

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC 110. Introduction to Sociology

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FASPSU

Sociology is the study of the development and maintenance of human society and the process and products of culture. This course provides a basic foundation of vocabulary, concepts and theories that will enable students to investigate, evaluate and understand the social world in which we live.

SOC 115. Social Problems

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALLSPR

Utilizing a critical thought approach, this course identifies those social conditions that are recognized as problematic to society. Students will analyze and evaluate the factors that create, maintain or change social problems in our society.

SOC 220. Family

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALL

The institution of family will be analyzed utilizing a sociological perspective. The focus will be on courtship, marriage, family, communication and child rearing.

SOC 221. Minority Relations

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: SPRINGODD

A study of the relations between advantaged and disadvantaged groups in American society. The experience and present status of racial and ethnic groups are examined.

SOC 235. Cultural Diversity

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALLSPR

This course is an introductory survey of the racial, ethnic and cultural mosaic of American society. Basic theories of intragroup and intergroup relations, prejudice and discrimination are covered.

SOC 251. Gerontology

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: ONDEMAND

Gerontology is the interdisciplinary study of the processes of aging and the experience of growing old. This includes the sociological, psychological and biological aspects of aging.

SOC 252. Criminology

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALLSPR

A study of theories from religious, political, psychological, biological and sociological perspectives that attempt to explain crime, criminals, and criminal behavior.

SOC 253. Juvenile Delinquency

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALL

A critical evaluation of the role of the family, school, community officials, social agencies, and community programs and institutions in delinquency prevention and control.

SOC 275. American Indian Studies

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: FALL

Students will become familiar with United States Federal Indian policy history, the concepts of tribal sovereignty, as well as the cultures, histories and traditions, of American Indian Tribes in North Dakota and surrounding areas. This course is designed to meet requirements of the Education Standards and Practices Board has established for teacher education programs in North Dakota, that teachers in North Dakota schools possess an understanding of the histories and cultures of native people in North Dakota.

SOC 415. Social Change and Development

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: ONDEMAND

Designed to familiarize students with the theories, methods, and analytical frameworks for understanding social change and development in a global context. Topics covered include gender and race/ethnicity issues, social movements, and collective behavior, economic development, and globalization.

SOC 440. Applied Sociological Theories

Credits: 3

Typically Offered: ONDEMAND

This course focuses on the application of sociological theories and ideas to understand social issues, both the "big problems" on a societal scale, and the daily issues that affect life, work and community. Through case studies and current issue analysis, the student will develop an understanding of the practical implications of research methods, evaluation research, needs assessment, market research, social indicators, and demographics. This course will explore classical and modern theories as responses to social problems.