



Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

# SOCIOLOGY COURSE CATALOG

FALL 2024



## **SOCI 1200**

### **PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS**

**MW 9:00 AM–9:50 AM Ms. Lauren Vanpool**

A first-year experience course for new students and new transfer students interested in a career in the social sciences. Provides the necessary foundation for success in a college environment while balancing personal and/or work obligations. Orients students to life on campus, demonstrates how to leverage campus resources to achieve career and academic goals, and emphasizes engagement outside the classroom through collaborative and co-curricular opportunities. Fulfills the University requirement for either UNIV 1101 or UNIV 1131.

## **SOCI 1310**

### **INTRODUCTION TO POP CULTURE**

**TR 11:00 AM -12:20 PM Dr. David Ardit**

**ONLINE Ms. Faye Hanson-Evans**

**AO ONLINE Dr. Lauren Dent**

This course introduces students to the role of popular culture in American society. It examines culture as a process through which people make symbolic meaning out of the world. The course explores the creation, production, dissemination, reception, and consumption of popular culture.

## **SOCI 1311**

### **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

**TR 9:30 AM – 10:50 AM Dr. Krystal Beamon**

**TR 11:00 AM – 12:20 PM Dr. Krystal Beamon**

**ONLINE Dr. Lilian Chavez**

**AO ONLINE Dr. Lauren Dent**

A scientific approach to the analysis and explanation of culture, personality, and social organization. The social processes and mechanisms of interaction involved in the natural process of cultural development, dissemination, assimilation, and the institutions of the group.



## **SOCI 2312**

### **SOCIAL PROBLEMS**

**MWF 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM** Dr. Lilian Chavez

A survey of contemporary social problems in the United States. Emphasis is on applying different theoretical perspectives and systematic procedures to understand social problems as public issues rather than personal problems. This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

## **SOCI 3313**

### **CRIMINOLOGY**

**ONLINE** Ms. Faye Hanson-Evans

Crime-related social issues. Defining and measuring crime, surveying major theoretical explanations of criminal behavior, and society's formal responses to crime and criminals.

## **SOCI 3322**

### **RACE, LATINOS, AND THE AMERICAN NARRATIVE**

**MWF 11:00 AM–11:50 AM** Dr. Alma Garza

Adopts race and ethnicity as a central platform to examine how sociocultural and structural processes intersect to shape an American narrative of Latinos in the United States. Assesses topics like ethnic capital, socioeconomic mobility, and the digital age to broaden a sociological understanding of Latino group progress in relation to widening inequality gaps.

## **SOCI 3328**

### **MARITAL & SEXUAL LIFESTYLES**

**ONLINE** Ms. Faye Hanson-Evans

Contemporary American lifestyles selected from: singles, traditional marriage, homosexuals, single-parent families, open marriage, non-marital sexuality, cohabitation, dual-career marriage, childless couples, egalitarian marriage, families in later life.

## **SOCI 3331**

### **SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY**

**MWF 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM** Dr. Beth Anne Shelton

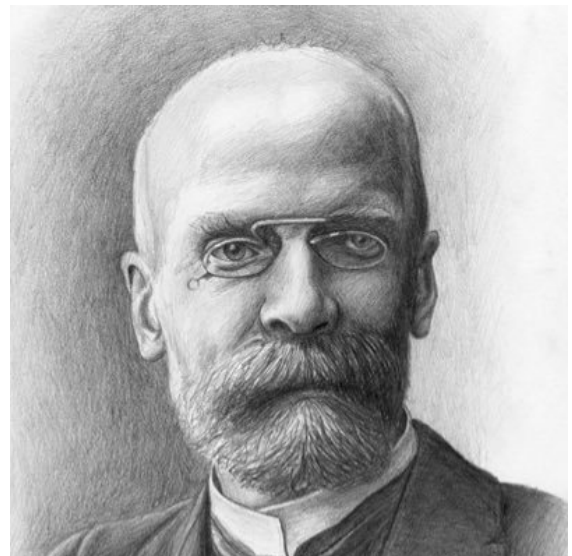
The family's role in American society and in other cultures past, present, and future. Family research methods, comparative family systems, child development/parenting, culture and personality, minority families, social class variation in families, work, family.

## **SOCI 3334**

### **SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER**

**ONLINE** Ms. Faye Hanson-Evans

Examination of theoretical and empirical approaches to understanding the formation of gender. Assesses individual and structural dimensions of gender in various social institutions including work, education, and families.



## **SOCI 3336**

### **SOCIAL INEQUALITY**

**ONLINE** Dr. Lilian Chavez

Examines the processes, characteristics, and consequences of social inequality in society. Topics include the social class structure, status groups, and elite power structure as they influence people's life chances.

