

# SOCIOLOGY - BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE (SOC)

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## **SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (3-4 credits)**

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts, theories, and methods in sociology. It explores the interactions between self and society by examining social structure, social consciousness, and social change. It takes the perspective that individuals both affect and are affected by values, norms, groups, and institutions.

## **SOC 211 Juvenile Delinquency (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 and SOC 215 with a grade of C or better. This course examines the organization and function of social institutions in our society and how they relate to producing particular patterns of juvenile delinquency. Delinquency theories and analysis of the three primary components of the juvenile justice system; police, courts, and corrections, are included in the course.

## **SOC 215 Statistics For Sociologists (4 credits)**

Corequisite(s): MTH 140 or MTH 141. Prerequisite(s): MTH 130 and SOC 100. This course provides an introduction to statistics for sociologists. It uses lectures and exercises to familiarize students with descriptive and inferential statistics. It explores the basic techniques used to describe social science data, examines probability theory and sampling theory, and introduces students to statistical inference techniques.

## **SOC 230 Social Psychology (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): PSY 100 or SOC 100. (Also PSY/CSJ 230) Human behavior as the interaction of individual and social processes. Recent research on topics such as interpersonal attraction, perception, and small group behavior; analysis of events and environments of current interest.

## **SOC 234A Social Inequality (4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): PSY 100 or SOC 100. This course examines inequalities in power, privilege, and opportunities, which characterize the structure of most societies. It explores the role of ideology in legitimizing and sustaining unequal treatment due to differences in class, race, ethnicity, and gender. Topics include legal systems and the relation between educational attainment and social mobility.

## **SOC 235 Urban Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): PSY 100 or SOC 100. This course studies cities as physical settings which shape and are shaped by social life, and also the social experiences that such settings produce. The course focuses on cities in history, theories of urbanization, the impact of race, ethnicity, class, and gender on cities, and worldwide urbanization.

## **SOC 236A Deviance and Social Control (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or PSY 100 with a grade of C or better. This course emphasizes the social reactions perspective, analyzes how people are differentially labeled, the experience of stigma, attempts at neutralization, and explores different social control strategies across time and place.

## **SOC 241A Minority Groups and Race Relations (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 or PSY 100. (Also AFS/LAC/WMS 241A) This course concerns racial and ethnic inequalities from a sociological perspective. It focuses on the fundamental concepts of race, ethnicity, prejudice, and discrimination as they have played an important role in the maintenance of those inequalities. As such, the course examines how racial and ethnic inequalities have prevented social justice to be fully achieved, especially in the US.

## **SOC 243A Criminology (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 and SOC 215 with a grade of C or better. This course examines the classical and modern theories of crime, analysis of different crimes and criminals and the various responses to them by victims, their families, the media, and society as a whole.

## **SOC 249 Sociology of The Family (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100. (Also WMS 249) From the perspective of the family as the most basic social institution in human society and as a focus of social change, this course discusses the major trends in the past forty years that have called attention to the diversity of American family life. Themes include the family life cycle, couple interaction, subcultural variations, and work-family interaction.

## **SOC 308 Theory and Practice in Human Services (3-4 credits)**

Restriction(s): Junior standing. (Also PSC/PSY 308) This course considers several different cross disciplinary theoretical frameworks that are relevant to understanding social problems (e.g., HIV/AIDS, poverty and homelessness, teenage motherhood, hunger, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, aging, child welfare issues, etc.). The course investigates the ways in which these social problems and people's needs are addressed by our social welfare and human service institutions, both public and private. Ethical issues surrounding the provision of care and services in the human services are emphasized. Principles of group dynamics, needs assessment, participant observation and evaluative research methods are also studied.

## **SOC 310 Sociology of Capital Punishment (4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 and SOC 215 with a grade of C or better. The course addresses issues relating to the death penalty including its history as well as, its level of effectiveness, costs, and discriminatory application. In addition, the course will analyze data on miscarriages of justice and public opinion and the effect of Supreme Court decisions.

