



SPRING 2025 SOCIOLOGY COURSE CATALOG



Department of Sociology
and Anthropology
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



SPRING 2025 SOCIOLOGY COURSES

SOCI 1200

SOCIOLOGY FOR PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

M/W 9:00-9:50 Ms. Andrea Jenkins

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 UNIV1101 or UNIV1131.

SOCI 1310

INTRO TO POP CULTURE

T/THU 12:30-1:50 Dr. David Ardit

Online Ms. Faye Hanson-Evans

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

INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY

M/W/F 9:00-9:50 Dr. Krystal Beamon

M/W/F 10:00-10:50 Dr. Krystal Beamon

ONLINE Dr. Lilian Chavez

ONLINE (AO) Dr. Dorothy Kalanzi

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. This course satisfies the University of Texas at Arlington core curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

SOCI 2312

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

M/W/F 1:00-1:50 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 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 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 3337

RACIAL & ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

M/W/F 9:00-9:50 Dr. Steven Arxer

Compares the immigration, acculturation, and adjustment processes of various racial/ethnic groups in the U.S. Examines historical and contemporary discrimination in relation to the social conditions of racial/ethnic minority groups in the U. S. Topics include classical and contemporary theory; individualistic, cultural, and structural arguments about social arrangements; and conflict among majority and minority groups.



SOCI 3340

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

T/TH 11:00-12:20 Dr. Alma Garza

This course examines the sociocultural processes involved in the production of academic inequalities. It assesses how families shape students' opportunity structures and explores how factors like teacher influences, neighborhood environments, peer groups, and cultural resources shape students' educational trajectories. The course emphasizes college and university settings to further understandings of the disparate academic experiences of marginalized student groups. Prerequisite: sophomore standing or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 3341

SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

M/W/F 11:00-11:50 Dr. Krystal Beamon

Sociological examination of the institution of sport in U.S. society. By examining selected topics such as sport and socialization, sport and politics, sport and education, the Olympics, race and sport, violence in sport, women in sport, and the business of sport, this course will address the social significance of sport and its function as a major social institution.

SOCI 3343

RELIGION IN MODERN AMERICA

T/TH 9:30-10:50 Dr. Jason Shelton

This course provides an overview of the scientific study of religion from a sociological perspective. The focus is on theories, research and trends relevant to religion in the contemporary United States. Topics include, but are not limited to, religious traditions, practices, and beliefs; declining religious participation; and religion and social change. The relationship between religion, politics, race relations, sex and gender will also be examined.

SOCI 3346

US INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

T/TH 11:00-12:20 Dr. Robert Kunovich

Selected problems, prospects, and dilemmas examined in the context of contemporary perspectives in sociology as the United States enters the new millennium as a global actor.

SOCI 3347

ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

T/TH 9:30-10:50 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 3351

WORK, OCCUPATIONS, AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

M/W/F 10:00-10:50 Dr. Beth Anne Shelton

Combines applied information on career development with a sociological perspective on work and occupations. Career development topics may include academic majors and career options, networking, career mentorship and sponsorship, job searches, resume writing, and interviewing. Other topics may include the historical development of work, occupational structures (professional, managerial, service, and blue-collar occupations), inequalities, work satisfaction, work-life balance, and the future of work.

SOCI 3372

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

T/TH 12:30-1:50 Dr. Alma Garza

This course introduces students to major theories and figures who have provided sociology with interpretations of the social world. Students will consider how sociologists use theoretical concepts to understand social interactions, social problems, and social change. Students will apply sociological theories to social phenomena. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 4306

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

T/TH 11:00-12:20 Dr. Heather Jacobson

Conceptual frameworks and techniques for planning, conducting, analyzing, reporting and evaluating qualitative research. Topics include interviewing, participant observation, coding, case studies and focus groups. Prerequisite: sophomore standing or permission of the instructor.



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 4370

SENIOR RESEARCH SEMINAR

M/W 2:30-3:50 Dr. Steven Arxer

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 skills. Oral, written, and computer application components are included. Prerequisite: SOCI 3362 or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 5303

RESEARCH DESIGN

TH 2:00-4:50 Dr. Kelly Bergstrand

This seminar course overviews the process of designing, conducting, and presenting research. Topics include writing literature reviews, formulating research questions and hypotheses, designing measures for concepts, crafting research instruments, collecting data, analyzing data, and reporting the results. The course examines both quantitative methods, such as surveys and experiments, as well as qualitative methods, such as interviews and ethnographic observation.

SOCI 5304

SOCIAL STATISTICS

T 2:00-4:50 Dr. Robert Kunovich

This course reviews univariate and bivariate descriptive and inferential statistics, focuses on ordinary least squares multivariate regression (including statistical control, path analysis, dummy variables, interaction effects, nonlinear relationships, and regression assumptions), and introduces the generalized linear model (binary logistic regression). Emphasis is on the application of these methods to social science data.

SOCI 5324

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

T/TH 11:00-12:20 Dr. Heather Jacobson

This seminar course introduces students to the qualitative tradition in sociology. We will study the assumptions underlying qualitative methods and important ethical and theoretical issues in field work. Students will become familiar with ethnographic research techniques (participant- observation and in-depth interviewing) and implement those methods in an individual small- scale research project.

SOCI 5341

SEMINARS IN THEORY AND RESEARCH METHOD

M/W 2:30-3:50 Dr. Steven Arxer

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.

MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Interested in majoring or minoring in one of our sociology degrees? Schedule an appointment with our undergraduate advisor:

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[Click here to schedule an advising appointment!](#)

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.

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