Department of Sociology

Sociology contributes both to the classic liberal arts tradition and to the practical application of the liberal arts to the world of work. The Department of Sociology provides academic advising and encourages all students considering a major in sociology to take advantage of these services. Suggested degree plans, while helpful in planning an academic schedule, should not be used in lieu of academic advising.

Sociology majors may choose the Bachelor of Arts major in Sociology, which prepares them for professional or graduate study in the liberal arts tradition, or the Bachelor of Science major in Applied Sociology, which provides practical research skills for students who wish to attend graduate school or to enter the work force upon graduation. The B.A. major in Sociology is a 39-hour degree for students interested in entering the professions. As such, it is a pre-professional degree that includes courses designed to prepare students for professional or graduate study. The B.S. is a 39-hour major designed for students who intend to apply sociological principles and practices in governmental and business settings. Students who are interested in collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and presenting data on a variety of social phenomena may select the B.A. or the B.S.

Majors in both degree programs learn to conduct social research, to work with statistical packages, and to enhance the practical skills of writing and analysis. Graduates are prepared for a variety of employment opportunities, including law, management, education, the ministry, public administration, and human resource management in business, government and industrial settings.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

- Major in Sociology (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/sociology-ba)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

- Major in Applied Sociology (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/applied-bs)

Minors

- Aging and the Life Course
- Sociology (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/sociology-minor)
- Studies in Popular Culture (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/sociology/studies-popular-culture-minor)

Information about graduate programs can be found in the Graduate Catalog (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate).

Courses in Sociology (SOCI)

SOCI 1310 or SOCI 3300 is a prerequisite to all other sociology courses except SOCI 3300, SOCI 3327, SOCI 3333, and SOCI 3350.

SOCI 1310. Introduction to Sociology. A survey of the basic concepts in sociology including social organization, culture, socialization, groups, and human population leading to the development of a sociological perspective of human behavior. SOCI 1310 and SOCI 3300 may not both be counted for credit. about Introduction to Sociology

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Course Attribute(s): Soc & Behav Sciences Core

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TCCN: SOCI 1301

about Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 2320. Social Problems. This course examines community problems, significant social issues, and disorganization in major social institutions in contemporary American society. about Social Problems

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

TCCN: SOCI 1306

about Social Problems

SOCI 3300. Principles of Sociology. Survey of the discipline of sociology, including socialization, social institutions, collective behavior, urban and community studies, demography, race relations, culture, and personality. Emphasis on basic concepts and the behavioral science approach to the study of human groups. SOCI 1310 and SOCI 3300 may not both be counted for credit. about Principles of Sociology

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Writing Intensive

Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Principles of Sociology

SOCI 3307. Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences. The application of descriptive and inferential statistics of behavioral science data. about Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences

SOCI 3317. Popular Culture and Society. The content of popular culture, including movies, television, genre novels, popular music, fads and fashion, sports, contemporary folklore, festivals and celebrations, clothing and body decoration, and related cultural material, is examined and analyzed for social significance. about Popular Culture and Society

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Popular Culture and Society

SOCI 3318. Applied Data Analysis. This course introduces the student to some of the uses of various existing statistical software packages including proper application, limitations, and interpretations of results. Prerequisites: Three hours of statistics or departmental approval. about Applied Data Analysis

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Applied Data Analysis
SOCI 3319. Social Psychology.
The basic course in social psychology; the nature of the individual in society; the process of socialization; the human personality; personality and social adjustment; and social interaction.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Psychology

SOCI 3320. Population Dynamics.
A study of the composition of the world’s population, focusing on growth, problems, politics, and controls. (MC).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Population Dynamics

SOCI 3321. Suicide, Society, and Human Experience.
This course will offer a systematic approach to understanding the human encounter with suicide. Issues of theoretical concern are addressed. The course draws upon current and classic sociological research. about Suicide, Society, and Human Experience

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Suicide, Society, and Human Experience

SOCI 3322. Social Stratification.
The study of inequality as it relates to occupational, educational, religious, political, and other social activities.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Stratification

SOCI 3324. Social Psychology.
The theoretical and descriptive analysis of the major types of deviant behavior.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Deviance

SOCI 3325. Social Deviance.
The nature and the problems inherent in racial and other minority groups, with special reference to the American scene. (MC/P).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content & Perspective
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Multicultural Relations

