. Specifically, we will pay particular attention to its history, innovations, the rationale for changes, and impediments to policy and program implementation. Introduction to Criminal Justice (SOC 190) is a prerequisite.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)
SOC 4330 - Issues in Corrections
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines how various institutional and community sanctions (or ‘corrections’) have been used as a method in responding to crime. Correctional concepts, history, processes and contemporary issues in corrections are explored within the social and legal contexts of correctional facilities function.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4510 - Constructing Social Problems
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of the constructionist approach to social problems. This class examines how problems are ‘interpretively constructed’ as discussed and debated by various individuals and groups. The process of making claims about problems is the central concern of this course.
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 1100, SOC 1110, SOC 1120, or FRSC 4610)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4520 - Sociological Social Psychology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An overview of sociological social psychology or symbolic interactionism. Use of classic and current readings to explore interactionist theories and research on topics, including the self, motives, alcohol, emotions, language, and social problems.
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 1100, SOC 1110, SOC 1120, SOC 1200, or ANTH 1200)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4640 - Demography: Measuring and Modeling Population Process
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers beginning and intermediate demographic methods. This course consists of lectures, seminars, and labs. Topics to be covered include: Population Dynamics, Economic Dynamics, Social Dynamics, and Applied Demographic Methods and Policy.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4650 - Introduction to GIS
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class introduces concepts, science and theory of GIS with hands-on experiences. After successful completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate fundamental techniques of geospatial analysis and mapping. Students may only apply credits towards their graduation requirements from one of the following courses: EAS 4170, BIOL 4170, or SOC 4650.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4660 - Intermediate Geographic Information Systems
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers intermediate and advanced topics in GIS including remote sensing for GIS, geospatial statistics and GIS in biogeography. Students may only apply credits towards their graduation requirements from one of the following courses: EAS 4180, BIOL 4180, or SOC 4660.
Prerequisite(s): (SOC 4650, EAS 4170, or BIOL 4170)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4670 - Spatial Demography: Applied Statistics for Spatial Data
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers intermediate and advanced topics in Spatial Statistics. This course consists of lectures, seminars, and labs. Topics to be covered include: Spatial Autocorrelation, Spatial Regression, Geographically Weighted Regression, and Gravity Models.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 4650
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4680 - Forensic GIS
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course teaches students how to apply spatial statistics and sociological theories to the study of crime and deviance in American cities. Topics to be covered include: hot spot mapping, journey to crime models, temporal and spatial patterns of crime, and risk terrain modeling.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4700 - Applied Spatial Analysis for Social Sciences
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers advanced topics in demography, spatial statistics, and Geographic Information Science (GIS). Topics to be covered include: gravity models, spatial segregation, spatial inequality, spatial scaling, journey to crime models, risk terrain models, and hierarchal spatial models.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 4640; SOC 4650; SOC 4660
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4800 - Research Activity: Supervised
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course provides students with research experience under the guidance of a faculty member. Student involvement in various components of the faculty member’s research project(s) is the typical form. The course provides competitive advantages for students interested in applying to graduate schools.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 2000
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4840 - Sociology Capstone
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Provides the opportunity for students to synthesize the knowledge and skills they have gained from previous courses. In the process of examining conventional common sense assumptions, students are encouraged to think critically and deeply about themselves and the world in which they live.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4890 - Reading Statistics in Research
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides background in statistical techniques for judging the legitimacy of an author’s claims based upon statistical results. It focuses on understanding what a given technique accomplishes statistically, the types of conclusions that can be reached using a technique and how the results are reported in research articles and dissertations.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4910 - Internship
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

SOC 4930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Students are introduced to key issues involved in sociological research.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 4980 - Advanced Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)
SOC 4990 - Departmental Honors Thesis
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatability up to 6 credits)
An independent research project under a thesis director and a faculty committee. This course is repeatable up to 6 credits. Honors thesis course in the penultimate semester may provide variable credits for research work preparatory to the completion of the thesis. To qualify to do a Departmental Honors Thesis a student must first meet qualifying standards.
Attributes: Social Science Req (A&S)