## **SOC 320B Classic Sociological Theory (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 215 or PSY 245 with a grade of C or better. This course provides a basic survey of classical sociological theory. It explores the methodological and substantive concerns in the writings of classical theorists, including Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx, and Max Weber. It examines those theorists' views on science, social structure and social change.

## **SOC 325A Methods of Social Research (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 215 or PSY 245 with a grade of C or better. This course provides an introduction to research methods used by sociologists. It reviews the guidelines, principles, and techniques for collecting social science data, including measurement, sampling, survey instrumentation, and field research.

## **SOC 333 Selected Topics in Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 100 and SOC 215 with a grade of C or better. This course descriptions will be announced when the course is offered. As topics change, this course may be repeated for credit.

## **SOC 335A Mental Illness, Marginality, and Social Justice (3-4 credits)**

Using historical documents, marginal statistics, works of literature, anthropology, and social and psychoanalytic theory, this course examines the process of marginalization, compares conceptions/ social constructions of sanity and insanity among different cultures and subcultures, and analyzes the consequences of institutionalization, stigmatization, and marginalization. We will explore diverse populations and their access to and interaction with Social Justice, Healthcare entities as well as carceral responses to illness.

**SOC 341 Social Problems and Public Solutions (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): PSY 245 or SOC 215. This is an interdisciplinary course that provides students with a social science framework relevant to the study of social problems, the programs designed to remedy them, and the actions of individuals and groups to address gaps between problems and policy.

**SOC 353 Criminal Law (3-4 credits)**

Prerequisite(s): SOC 215 with a grade of C or better. Restriction(s): Junior standing or consent of Instructor. (Also CSJ 353) This course concerns statutory and case law pertaining to crime. Both substantive and procedural law will be considered.

**SOC 418 Drugs, Crime, and Social Policy (3-4 credits)**

**SOC 433A Selected Topics in Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Advanced selected topics in Sociology. Depending upon the instructor, course topics may be suited for either General Sociology or Criminal Justice Concentration students. As topics change, this course may be repeated for credit.

**SOC 433WI Selected Topics in Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Writing Intensive. Advanced selected topics in Sociology. Depending upon the instructor, course topics may be suited for either General Sociology or Criminal Justice Concentration students. As topics change, this course may be repeated for credit.

**SOC 436 Punishment Society (3-4 credits)**

This course provides a selective introduction to sociological perspectives and empirical research on punishment and incarceration. The first part of the course explores classical and contemporary approaches to the nature, causes, and consequences of punishment. We examine the Durkheimian, the Marxist, and the Weberian perspectives on punishment to gain an understanding of punishment as it relates to power and social control. We also examine the transformation of punishment from premodern to modern era, and the development of the prison, by exploring the work of Michel Foucault. The second part focuses on punishment in the United States. We explore the relationship between privilege and punishment by examining how race and class have been key factors in determining the nature and extent of punishment within the US criminal justice system. We look at how the apparatuses of punishment, the courts and the prisons, have reinforced and reproduced racial and class privilege. The third part focuses on alternatives to punishment and incarceration. We examine alternatives such as community corrections and treatment, and various proposals to end mass incarceration, including shortening prison sentences and decarceration, and their feasibility.

**SOC 450A Senior Seminar (3-4 credits)**

Restriction(s): Senior Sociology majors only. A graduation requirement (as an alternative to SOC 490/491), SOC 450 is an in-depth examination of a central issue in contemporary sociology. Examples of issues, which vary from semester to semester, are the media and social change; culture and identity; masculinities; social class and African-American status; Latino/Hispanic ethnicity; and sociology of information technologies. Students conduct their own research in consultation with the faculty. Cannot be substituted with portfolio assessment. Cannot be substituted with portfolio assessment.

**SOC 490A Fall Internship in Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Writing Intensive. See College Catalog under "Internships in Sociology" for course description, prerequisites and application procedure.

**SOC 491A Spring Internship - Sociology (3-4 credits)**

Writing Intensive. See College Catalog under "Internships in Sociology" for course description, prerequisites and application procedure. Cannot be substituted with portfolio assessment.