

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 220 Sociology of Gender

IAI – S7 904D

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

Sociology of gender examines the social construction of gender through interaction and social institutions, gender role acquisitions, gender-based identities/performances, gender as a factor in social stratification, and gender ideologies.

SOC 221 Race and Ethnicity

IAI – S7 903D

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

Comparative analysis of racial and ethnic groups: examining elements of group identity; social movements; government policy; individual and institutional discrimination; and related social problems.

SOC 250 Individual and Society

IAI – S8 900

3 Hours

Prerequisites: None

3 hours weekly (3-0)

This is a course in sociological social psychology. It will focus on the sociological frameworks (symbolic interactionism, social structure and personality, and group processes and structures), and the connections between group experience and individual behavior, including the development of 'self,' conformity and deviance, attitudes, intergroup interaction, and collective behavior within sociological social psychology.

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: None

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.