

Sociology Course Schedule

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Instructor	Course	Title	Days	Times
Karie Feldman	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	TuTh	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
Karie Feldman	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	TuTh	1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
Heather Hurwitz	SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology	MWF	9:30 AM- 10:20 AM
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Marissa Gilbert	SOCI 202	Race and Ethnic Minorities in the United States	MWF	11:40 AM- 12:30 PM
Polina Ermoshkina	SOCI 203	Human Development: Medical and Social	MWF	4:25 PM - 5:40 PM
Cassi Claytor	SOCI 204	Criminology	MW	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM
Heather Hurwitz	SOCI 306	Logic of Social Inquiry	MW	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM
Mike Slone	SOCI 300	Modern Sociological Thought	TuTh	2:30 PM - 3:45 PM
Heather Hurwitz	SOCI 306	Logic of Social Inquiry	MW	12:45 PM- 2:00 PM
Donald Hutcherson	SOCI 307	Social Statistics	TuTh	11:30 AM - 12:45 PM
Mary Erdmans	SOCI 349	Social Inequality	TuTh	4:00 PM- 5:15 PM
Mary Erdmans	SOCI 325	Departmental Seminar in Sociology: Great Books	W	4:50 PM- 7:20 PM
Cassi Claytor	SOCI 356	Economic Sociology	MW	3:20 PM- 4:35 PM
Dale Dannefer	SOCI 361/461	The Life Course	M	4:25 PM- 6:55 PM
Timothy Black	SOCI 514	Qualitative Methods	MW	4:25 PM - 6:55 PM

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SOCI 203: Human Development: Medical and Social

MWF 4:25 PM - 5:40 PM, Polina Ermoshkina

Social influences on health and illness across the lifespan. Social determinants of health and health behavior, and delivery of health care. Guest lecturers from the medical school and other health care providers address professional practice issues across the lifespan. Issues include: new approaches to birthing; adolescent substance abuse; myths and realities of AIDS; risk factors of diseases in middle age; menopause, cognition and aging-Alzheimer's disease; problems in care of elderly; medical ethic of death and dying.

SOCI 202: Race and Ethnic Minorities in the United States

MWF 11:40 AM- 12:30 PM, Marissa Gilbert

This is a survey course that looks at the relations between racial and ethnic relations in the United States from historical and contemporary perspectives. This course will look at the relations between: European colonists and native Americans; whites and black during the period of slavery, Jim Crow, the civil rights era and contemporary period; immigrants at the turn of the 20th and 21st century; Mexicans and Puerto Ricans; and the pan-ethnic groups such as Latinos, Asian Americans, and Arab Americans. We examine the origins of racial/ethnic hierarchies, the social construction of identities, and stratification of racial and ethnic groups. This course will take a macro perspective that examines larger structural forces to explain inter-group relations, and a constructionist perspective to understand how power manufactures and maintains the social meaning of identities. Students who received credit of SOCI 302 may not receive credit for SOCI 202. Offered as AFST 202 and SOCI 202.

SOCI 204: Criminology

MWF 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM, Cassi Claytor

What is crime and to what extent does crime affect you? This course will investigate the nature and extent of crime, theories on the causes of crime, types of crime and criminals, and the efforts society makes to cope with and prevent criminal behavior.

SOCI 228: Sociology of Sexuality

TuTh 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM, Samuel Belkin

This course analyzes the issues of sex and sexuality from a sociological point of view. It is centered on the notion that what we consider to be 'normal' or 'natural' about sex and sexuality is, in reality, socially constructed. One's viewpoint on the issues surrounding sexuality are influenced by the social context in which they live, as opposed to the purely biological viewpoint that presupposes some sense of normalcy or naturalness regarding sexual relations. A range of topics will be covered, including readings that discuss the variations of sexuality and the notions of sexual "deviance" in order to explore the cultural and societal variation that exists along the lines of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age and disability. Offered as SOCI 228 and WGST 228.

