SOCY - Sociology

SOCY401 Intermediate Statistics for Sociologists (3 Credits)
This is a course about multiple regression for undergraduate students and assumes that students taking this course will be both producers and consumers of multiple regression results. Students will work with the instructor to produce a research poster presentation based on secondary social science data. In addition to multivariable statistics, students will learn some statistical programming as well as how to organize a research presentation.
Prerequisite: SOCY201; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
Restriction: Must not have completed STAT400, BMGT231, or ENEE324.

SOCY405 Scarcity and Modern Society (3 Credits)
Resource depletion and the deterioration of the environment. Relationship to lifestyles, individual consumer choices, cultural values, and institutional failures. Projection of the future course of American society on the basis of the analysis of scarcity, theories of social change, current trends, social movements, government actions, and the futurist literature.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY305 or SOCY405.
Formerly: SOCY305.

SOCY406 Globalization (3 Credits)
An analysis of the forces driving globalization and its implications for THE SOCIAL WORLD; politics; culture (including American popular culture); technology; the media; the Internet; population flows; environmental changes and problems; other negative (or deviant) flows such as disease, crime and terrorism; inequality, as well as ways of dealing with or resisting globalization (alter-globalization).
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY406 or SOCY498G.
Formerly: SOCY498G.

SOCY407 Explaining Social Change: Historical and Comparative Methods (3 Credits)
Examines social change from the perspective of comparative and historical sociology to get at the question, 'where are we now?' Students develop a critical appreciation of how scholars construct persuasive explanations for large-scale change focusing on four central questions: the origins of markets and industrial capitalism; the emergence of democracy as opposed to dictatorship; the causes and consequences of social revolution; and the logic of armed conflict. Explanations offered for the changes in question as well as the methods employed are explored. Counterfactual hypotheses for each central question—that is, what might have been, rather than what historically emerged—are considered.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY407 or SOCY498Y.
Formerly: SOCY498Y.

SOCY410 Social Demography (3 Credits)
Types of demographic analysis; demographic data; population characteristics; migration; mortality; fertility; population theories; world population growth; population policy.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY411 Demographic Techniques (3 Credits)
Basic techniques for analyzing population structure and demographic processes, including fertility, mortality and migration.
Prerequisite: (SOCY201; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department); and SOCY410. Or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY412 Family Demography (3 Credits)
Family and population dynamics. Fertility issues, such as teenage pregnancy, the timing of parenthood, and family size; as they relate to family behavior, such as marital patterns, child care use, and work and the family. Policy issues that relate to demographic changes in the family.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.
Formerly: SOCY312.

SOCY413 Sociology of Aging (3 Credits)
The aging of the population is one of the major demographic changes affecting social institutions during the next century. Research demography, sociology, economics, epidemiology, psychology and public health are integrated to develop a broader understanding of the causes and consequences of population aging. A central focus is the diversity of experiences by age, gender, socioeconomic status and health.
Prerequisite: 2 courses in SOCY.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY498D or SOCY413.
Formerly: SOCY498D.

SOCY414 Explaining Social Change: Historical and Comparative Methods (3 Credits)
This is a special topics research course for Family and Demography.
Prerequisite: SOCY202 and SOCY203; and one course in Family and Demography.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

SOCY415 Environmental Sociology (3 Credits)
Overview of the field and theoretical themes within the area of environmental sociology and technology. Current issues are explored including: environmental attitudes; environmental movements; environmental justice; globalization; global climate change; and garbage and food.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY498E or SOCY415.
Formerly: SOCY498E.

SOCY416 Research in Family & Demography (3 Credits)
This is a special topics research course for Family and Demography.
Prerequisite: SOCY202 and SOCY203; and one course in Family and Demography.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

SOCY420 Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology (3 Credits)
Using the sociological imagination to independently explore research questions as designed by students. Readings will explore dilemmas qualitative researchers confront such as, how to conduct research ethically and how their background influences their findings and analysis. Students will learn how to collect data, analyze it, and present it to others.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses.

SOCY424 Sociology of Race Relations (3 Credits)
Analysis of race-related issues, with a primary focus on American society. The historical emergence, development, and institutionalization of racism; the impact of racism on its victims; and racially based conflict.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department. Cross-listed with AAST424.
Credit Only Granted for: AAST424 or SOCY424.

SOCY428 Research in Inequality (3 Credits)
This is the special topics research course for Stratification and Inequality.
Prerequisite: SOCY203 and SOCY202; and must have completed a course in Stratification and Inequality.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.
SOCY430 Social Structure and Identity (3 Credits)
Theoretical issues in social psychology, focusing on social construction of identity. Identity formation and transformation in social process. Structural and cultural dimensions of social identity.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY431 Principles of Organizations (3 Credits)
Structural and processual characteristics of organizations that make them effective for different purposes and in different environments. Effects of different institutional environments, small group processes, organizational networks, and leadership. Types of organizations studied include formal bureaucracies, professional organizations, and voluntary associations.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY432 Social Movements (3 Credits)
Movements that seek change in the social and political structure of society. Origins, tactics, organization, recruitment, and success. Case studies come from such movements as labor, civil rights, student, feminist, environmental, neighborhood, and gay rights.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY441 Social Stratification and Inequality (3 Credits)
The sociological study of social class, status, and power. Topics include theories of stratification, correlates of social position, functions and dysfunctions of social inequality, status inconsistency, and social mobility.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
**Restriction:** Junior standing or higher.

SOCY442 The Black Middle Class (3 Credits)
Students will learn about the Black Middle Class. They will examine and explore the historical context that led to the rise of a Black Middle Class. Innovative avenues into the Black Middle Class will also be examined, including various household and family formations. Finally, the course will cover the consequences of being in the The Black Middle Class, with an emphasis on residential segregation and racial identity.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses.
**Credit Only Granted for:** SOCY498T or SOCY442.
**Formerly:** SOCY498T.

SOCY444 Sociology of Children (3 Credits)
Socio-historical analysis of the changing nature and meaning of childhood. Analysis of social psychological, demographic, and socioeconomic aspects of contemporary children's lives, with a focus on peer groups, gender relations, family change, macroeconomic conditions, poverty, health, and educational well-being of children.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY445 Sex and Love in Modern Society (3 Credits)
Sociological theories of sex and gender are used to explore empirical research on women's and men's sexual behavior and attitudes; variation in gendered sexuality by key social characteristics and how gendered sexuality is constructed and controlled; changes in sexuality over time and across relationship types, focusing on changes in sexual desire and behaviors and on the changing meaning of sex and marriage in U.S. society and other countries. Contemporary debates about sexuality will also be examined.
**Prerequisite:** SOCY201, SOCY202, SOCY203, and SOCY230.
**Restriction:** Must be in Sociology program; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
**Credit Only Granted for:** SOCY498E or SOCY445.
**Formerly:** SOCY498X.

SOCY457 Sociology of Law (3 Credits)
Social, political, and cultural sources of legal norms and concepts; and how the law shapes society and society shapes the law using sociological theoretical frameworks. The role of social change, social reproduction and inequality (including race, class, gender, and sexuality) to achieve certain objectives such as compliance, deterrence and social control.

SOCY464 Military Sociology (3 Credits)
Social change and the growth of military institutions. Complex formal military organizations. Military service as an occupation or profession. The sociology of military life. Relations between military institutions, civilian communities and society.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY465 The Sociology of War (3 Credits)
The origin and development of armed forces as institutions, the social causes, operations and results of war as social conflict; the relations of peace and war and revolution in contemporary civilizations.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY467 Sociology of Education (3 Credits)
Sociological analysis of educational institutions and their relation to society: goals and functions, the mechanisms of social control, and the impacts of stratification and social change. Study of the school as a formal organization, and the roles and subcultures of teachers and students.
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.

SOCY480 Researching the Middle East (3 Credits)
Introduces religion, gender, and politics in the Middle East and North Africa. After an overview of the political and social history the focus will be on methods for carrying out fundamental issues facing Middle Eastern societies, including national identity, religion, gender relations and the status of women in the family, politics, education, and labor market.
**Prerequisite:** Minimum grade of C- in SOCY201, SOCY202, and SOCY203.
**Credit Only Granted for:** SOCY498E or SOCY480.
**Formerly:** SOCY498E.
SOCY490 Experimental Research Practicum (3 Credits)
Hands-on experience in designing, conducting, and analyzing experimental research. Introduces students to causal inference in social scientific research, focusing on experimental designs. Students will get hands-on research experience running experimental studies in the group processes lab. Students will also work with the professor and graduate students in the department to develop a research idea that can be executed in the spring semester.
Restriction: Permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
Additional Information: This is the first course in the experimental research practicum 2-course sequence.

SOCY491 Experimental Research Design (3 Credits)
Students will finalize the design of their studies from the fall semester and carry out the research in this course. Introduces students to analyzing experimental data and presenting results from these data. Students will continue to get hands-on research experience running experimental studies in the group processes lab and working with the professor and graduate students in the department to further develop their projects.
Prerequisite: SOCY490; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
Additional Information: This is the second course in the experimental research practicum 2-course sequence.

SOCY498 Selected Topics in Sociology (1-3 Credits)
Topics of special interest to advanced undergraduates in sociology. Such courses will be offered in response to student request and faculty interest.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in SOCY courses; or permission of BSOS-Sociology department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY601 Statistics For Sociological Research I (3 Credits)
Introductory statistical concepts are covered including descriptive statistics, probability, sampling distributions, expected values, hypothesis testing, tests of significance, measures of association, and if time permits, introduction to regression analysis. Statistical programming software may be used.
Prerequisite: SOCY201; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY601 and SURV601.

SOCY602 Statistics For Sociological Research II (3 Credits)
This course introduces regression analysis using matrix algebra. Topics include bivariate regression, multivariate regression, tests of significance, regression diagnostics, indicator variables, interaction terms, extra sum of squares, and the general linear model. Other topics may be addressed such as logistic regression and path analysis. Statistical programming software may be used.
Prerequisite: SOCY601; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY602 or SURV602.

SOCY609 Practicum in Social Research (3 Credits)
The conduct of research in collection and analysis of social science data under the guidance of experienced investigators. Emphasis on a particular research area of procedure, e.g. secondary analysis of survey data; experimental design; evaluation of research; data collection techniques.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY611 Introduction to Demographic Methods (3 Credits)
Survey of standard demographic methods for the description and analysis of population size, structure and composition, including techniques for the analysis of fertility, mortality and migration.

SOCY616 Sociology Pro-Seminar (1 Credit)
The pro-seminar is the guide to Sociology as a profession, and how sociology is practiced here at the University of Maryland. The goal of the course is to help students gain insider knowledge about how to develop sociological knowledge and capabilities, and what it means to practice sociology as a graduate student and beyond. The course will discuss both practical aspects of professional life in general and specific topics of interest.
Restriction: Must be in Sociology (Doctoral) program.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY699P or SOCY616.
Formerly: SOCY699P.

SOCY618 Computer Methods for Sociologists (3 Credits)
Designed to present the potential of the computer as a tool in sociological research. Projects involving programming and running of data manipulation techniques, statistical techniques, and simple simulations.
Prerequisite: SOCY401; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department. And must have elementary knowledge of a programming language; or CMSC120; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY620 Development of European and American Sociological Theory (3 Credits)
Review of the history of sociological thought with major attention to the key figures (from Marx to C. Wright Mills).
Prerequisite: SOCY203 or SOCY403; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department; or permission of instructor.

SOCY621 Contemporary Sociological Theory (3 Credits)
Review of sociological theory since approximately 1970, with emphasis given to schools of thought (from symbolic interaction to post-modernism) and priciple participants in them (from Goffman to Baudrilliard).
Prerequisite: SOCY620, SOCY203, or SOCY403; or permission of instructor.

SOCY622 The Sociology of Knowledge (3 Credits)
Analysis of the relation of types of knowledge to social structure. Role of social class and social organization in the development of science, political ideology, belief systems and social values. Social roles associated with production of knowledge.

SOCY623 Families and Modern Social Theory (3 Credits)
Modern families will be explored by combining core theories of modernity with key theoretical debates about families and intimate relationships (economics and economic sociology, gender, race), and social change (development and new family forms).
Restriction: Must be in one of the following programs (Sociology (Doctoral); Sociology (Master's)) ; or permission of instructor.
SOCY625 Activism and Global Movements (3 Credits)
An introduction to the research on activism, focusing particularly on the global and transnational aspects of activism and social movements. The course begins with an overview of the theoretical literature on activism and social movements. Then, we will focus on case studies of particular movements that have a global component and have been the focus of recent sociological inquiry: the globalization movement, Arab Spring, and the climate/climate justice movement.
Restriction: Must be enrolled in a Sociology (SOCY) graduate program; or permission of instructor.

SOCY626 Demography of Aging (3 Credits)
Examines the demographic foundations of population aging, focusing on macro and historical patterns as well as on trends in mortality, health, and disability. Also examines the relationship between aging and social institutions such as the family, the economy, and public policy.

SOCY627 Migration (3 Credits)
Examines theories of immigration and immigrant adaptation, empirical patterns of migration and immigration, the economic and social effects of immigration, as well as immigration policy issues.

SOCY630 Population and Society (3 Credits)
Selected problems in the field of population; quantitative and qualitative aspects; American and world problems.

SOCY633 Qualitative Research Methods II, Field Research (3 Credits)
As the second course in the qualitative methods sequence, students are expected to have a general knowledge of qualitative methods. Students should have already learned how to collect and analyze qualitative data using interview and ethnographic methods. Student will spend this semester collecting and analyzing qualitative data and must begin the course with a formulated research question, a plan for data collection and sampling. Each student will spend the first two weeks preparing a proposal for submission the University of Maryland’s Institutional Review Board to gain Human Subjects approval to collect data. Then, students will spend a month collecting data, a month analyzing data using QSR NVivo, which will be taught as part of the coursework, and writing up the findings. The end product of the course will be an empirical paper based on the data collected and analyzed throughout the semester.
Prerequisite: SOCY632; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.

SOCY634 Attitudes and Public Opinion (3 Credits)
Processes involved in the formation of attitudes; effects of communication; measurement techniques.

SOCY635 Social Aspects of Fertility (3 Credits)
Demographic and socioeconomic aspects of fertility behavior; causes and consequences of fertility decline; relationship between women’s status and fertility; determinants of adolescent and nonmarital fertility; differential fertility by race/ethnicity and migration status.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY637 Demography Of The Labor Force (3 Credits)
Demographic trends as related to the composition of the U.S. labor force and trends in income; employment status of immigrants, women, and minorities; relationship between skills and jobs; types of data available for study of the labor force.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY642 The Sociology of Mental Health (3 Credits)
Social factors that influence mental health. Group dynamics of mental health preservation.

SOCY644 Gender, Work, and Family (3 Credits)
The interrelationships among gender, work, and family in contemporary societies. Major research issues addressed from an interdisciplinary and comparative (international) perspective.

SOCY645 Sociology of the Self Concept (3 Credits)
Theory and empirical research dealing with the social determination and social consequences of the self-concept. Sociological, psychological, and psychoanalytic approaches to the self.

SOCY653 Family Demography (3 Credits)
Demographic perspective on family and household relationships; relationships among economic institutions, family structure, and the content of family life; research from contemporary U.S., historical and cross-cultural sources.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY660 Theories of Social Psychology (3 Credits)
An introduction to some of the theories in social psychology that are particularly useful to sociologists. Topics to be covered include theories of cognitive consistency, social exchange, symbolic interaction, role theory, group processes, and collective behavior.
Prerequisite: Must have completed an undergraduate training in sociological research methods, statistics, and theory; or students who have taken courses with comparable content may contact the department.

SOCY661 Social Stratification (3 Credits)
Major theoretical and research problems in the sociology of social stratification. The characteristics, correlates, and consequences of class and status stratification; the distribution of power; the relationship of social stratification to ideology and the institutional orders of society.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY664 Armed Forces and Society (3 Credits)
Analysis of the relationship between military organization and modern industrial society. Growth and decline of the mass army, the transition from conscription to all-volunteer forces, the social legitimacy of military organization, the military as a form of industrial organization, and problems of civil-military relations in the modern world.

SOCY671 Sociology of Development (3 Credits)
Third World development at institutional, organizational, and community levels; factors contributing to success, effectiveness and sustainability of development and to problems and hindrances.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY699 Special Social Problems (1-16 Credits)

SOCY701 Issues in the Integration of Theory and Method (3 Credits)
The course is intended solely for advanced doctoral sociology students. The main objective of the course is to develop a dissertation proposal. Consequently, this course may only be taken during or after the semester in which the student completes the specialty (comprehensive) exams.
Prerequisite: Must have attained advanced status in the sociology Ph.D. program; or permission of instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: SOCY699Y or SOCY701.
Formerly: SOCY699Y.

SOCY709 Advanced Special Topics in Data Analysis (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of an area of interest in data analysis, including such topics as log linear analysis; discriminant function analysis; canonical correlation; factor analysis; analysis of qualitative data; content analysis; mathematical models.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.
SOCY719 Advanced Special Topics in Social Psychology (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, including such topics as social influence; interpersonal attraction; equity theory; the dramaturgical perspective; stress and coping; interpersonal conflict; the social psychology of large organizations.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY728 Advanced Special Topics in Meta-theory (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of an area of interest in sociological theory, including such topics as paradigm conflicts; philosophy of social science; value issues in sociological theory; formal theory.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY729 Advanced Special Topics in Substantive Theory (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of an area of interest in theory or a school of sociological theory, including such topics as ethnomethodology; structuralism; Marxism and critical theory; historical study of a major sociological theorist such as Marx, Weber, or Durkheim.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY739 Advanced Special Topics in Organizations and Occupations (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, including such topics as managing organizational data sets; problems of industrial democracy; quality of work life; innovation and productivity.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY749 Advanced Special Topics in Demography (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, including such topics as population policy; social and demographic issues in aging; migration; family demography.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY758 Advanced Special Topics in Sex Roles (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, including such topics as labor force participation; comparative studies; sex roles and aging; gender socialization.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY759 Advanced Special Topics in Sociology of the Family (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, such as alternative family life styles, cross-cultural and comparative family studies; victimization (sexual and physical abuse).
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY769 Advanced Special Topics in Military Sociology (3 Credits)
An intensive review of an area of current interest in the field, including such topics as women in the military; conscription and national service; organizational change in the military; comparative studies of the military.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY789 Advanced Special Topics in Social Stratification (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of an area of interest in the field, including such topics as macrostratification; measurement of prestige; institutional variation in status attainment.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

SOCY799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY819 Research Seminar in Social Psychology (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in social psychology.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Additional Information: May be repeated for credit with permission of instructor.

SOCY829 Research Seminar in Sociological Theory (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in sociological theory.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY839 Research Seminar in Organizations and Occupations (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in organizations or occupations.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY849 Research Seminar in Demography (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in demography.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY858 Research Seminar in Gender, Work and Family (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take the specialty examination in Gender, Work and Family.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY859 Research Seminar in Sociology of the Family (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in sociology of the family.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY869 Research Seminar in Military Sociology (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in military sociology.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY879 Research Seminar in Social Stratification (1 Credit)
An advanced research seminar for students preparing to do research or take comprehensive examinations in stratification.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

SOCY889 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)
SOCY899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)