SOC 5010 - Organizational Theory and Administration
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The theories of organization exist at the intersection of motivation/leadership, politics, and ethics as they relate to policy. Organizational theory is concerned with matters of organizational design, and thus is a useful complement to the study of motivation and leadership taking place in other disciplines. Further, because the social sciences are more tolerant of departures from the ‘rational mode’ of organizational behavior than economics and business, it is a favorite location for research and teaching on the politics of organizational behavior and policy. Finally, and related point, social science familiarity with cross-cultural research enables students to discuss values and their relation to policy more fluently than those in other disciplines. Thus, policy is well framed by the study of organizational theory.

SOC 5050 - Quantitative I: Applied Inferential Statistics
Credit(s): 3 Credits

SOC 5060 - Qualitative Research Methodology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide descriptive research methods including participant observation, oral history, and photography and their application to program evaluation and policy analysis.

SOC 5100 - Proseminar
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course critically examines the linkage of theoretical and practical issues in criminal justice. Topics include crime causation, policing, adjudication and sentencing, and corrections. Offered annually.

SOC 5171 - Law, Policy, Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class examines the complexities and concerns inherent in social science and legal understanding of the relationship between law and society. The class will focus on (1) the dynamics and development of law and legal processes and (2) the relationship between law/courts and society.

SOC 5200 - Cities, Suburbs, & Neighborhoods
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores theories that contribute to the historical and contemporary understanding of urban life. Students will explore and critique micro and macro theories related to community, neighborhood, race, and inequality. Students will have the opportunity to engage in empirical research related to urban challenges and opportunities in American cities.

SOC 5205 - Science, Technology & Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will give students a multidisciplinary toolkit to study the impact of science and technology (particularly information technology) on public organizations, public policy, and society. The course is designed for those who work with or want to understand the dynamics such technology introduces into organizations.

SOC 5210 - Law, Crime, and Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide students with theory and analytical skills to understand the socio-political parameters of crime and society’s policy response. Students will engage in real world policy analysis with an acute understanding of the political and practical issues involved in constructing public policies.

SOC 5300 - Police Administration
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Students examine the components of administering a police agency, including human resource management, budget issues, political and constituent group influence, crime trends, legal issues, and community policing.

SOC 5310 - Issues in Jurisprudence
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Policy issues regarding court administration are addressed and students examine practical issues facing modern court administration. Offered annually.

SOC 5320 - Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Issues in the administration of correctional agencies are addressed, including mission development, management and leadership, policy and practice, human resources, legal issues, and budgeting. Offered Annually.

SOC 5330 - Issues in Corrections
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines how various institutional and community sanctions (or ‘corrections’) have been used as a method in responding to crime. Correctional concepts, history, processes and contemporary issues in corrections will be explored and discussed within the social and legal contexts in which correctional facilities function. Further, we will examine the theory, practice, and human impact of treating criminal offenders, under correctional supervision, in both community and institutions. Thus, we will study (1) the major themes and issues present within the broad arena of corrections, (2) the conceptual debates and controversies surrounding certain correctional programs and policies, and (3) the current research on community and institutional based corrections activities and their effectiveness.

SOC 5400 - Race, Gender, Class and Criminal Justice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide students with an understanding of how various master statuses, including race, gender and social class influence how people are treated by the criminal justice system as perpetrators, victims and practitioners. The ways in which this differential and adverse treatment of ‘out groups’ by the system threatens social cohesion and conflicts with Constitutional mandates as well as ideas of justice and equality will also be explored.
Attributes: Urban Poverty - Exclusion

SOC 5470 - Advanced Issues in Criminal Justice Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The general public policy process is presented and students examine the various influences on the development and practical implementation of criminal justice policy. Offered annually.
SOC 5500 - Social Stratification
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an interpretative framework for examining the many issues associated with social stratification and resulting inequalities. We will focus primarily on Western models of stratification, but we will also explore the different ways this concept is both imagined and perpetuated in other, non-Western societies. The emphasis will be on socioeconomic stratification, but we will also look at other forms of stratification such as gender, race, ethnicity, etc.
Attributes: Urban Poverty - Exclusion, Urban Poverty - Social Justice

SOC 5510 - Constructing Social Problems
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of the constructionist approach to social problems.