SOCI 300: Modern Sociological Thought

TuTh 2:30 PM- 3:45 PM, Mike Slone

The most profound commentary of industrial society began in the middle of the nineteenth century with thinkers such as Durkheim, Marx, and Max Weber. Students will read the work of these scholars as it appeared in the original sources. They thoughtfully address concepts such as social integration and alienation, crime and punishment, and the social impact of modernization. The course is of special relevance to students in the social sciences, but is also recommended for students in other fields who wish to understand the social context in which professional lives will be conducted. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 306: Logic of Social Inquiry

MW 12:45 PM- 2:00 PM, Heather Hurwitz

This course provides an introduction to the epistemologies and research methodologies used in sociological inquiry. We concentrate on the fundamental principles of research design and on developing a basic understanding of the research process. Topics include formulating a question, alternative modes of research design and principles of measurement, sampling and analysis. We draw examples from published work, ongoing studies, and publicly available data. Offered as SOCI 306 and SOCI 406. Prereq: SOCI 101 and sophomore standing.

SOCI 307: Social Statistics

TuTh 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, Donald Hutcherson

This course provides an introduction to social statistics, including univariate statistics and bivariate tests of association (chi-square, ttest, ANOVA, correlation, regression). Topics include: levels of measurement, probability theory and inference; hypothesis testing; and statistical power. Students receive hands-on instruction using statistical software.

SOCI 349: Social Inequality

TuTh 4:00 PM- 5:15 PM

This course discusses classical theory and contemporary research on the mechanisms of power that produce inequalities in income, wealth, education, privilege, and occupational prestige and are manifest in racial, ethnic, age, health, and sexual hierarchies. Offered as SOCI 349 and SOCI 449. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 356: Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals, and Social Life

MW 3:20 PM- 4:35 PM, Cassi Claytor

The course introduces students to a sociological perspective on the economy, and the social processes that effect and are embedded in economic behavior, economic institutions and markets. Students will examine issues such as the social significance of money, the effect of social networks on labor market outcomes, the success and failure of firms, tips and gifts, informal markets and the trade of illicit goods, as well as topics such as immigration and globalization. Our investigations into these diverse topics reveal how social networks, cultural understandings and relations of power shape economic phenomena, economic systems, and processes. Throughout the course students will examine how economic relations are facilitated—created, maintained, transformed, and constrained—by social relations, revealing that economic life and behavior is just as social as religion, family, or education. Prereq: SOCI 101

SOCI 325: Departmental Seminar in Sociology: Great Books

W 4:50 PM - 7:20 PM, Mary Erdmans

This course fulfills the SAGES requirement of a Departmental Seminar. It focuses on close readings of contemporary classics in sociology, analytical writing and intensive seminar-type discussion. The course examines theoretical perspectives and methodological issues in sociology such that students are able to investigate, analyze and present research findings in written form. Research is always an inherently collaborative process and thus the course will utilize seminar-style discussions to formulate and examine ideas. The seminar will focus on topics germane to a critical reading of books that inform our understanding of large and small group processes as well as individual experiences. Students will be introduced to the sociological imagination as an overarching frame work to examine groundbreaking classical and contemporary books on topics such as health and aging, gender, work and family, social inequality and crime and delinquency, guided by the instructor of record. Readings will provide a sociological perspective for understanding and assessing macro- and micro-level interactions as well as encourage and stimulate critical thinking. Counts as SAGES Departmental Seminar.

SOCI 361/461: The Life Course

M 4:25 PM - 6:55 PM, Dale Dannefer

SOCI 514: Qualitative Methods/ Field Research

W 4:25 PM - 6:55 PM, Timothy Black

Students explore the theoretical foundations of qualitative social research. The course is designed to introduce and provide experience with a range of data generation strategies and analytic skills. The ethnographic techniques of semi-structured interviewing and participant-observation receive particular attention.

Individual experiences and transitions over the life course are considered as the result of societal, cultural, psychological, and historical influences. Developmental issues of childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle years and late life are discussed in the context of social expectations, challenges, and opportunities. Emphasis is placed on theoretical readings. Offered as SOCI 361 and SOCI 461. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