SOCI 3326. Complex Organizations.
The study and analysis of complex organizations, bureaucracies, and professions and their influence on individuals and society and its institutions.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Complex Organizations

SOCI 3327. Multicultural Relations.
The nature and the problems inherent in racial and other minority groups, with special reference to the American scene. (MC/P).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Multicultural Relations

SOCI 3328. Complex Organizations.
The study and analysis of complex organizations, bureaucracies, and professions and their influence on individuals and society and its institutions.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Complex Organizations

SOCI 3329. Life Course Sociology.
This course examines major sociological approaches to the study of the human life course. Theoretical approaches reviewed include age stratification, the life course perspective, and constructivist and critical approaches to the life course.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Life Course Sociology

SOCI 3330. Globalization and Development.
This course covers the sociology of globalization and development. Students will learn about theories of globalization; the effects of globalization on cultural, economic and political life; and factors at different levels of analysis affecting socioeconomic development, security, human rights, and democracy around the world.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Globalization and Development

SOCI 3331. Sociology of Sport and Leisure.
The theories and research in leisure and popular culture will serve as the broad framework. An emphasis will be placed on the sub-area of sport sociology, including such topics as sport and aggression, competition, children, women, minorities, professionalism, and others.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Sociology of Sport and Leisure

SOCI 3332. Family Problems.
This course applies sociological knowledge to common problems encountered in families: spouse and child abuse, elder abuse, catastrophic illness, suicide, unemployment, poverty, teen pregnancy, aging and gender issues. Worldwide traditions and norms affecting the institution of the family are also reviewed. (MC).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Family Problems

SOCI 3333. The Family.
A comparative study of the family in various cultures, both historical and contemporary, with attention to the family in terms of social organization, social change, and social disorganization.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about The Family

This course explores the dynamic and interactive relationships between music, culture, and society. Popular American music - from blues, gospel, ragtime, jazz, country, and swing to rock, disco, punk, alternative, and rap - will be analyzed as reflections of culture, as society’s “voice,” and as a powerful instrument of socialization and social change.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
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about The Sociology of Popular Music
SOCI 3343. Criminology.
The various theories of crime, the cause of crime, areas of crime, treatment of criminals through the courts, punishment, reform, education, probation, and parole, and means of crime prevention.

about Criminology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3344. The Sociology of Law.
This course introduces students to the function of law in human societies. Theories relevant to the study of law as a mechanism of social control and social change will be discussed. Law as a social institution, the training of lawyer, and their socialization into the role of lawyer will be examined.

about The Sociology of Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3347. Juvenile Delinquency.
Delinquency in modern society, basic factors and conditions of juvenile delinquency, and the problem of delinquency control.

about Juvenile Delinquency
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3348. Social Control.
An examination of the creation and maintenance of order in society, including socialization and institutions which respond to disorder. Included areas are education, religion, law, welfare, and medicine. Focus on law as both a mechanism of control and the basis for control in other institutions in industrial society.

about Social Control
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3349. Drugs and Society.
A sociological examination of the social context of drug abuse with emphasis on the social factors, processes, and institutions that impact drug abuse. Applications of sociological theories and research methods will be studied.

about Drugs and Society
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3350. Men, Women, and Societies.
This course examines the relations between male and female roles throughout the world, including the United States, Europe, and third world countries. Special attention is given to changes in these roles and the consequences of such changes for societies, including familial, marital, and sexual relationships.

about Men, Women, and Societies
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3353. Urban Society.
A study of urbanization as a social phenomenon with attention to traditional sociological studies of the community.

about Urban Society
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3358. Work and Society.
This course will explore sociological studies of work and occupations, including the structure of work, economic changes, and concerns of workers such as earnings, promotions, and unemployment. It is divided into three main topics: the social organization of work, current work trends, and inequalities at work. Prerequisite: SOCI 13310.

about Work and Society
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

An examination of the social determinants and consequences of human health, morbidity, and mortality, including considerations of health institutions, organizations, professionals, and clients. Social epidemiology of human diseases and mortality and changing relationships of acute and chronic diseases are stressed.

about Medical Sociology: The Sociology of Health and Illness Behavior
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3365. Society and Environment.
This course addresses issues emerging from the reciprocal relationship between society and its environment. The impacts of social and economic organization, social class, and government policies on the physical and social milieu will be examined in order to produce a better understanding of social and environmental interactions.