SOC 5520 - Sociological Social Psychology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides an overview of sociological social psychology, which is often broadly referred to a symbolic interactionism.

SOC 5530 - Urban Ethnography
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces students to a sociological perspective of everyday social settings by applying methods of systematic, qualitative observation.

SOC 5540 - Environmental Impact of City
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability in cities around the world.

SOC 5550 - Comparative Theories of Race / Ethnic Relations
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will examine the issues of racial, ethnic, and cultural minority groups in the U.S. and abroad from historical, economic, political, and sociological perspectives. Students will learn theoretical perspectives to address issues relevant to race and ethnic relations. The course will use a seminar format which will require students’ active involvement in presentations and discussion.

SOC 5600 - Research Methodology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course offers general knowledge and basic skills of conducting scientific research. This course focuses on several major research techniques, such as survey, experimental, evaluation, qualitative, and unobtrusive methods. Students will develop a research design in the form of grant proposal, Master’s thesis prospectus, Ph.D. dissertation prospectus, or a professional paper as required by individual departments.

SOC 5610 - Death Investigation
Credit(s): 2 Credits
This course exposes the various forensic disciplines involved in a medicolegal death investigation and teaches an individual the tools and techniques necessary to perform a thorough, competent medicolegal death investigation. Proper instruction for disseminating this information is also covered. The course is designed to teach the 29 national guidelines as set forth in the National Institutes of Justice 199 publication, Death Investigation: A guide for the Scene Investigator. Registration in this course requires concurrent registration in the Medicolegal Death Investigator Course sponsored by the Pathology department in the School of Medicine.

SOC 5620 - Probation, Parole, & Community Corrections
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course describes the operations of community corrections programs, addresses the obstacles and challenges to success, and discusses issues in the future. Offered annually.

SOC 5640 - Demography: Measuring & Modeling
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers beginning and intermediate demographic methods. This course consists of lectures, seminars, and labs. Topics to be covered include: Population Dynamics, Economic Dynamics, Social Dynamics, and Applied Demographic Methods and Policy.

SOC 5650 - Intro to GIS
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This class introduces concepts, science and theory of GIS with hands-on experiences. After successful completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate fundamental techniques of geospatial analysis and mapping. Students may only apply credits towards their graduation requirements from one of the following courses: IAS 517, BIOL 517, or SOC 565.

SOC 5660 - Intermediate GIS
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers intermediate and advanced topics in GIS including remote sensing for GIS, geospatial statistics and GIS biography. Each part is instructed by a professor specialized in the particular area. Students may only apply credits towards their graduation requirements from one of the following courses: IAS 518, BIOL 518, or SOC 566.
Prerequisite(s): SOC 5650

SOC 5670 - Spatial Demography: Applied Statistics for Spatial Data
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers intermediate and advanced topics in Spatial Statistics. This course consists of seminars and labs. Topics to be covered include: Spatial Autocorrelation, Spatial Regression, Geographically Weighted Regression and Gravity Models.

SOC 5700 - Applied Spatial Analysis
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course covers advanced topics in computational spatial statistics, geoinformatics, and spatial analytics. This course will provide students with state-of-the art skills to apply cutting-edge geospatial analysis and visualization techniques to study social and economic inequality. Topics include: spatial segregation and inequality, spatial scaling, risk terrain models, and spatial-temporal models.

SOC 5750 - Qualitative Analysis, Grounded Theory Method
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course will focus on hands-on learning of developing a research design, collecting and analyzing data, interpreting and presenting the results, and publishing the research results. Grounded Theory Method for data collection and analysis will a major framework of research design, and students will lean different paradigms in analyzing qualitative data.

