

# SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

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## **SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology 3.00**

General introduction to the study of human relationships, group aspects of behavior and social institutions. Considers basic concepts and theories.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Social Science

## **SOCI 120 Social Problems 3.00**

In this class we will examine a number of contemporary social problems through a sociological lens. While we will incorporate global issues, it is important to note that we primarily discuss social problems (or at least, what gets labeled as a social problem) from a US-centered context. We will cover a broad range of issues including population and immigration, the environment, the economy and labor market, race, gender, deviance, and disability. Since we have much ground to cover in limited time, we will mainly use class time to help develop an essential tool for anyone interested in sociology and social problems - your sociological imagination. Your sociological imagination helps you see social problems beyond their face-value and illustrates the way our perception of society is affected by social structures and the power they wield.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Social Science

## **SOCI 189 Sociology Elective 1.00-9.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## **SOCI 201 Global Social Problems 3.00**

Why do such profound socioeconomic differences exist among nations, particularly so-called developed and developing countries? Why do these differences seem to be permanent? What keeps developing countries from developing? What is the relationship between development and environmental crisis? In this class, we will explore these questions and more by studying the social relationships behind the production of everyday things.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Global Awareness
- Social Science

## **SOCI 205 Sociology in Pop Culture 3.00**

In this class, we will analyze how current trends in media and pop culture both reflect and are reflected in society. We will explore the effects that various kinds of popular culture have on how identities and behaviors are viewed and labeled. Sociology is "the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior". Put another way, sociologists study the ways that we are social beings - the idea that while we are all individuals with our own thoughts, opinions, and desires, we are also products of society. Our experiences, identities, and culture influence the way that we see and move through the world. One of the clearest ways to see this influence is through popular culture. The sources of media that we are exposed to and/or choose to consume can significantly impact what and who we consider normal or strange, right or wrong, and good or bad. Types of popular culture that will be covered are fashion, fiction and fandom, television, movies, music, and music videos.

## **SOCI 210 Sociology of Gender 3.00**

Introduces the social construction of sex and gender. It focuses on both local and international materials, with particular attention to gender inequality in contemporary societies. Intersections with class, race, nation and other social categories are also explored. Cross listed with SOCI/GST 210.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Diversity
- Social Science

## **SOCI 273 Race and Ethnicity 3.00**

Examines the social production of racial and ethnic categories as well as the practices that enact these categories. After examining the representation of these categories as "natural," the course uses local and global evidence to investigate the institutional and representational processes that historically create and modify race and ethnicity.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Diversity
- Social Science

## **SOCI 289 Sociology Elective 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## **SOCI 289DV Sociology Elective Diversity 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## **SOCI 289ES Sociology Environmental Science Elective 1.00-12.00**

Sociology Environmental Science Elective

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Natural Sciences - Environmental

## **SOCI 289GA Sociology Elective Global Awareness 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

### **University Studies Requirements:**

- Global Awareness

## **SOCI 289SS Sociology Elective Social Sciences 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

## **SOCI 301 Study Abroad 6.00**

Field trips designed by the department faculty to give students direct experiences in foreign countries. Each program includes preparatory reading, orientation meetings, a faculty-supervised study tour, and a detailed written evaluation of learning situations associated with the course. With consent of the relevant program and content adaptation, programs provided by other agencies can be considered for this credit. Students must obtain approval for taking these courses prior to participation. Otherwise the course may not count. For specific degree requirements, consult your advisor. Course can be repeated only if content is different.

### **Prerequisites:**

Prerequisite for taking this course is completion of SOCI 101 and instructor consent.

**SOCI 302 Sociology of Deviance 3.00**

This course focuses on deviance from a sociological perspective. Deviance through a sociological lens focuses on how and why a belief, behavior, or person is labeled "deviant" rather than on the acts/behaviors/identities themselves. Deviance in sociology is about situation. Labeling something as deviant is not classifying facts, but instead is a process. This process isn't uniform - it is impacted by things like socialization (what norms are in place?), timing, audience, and power. Using theory, we will explore things often considered deviant including bodily and cognitive difference, crime, sexuality and sexual behavior, race and racism, cyber-deviance, and gender.

**University Studies Requirements:**

- Diversity

**SOCI 389 Sociology Elective 1.00-9.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**SOCI 395 Sociological Research Methods 3.00**

Introduction to social science epistemology, the design of research, conduct of research and the analysis of findings. Explores the use of survey, ethnography, in-depth interview, and archival, symbolic, and statistical analytic tools. This course is a prerequisite for the sociology capstone (SOCI 498). We recommend that majors take this class in their junior year.

**Prerequisites:**

Successful completion of SOCI 101 is prerequisite for enrolling in this course.

**SOCI 425 Environmental Justice and Sustainability 3.00**

In this course we will spend the first half of the semester exploring the history and social structure of environmental justice movements. We will discuss both former and current movements. The second half will consist of a discussion of what constitutes a truly ecologically sustainable society and the social changes necessary to bring about sustainability.

**SOCI 466 Social Psychology-Sociology 3.00**

Examines the social production of perception, cognition, emotion and identity with an emphasis on cultural variation and institutional foundations.

**Prerequisites:**

Successful completion of SOCI 101 is prerequisite for enrolling in this course.

**SOCI 489 Sociology Elective 1.00-9.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior.

**SOCI 489DV Sociology Elective Diversity 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**SOCI 489ES Sociology Environmental Science Elective 1.00-12.00**

Sociology Environmental Science Elective

**University Studies Requirements:**

- Natural Sciences - Environmental

**SOCI 489GA Sociology Elective Non-Western 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**University Studies Requirements:**

- Global Awareness

**SOCI 489SS Sociology Elective Social Sciences 1.00-12.00**

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

**SOCI 490 Selected Topics in Sociology 3.00**

In-depth study of specialized current topics in sociology selected by the instructor. May be repeated for credit when instructor and/or topics are different.

**SOCI 497 Practice in Applied Sociology 1.00-4.00**

Integrates and extends classroom learning through a community-based service or work internship. Credit is granted when the student successfully completes an academic-service/work relationship. The academic component is crucial and credit will not be granted for service/work alone. For every one (1) credit, three (3) hours of service/work per week is expected.

**Prerequisites:**

Prerequisite for taking this course is completion of SOCI 101 and instructor consent.

**SOCI 498 Thesis 3.00**

Guided research on a selected sociological topic. Each student produces a formal written research paper based on systematic investigation of sociological question. Individual work in consultation with a faculty thesis advisor will be balanced with collaborative discussions among all students writing theses. The capstone will be a public presentation of each student's research findings. Required of all Sociology majors.

**Prerequisites:**

Prerequisite for taking this course is completion of 24 credits of Sociology including SOCI 101, SOCI 371, SOCI 395.

**SOCI 499 Independent Study 1.00-4.00**

Supervised independent study and/or research in Sociology. Requires prior contract with instructor.

**Prerequisites:**

Prerequisite for taking this course is completion of SOCI 101 and instructor consent.