SOCIOLOGY (3850)

3850:100. Introduction to Sociology. (3 Credits)
Basic terminology, concepts and approaches in sociology, including introduction to analysis of social groups and application of sociological concepts to the understanding of social systems. Required of majors. Lecture/discussion.

3850:301. Methods of Social Research I. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3850:100 and 3 credits of Mathematics (3450) or Statistics (3470) courses. The basis of this course is learning to apply course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions in conducting research design and data gathering techniques. Required of all majors.

3850:302. Methods of Social Research II. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Completion of [3700:301 or 3850:301], and 3850:100, and 3 credits of Mathematics (3450) or Statistics (3470) courses. Essential objectives of this course are developing expression skills in writing and learning fundamental principles in statistics. Other key topics include quantitative techniques and application to sociological data. Required of all majors.

3850:310. Social Problems. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite 3850:100 or permission. Study of selected contemporary problems in society; application of sociological theory and research to understand the social construction of and response to these problems.

3850:315. Sociological Social Psychology. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. The reciprocal influence of individuals and groups. How interpersonal processes produce and affect group structure. How groups affect the development and behavior of the social person.

3850:320. Social Inequalities. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. This course covers local, regional, national, and global dimensions of social inequalities. Structural and interactionist approaches to relations of power in society frame the course.

3850:321. Population. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. An introduction to world and national population trends, related demographic and social characteristics. Topics include fertility, mortality, morbidity, migration, abortion, birth control, population policy in relation to societal problems. Lecture.

3850:324. Social Movements. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Social movements as distinguished from other forms of collective behavior; analysis of social situations which produce social movements; focus on development of social movements and their role in social change. Lecture.

3850:325. Sociology of Women in Global Society. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Examination of research and theories pertaining to women's status in global society, including economic conditions, the relationship between structure and experience, and global/local linkages.

3850:330. Criminology. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Major focus on interrelationships and analysis of crimes, criminals, criminal justice systems and society. Lecture.

3850:336. Sociology of Work & Occupations. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Survey of theory and empirical research in areas such as the structure of occupations and professions, occupational attainment, work force characteristics, work values and orientations, the nature of work. Lecture.

3850:340. The Family. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Analysis of family as a social system; historical, comparative and contemporary sociological approaches examined in relation to family structure and functions. Lecture.

3850:341. Political Sociology. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Survey of theory and empirical research dealing with relationship between political phenomena and the larger network of social processes in human societies. Lecture.

3850:342. Sociology of Health & Illness. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. General survey of sociological perspectives, concepts and research on health, illness and health-care delivery systems. Lecture.

3850:343. Sociology of Aging. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Examination of process of aging from perspective of behavioral and sociological aspects. Lecture.

3850:350. Drugs in Society. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. This course is a survey, from a sociological perspective, of drug abuse, of the relationship between drugs and crime, and of various treatment strategies.

3850:360. Social Effects of Crime in the Media. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Sociological examination of the consequences of images of crime in the media. Focus on issues of stereotypes and discrimination by race, sex and class.

3850:365. Special Topics in Sociology. (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated) Special topics of interest to sociology major and non-major not covered in regular course offerings.

3850:397. Sociological Readings & Research. (1-3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission. Individual study of problem area of specific interest to individual student under guidance of department member. Preparation of a research paper.

3850:401. Advanced Topics in Research Methods. (3-6 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3700:201 or 3850:301. Special topics of interest in advanced methods not covered in regular course offerings.

3850:410. Social Structures & Personality. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Interrelationships between position in society, personality characteristics. Personality treated as both result and determinant of social structure and process. Lecture.

3850:411. Social Interaction. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Intensive study of advanced theory and research in social psychology, particularly how social interaction and self-conception affect one another. Lecture.

3850:412. Socialization: Child to Adult. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Theoretical and empirical analysis of process by which infant, child, adolescent and adult learn social and cultural requirements necessary to function in new roles, changing roles and society in general.

3850:415. Women in Prison. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission of instructor. In depth examination of women's experiences in prison. Includes processes involved in the movement into prison, experiences while in institutions, and transitioning out of prison.

3850:416. Women and Crime. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. An overview of women's experiences with crime, including women as offenders, victims, and workers in the criminal justice system.
3850:421. Race & Ethnic Relations. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Analysis of structure and dynamics of race and ethnic relations from a variety of perspectives emphasizing both historical and contemporary issues. Lecture.

3850:425. Sociology of Urban Life. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Emergence and development of urban society. Examination of urban social structure from neighborhood to metropolis, the problems and prospects. Emphasis on various life styles of urban subcultures. Lecture/discussion.

3850:428. Victim in Society. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Study of the nature, causes, and consequences of victimization with special focus on crime victimization.

3850:430. Juvenile Delinquency. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Analysis of social structure and process from which delinquency develops. Emphasis on current and past research. Lecture/discussion.

3850:431. Corrections. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:330 or 3850:430. Theories, beliefs and practices of community and institutional corrections systems, including past and current social research. Course taken prior to 3 credit hour Field Placement in Corrections (3850:471).

3850:433. Sociology of Deviant Behavior. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3850:100 and at least six additional credits of sociology courses or permission. Survey of theories of deviant behavior and relevant empirical research. Special emphasis given to interaction processes and social control. Lecture.

3850:435. Sociology of Love. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. Study of the relation of love to the social order. Coverage includes diverse types, such as romantic, familial, religious, and altruistic love.

3850:441. Sociology of Law. (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Completion of 3850:100 and at least six additional credits of sociology courses. Social origins and consequences of law and legal processes. Emphasis on uses of law, social change and aspects of legal professions. Lecture.

3850:447. Sociology of Sex and Gender. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Review of research and theories of sex and gender. Examination of gender as structure, process and experience in society.

3850:450. Sociology of Mental Illness. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100 or permission. The social history of the mental hospital, theories and epidemiology of mental illness, community-based treatment models, the organization of mental health services, the role of personal social networks and mutual support groups.

3850:455. Family Violence. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. Family violence with a focus on child abuse, courtship violence, spouse/partner abuse, and elder abuse. Theories, methodologies, and strategies to end family violence are explored.

3850:460. Sociological Theory. (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3850:100. An overview and examination of theoretical issues in sociology through the study of both classical and contemporary theoretical work.