SOC 5800 - Survey Design & Sampling
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course offers basic knowledge and skills of survey methods so that students will be able to apply various techniques for data collection and analysis. During the course, students will learn basic proposal development, instrument preparation, data collection and analysis, and presentation of the results, through hands-on practice. Students are expected to write publishable/presentable manuscripts as a term paper.
SOC 5840 - Research in Criminal Justice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Students learn about research outcomes in criminal justice, conduct their own research projects using proper methodologies, and determine how the results of their research can contribute to understanding criminal justice organizations, issues, policies and programs.

SOC 5850 - Policy Evaluation and Assessment
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide students with an understanding of the complexity and scope of policy evaluation and analysis. Students will become familiar with the concepts, methods, and applications of evaluation research. Students will also develop a toolkit to design traditional and cutting-edge evaluation methodology and analysis.

SOC 5890 - Reading Statistics in Research
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides background in statistical techniques for judging the legitimacy of an author's claims based upon statistical results. It focuses on understanding what a given technique accomplishes statistically, the types of conclusions that can be reached using a technique and how the results are reported in research articles and dissertations.

SOC 5910 - Criminal Justice Internship
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
For students who do not have extensive criminal justice work experience, this internship will expose them to the operations of a criminal justice organization, and they will have the opportunity to examine a policy issue and develop alternative approaches to resolving the identified problem.

SOC 5930 - Advanced Fieldwork

SOC 5970 - Research Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Work specifically with a faculty member in an area of interest that results in a prepared grant proposal or a submission of an article to a professional journal.

SOC 5980 - Graduate Reading Course
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
To prepare for comprehensives or to do more in-depth study of a specific criminal justice area.

SOC 5990 - Thesis Research
Credit(s): 0-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

SOC 6100 - Regression Analysis & Non-linear Models
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course offers advanced knowledge and skills of multiple regression analysis, logistic regressions, log-linear and logit models so that students will be able to apply various techniques for data analysis. Students are encouraged to use their own data for course assignments. Students will develop a draft of a publishable/presentable manuscript as a term paper. Prerequisite(s): SOC 5050

SOC 6200 - Urban Social and Political Theory
Credit(s): 3 Credits
In this course we will review ways in which people imagine the urban world and try to make life more corrigible for the persons who live and work in it. We will review nine books and excerpts that address critical elements from specialists in these academic and applied disciplines. Offered every two years.

SOC 6225 - Urban Community Development
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course addresses the history of community development efforts in the U.S.; assessing the policy goals of these efforts; and reviewing relevant research on this subject. The redevelopment of St. Louis receives special attention. Persons who know about the city’s redevelopment present guest lectures.

SOC 6250 - Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides a multidisciplinary framework to understand the theories and mechanisms that contribute to poverty and inequality in the U.S. The course will also provide a history of anti-poverty policies interventions and introduce current state of knowledge on policies that work at the national, state, city, and neighborhood level.

SOC 6275 - Health and Social Sciences
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course surveys topics in health & the social sciences, stressing social science concepts, principles, scientific reasoning, problem solving, the design and interpretation of research as well as data based and statistical reasoning. Offered every two years.

SOC 6300 - U.S. Health Care Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide students with an overview of the U.S. health care system; orient students to the policy process, and increase the student’s understanding of the nature of health policy making and health politics; and provide opportunities to develop an in-depth understanding of current health care issues.

SOC 6320 - Organization Theory & Behavior
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide a general focus on theories that provide insights into organizational life. Emphasis is given to public bureaucracies. Topics include motivational theory, management behavior and policy evaluation.

SOC 6350 - Economic Development Policy
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course on community economic development policy will focus on three issues: (1) theories of economic development; (2) methodological choices for the scale for community economic development (e.g., neighborhood, street, and block); and (3) Best practices and evidence based approaches to community economic development.

SOC 6375 - Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis
Credit(s): 3 Credits

SOC 6525 - Nonparametric Statistical Analysis
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Students learn conceptual understanding of nonparametric methods, to select the appropriate nonparametric tests, to perform nonparametric procedures, interpret and write up results.

SOC 6530 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

SOC 6980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)