about Society and Environment
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3366. Folkways and Folklore: An Introduction.
A study of the folkways of the cultures of Texas through selected examples of traditional beliefs, customs, folktales, songs, arts, games, artifacts, and techniques for the collection and preservation of folk materials.

about Folkways and Folklore: An Introduction
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 3370. Industrial Sociology.
The social setting and formal organization of work; individual and group adaptation in industrial organization.

about Industrial Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Aging and Society

SOCI 3372. Food and Society.
This course surveys the sociological study of food. Students will examine how people in societies socially construct “food”; how people obtain food and the implications of this process for our health, economy, and environment; and how food relates to issues of race-ethnicity, social class, and gender.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Food and Society

SOCI 3375H. The Sociology of Technology.
This course examines societal transformations resulting from adopting modern technologies and their logic. Technologies will include, but are not limited to, the clock, gun, and auto.
Grade Mode: As signified by the Department of Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about The Sociology of Technology

SOCI 3375J. Sociology of Consumption.
Consumption is an integral part of social life in the United States, shaping how we see ourselves and others. While consumption can enhance consumers’ lives, it is linked to a host of social and environmental problems. This course critically examines such problems and explores alternatives to the way of life that is consumerism.
Grade Mode: As signified by the Department of Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Sociology of Consumption

SOCI 3375K. Social Movements.
This course examines social movements, repeated display of collective action outside sanctioned political channels to bring about social change. Different theoretical approaches to social movements will be reviewed to determine how movements organize, attract members, utilize resources, ideologically frame their issues, and engage in nonconventional tactics to influence public policy.
Grade Mode: As signified by the Department of Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Social Movements

SOCI 3383. Aging and Society.
This course is an introduction to the sociology of aging and social gerontology. It employs a multicultural perspective to examine diversity in the aging process as influenced by societal forces.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Aging and Society

SOCI 3384. The Sociology of Death and Dying.
A study of the sociological and social psychological perspectives on death and dying in contemporary societies with particular emphasis on the meanings of death, on dying as a social process, and on death in the context of both social organization and the life cycle.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about The Sociology of Death and Dying

SOCI 3390. Technology and Society.
The subject of this course is the relationship between technologies and social institutions. Topics covered may include but are not limited to theories of sociotechnical change, diffusion, social constructivism, modernity and rationalism, and case studies of transformative technologies such as the clock, the car, and the birth control pill.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Technology and Society

SOCI 3395. Sociology of Sexuality.
Sexuality is explored from a social constructionist perspective, in contrast to essentialist and biological determinist perspectives dominating the Western understanding of sexual roles and behavior. Sexual identity, desire, behavior, response, and health are viewed as socially constructed, largely in response to concerns about societal order.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Sociology of Sexuality

SOCI 4306. Sociological Theory.
This course will examine classical sociological theories and the contemporary theories that follow from them. The major approaches covered are functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interaction, and phenomenology. Prerequisites: twelve hours of Sociology or departmental approval. (WI).
Grade Mode: As signified by the Department of Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Sociological Theory

SOCI 4308. Quantitative Research Methods.
Basic issues in social research are introduced, while emphasizing design and analysis of quantitative research studies. Research exercises culminate in a major research paper analyzing secondary data from The General Social Survey. Critique of published research articles is also required. Prerequisites: SOCI 3307 and SOCI 3318. (WI).
Grade Mode: As signified by the Department of Sociology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

about Quantitative Research Methods
SOCI 4309. Qualitative Research Methods.
This course examines issues in the sociological research process with an emphasis on qualitative methods. Students will design, propose, and submit a qualitative study based on an extensive review of the sociological literature. Prerequisites: twelve hours of Sociology, or departmental permission. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 4332. The Sociology of Education.
An examination of education as a formal institution and as a social system. Emphasis is placed upon the nature and functions of education organization in modern societies.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 4360. Directed Study.
(By arrangement) A course of independent study open to superior students by permission of the professor and approval of the Chair of the department. May be repeated with different emphasis.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOCI 4690. Internship in Applied Sociology.
This course is a supervised work experience related to students' career interests. Requirements include seminars and a 300-hour internship for 15 weeks during long semesters or 10 weeks in the summer. This course is limited to BS majors who meet all prerequisites and can be taken for credit only once.

6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter