

Sociology (SOC)

SOC 133 Principles of Sociology

IAI – S7 900

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

An introductory course examining the three dimensions of society (culture, structure, social processes) and the three major theoretical perspectives (symbolic interactionist, functionalist, and conflict), as well as demonstrating their use as tools for understanding and researching both personal experience and larger social patterns.

Topics addressed over the course of the semester include popular culture, the global economy, inequality, cross-cultural differences, deviance, socialization, and social change.

SOC 215 Diversity in American Life

IAI – S7 903D

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

The course is designed to foster an understanding and appreciation of diversity in American life. Diversity with respect to gender, race, age, class, ethnicity, and differences in physical abilities will be examined. Topics include these: perspective on cultural diversity; identity and diversity; comparisons of patterns of racial/ethnic assimilation and adaptation; social policy issues and diversity; social problems and social movements.

SOC 263 Marriage & the Family

IAI – S7 902

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

A sociological examination of mate selection and marriage, family life, marital adjustments, and the place of the family in American culture. Cross-cultural comparisons will consider child-rearing, communal living, the latest trends, and predictions about the future.

SOC 264 Social Problems

IAI – S7 901

3 Hours

Prerequisites: SOC 133

3 hours weekly (3-0)

A review and application of basic sociological concepts, theories, and methods to examine contemporary social problems. Students discuss and analyze selected contemporary social problems along with a range of solutions to these problems. Special features of the class include the use of the World Wide Web in the research process, examination of cultural representations of social problems, and local focus on social problems.

This course is also offered as part of a study abroad program. Contact the International Education Coordinator for more information.