## **SOCI 3338**

### **CONTEMPORARY BLACK EXPERIENCE**

**MWF 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM** Dr. Jason Shelton

An overview of recent research concerning the African American experience in the post-civil rights era. Topics include explanations for racial differences across spheres of society such as income, education, and occupation; the debate over race versus social class; the persistence of racial discrimination; and emerging disputes within the black community regarding "what it means to be black."

## **SOCI 3347**

### **ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY**

**TR 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM** Dr. Kelly Bergstrand

Explores the causes, consequences, and potential resolutions of environmental issues as they relate to human society. Topics include the social roots of environmental problems, inequalities in the distribution of environmental risks and harms, and new directions in sustainable development.

## **SOCI 3352**

### **SOCIAL STATISTICS**

**MWF 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM** Dr. Robert Kunovich

The social sciences and related applied fields today require some familiarity with statistical methods of data analysis. This course introduces a set of concepts that will help students understand numerical description, inference and explanation applied to human society and social behavior. Emphasis is on statistical reasoning and interpretation; what statistics to use for particular purposes and how to make sense of the results.

## **SOCI 3355**

### **APPS & TOOLS FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**MWF 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM** Dr. Robert Kunovich

A hands-on course in which students learn to use the apps and tools commonly used in qualitative and quantitative social research to collect, manage, analyze, and present different types of information, such as numeric data, pictures, audio, video, and text. Satisfies the university requirements for computer literacy and oral communication.

## **SOCI 3360.005**

### **TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY: ADVANCED TOPICS IN WOMEN & WORK**

**R 2:00 PM – 4:50 PM** Dr. Beth Anne Shelton

This seminar course focuses on current issues in the sociology of women and work. We address contemporary and historical patterns of women's paid and unpaid work focusing on theoretical, conceptual and empirical research.



**SOCI 3360.008**

## **TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY: READING THE QUALITATIVE CLASSICS**

**T 2:00 PM – 4:50 PM Dr. Heather Jacobson**

What makes a classic a classic? In this seminar course we will sample-read, examine, and analyze-the wealth of "classic" ethnographies within the field of Sociology. We will study the classics with an eye to exploring the qualities that make these exemplary texts which often connect people to and excite them about the field of Sociology.

**SOCI 3362**

## **SOCIAL RESEARCH**

**MWF 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM Dr. Alma Garza**

Students examine quantitative and qualitative research designs, such as experiments, survey research, and intensive interviewing. Additional topics including research ethics, literature reviews, measurement, sampling, and causation. Required of all sociology majors.

**SOCI 3373**

## **SOCIAL THEORY THROUGH POPULAR CULTURE**

**TR 9:30 AM–10:50 AM Dr. David Arditi**

This course examines major theories and figures who have provided sociology with interpretations of the social world. Students will read major social, cultural, and political theories through popular culture texts (including movies, television, music, video games, and comic books) in order to interpret sociological theory. The course is designed to demonstrate the relevance of social theory in students' everyday lives.



## **SOCI 4320**

### **MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**ONLINE** Dr. Dorothy Kalanzi

The relationships between different societies and social groups and their incidence of disease and mortality. Also examines culture-related causes of disease and treatment approaches, medicine as an occupation, healer-patient relationships, and the modern hospital as a bureaucratic organization.

## **SOCI 4341**

### **INEQUALITIES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**TR 12:30 PM – 1:50 PM** Dr. Krystal Beamon

This course examines the manner in which race, ethnicity, and class affect the quality of education in the public schools. Topics include the resegregation of schools, class and race based achievement and funding gaps, and the role the schools play in reproducing inequality. This course has a service learning component and requires volunteering in programs designed to reduce inequality in the schools.

## **SOCI 4370**

### **SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR**

**W 4:00 PM – 6:50 PM** Dr. Robert Kunovich

Provides sociology majors with an opportunity to gain practical experience in social research through in-depth participation in a cooperative research project. Integrates substantive knowledge with methodological and statistical skills. Oral, written, and computer application components are included. Prerequisite: SOCI 3362 and permission of the instructor.

## **SOCI 5315**

### **WOMEN & WORK**

**R 2:00 PM – 4:50 PM** Dr. Beth Anne Shelton

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## **SOCI 5325**

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## **SOCI 5341**

### **SEMINARS IN THEORY AND RESEARCH METHODS**

**W 4:00 PM – 6:50 PM** Dr. Robert Kunovich

Research methods seminars address a variety of issues related to quantitative and qualitative approaches to data collection and analysis. Theory courses offer extended treatment of topics in theory and theory construction, reflecting systematic efforts to understand the nature and operation of human society and social behavior. (May be repeated for credit when topics vary.).





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## MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

The Sociology Minor requires 6 courses (18 hours) of Sociology courses. Courses fulfilling core requirements count toward the minor.

## MINOR IN POPULAR CULTURE

The Popular Culture Minor helps prepare students to work in the entertainment industry and/or to understand the role of popular culture in their everyday lives.