

Sociology and Social Work

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Sociology

Sociology offers important and distinct ways of seeing the world that enhances the skills of the intellect. Sociology helps students be aware of the impact of social experiences, conditions, and opportunities by incorporating a consciousness of history, the significance of culture, and the impact of the social structure or institutions on social life. Sociology enables students to acknowledge the social forces and factors affecting their own private lives and enhances a better understanding of complex social and cultural issues. Sociology encourages efforts to minister the redemptive grace of Christ by recognizing the complexities of international, national, and local issues and situations, and recognize how culture and the social structure affect the way people live and understand the gospel. Moreover, sociology encourage students to engage in action that promotes global responsibility, fosters healing, and restores human dignity.

The undergraduate degree provides a strong liberal arts preparation for entry-level positions, including business, social/human services, archaeology, cultural resource management, historic preservation, community development, human rights/social justice advocacy, tourism/heritage, missions/missiology, non-profits/NGOs, and government/public service careers. Moreover, many students choose sociology because they see it as a broad liberal arts base for professions such as law, education, medicine, social work, counseling, and missiology/missions.

Sociology (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Sociology requires two years of one foreign language and 39 hours in the major. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 110	3	Introduction to Global Societies
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought
SOC 393	1-4	Practicum
SOC 493	2	Sociology Integrative Seminar
SOC 498	1	Sociology Senior Thesis

Select one course from the following:

SOC 350	3	Social Research Methods
SOC 355	3	Applied Social Statistics

Electives

Select an additional 18 credits from the following courses. A minimum of 12 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues
SOC 220	3	Ethnic and Minority Issues
SOC 310	3	Religion and Society
SOC 315	3	Social Inequality and Stratification
SOC 360	1-4	Independent Study
SOC 370	3	Selected Topics
SOC 381	3	Marriage and Family Systems
SOC 410	3	Community and Urban Affairs
SOC 420	3	Organizational Policies and Programs
SOC 450	1-4	Directed Research
SWK 225	3	Diversity and the Disenfranchised
SWK 320	3	Unleashing the Oppressed
SWK 340	3	Trauma-informed Work with Children
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Sociology (BS)

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sociology requires 48 hours in the major. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 110	3	Introduction to Global Societies
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SOC 350	3	Social Research Methods
SOC 355	3	Applied Social Statistics
SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought
SOC 393	1-4	Practicum
SOC 493	2	Sociology Integrative Seminar
SOC 498	1	Sociology Senior Thesis

Electives

Select an additional 24 credits from the following courses. A minimum of 18 credits must be upper-division (300/400).

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues
SOC 220	3	Ethnic and Minority Issues
SOC 310	3	Religion and Society
SOC 315	3	Social Inequality and Stratification
SOC 360	1-4	Independent Study
SOC 370	3	Selected Topics
SOC 381	3	Marriage and Family Systems
SOC 410	3	Community and Urban Affairs
SOC 420	3	Organizational Policies and Programs
SOC 450	1-4	Directed Research
SWK 225	3	Diversity and the Disenfranchised
SWK 320	3	Unleashing the Oppressed
SWK 340	3	Trauma-informed Work with Children
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Sociology Minor

The Sociology minor requires 20 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis

Select one course from the following:

SOC 361	3	History of Social Thought
SOC 365	3	Contemporary Social Thought

Electives

Select 12 hours of sociology electives.

Social Work

Social work is one of the major human service professions focused on enhancing the social functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Services are provided to all people with particular emphasis on disadvantaged populations. A variety of practice settings, including hospitals, family and children's service agencies, schools, residential facilities, healthcare facilities, home-based services, business and industry, mental health agencies, and developmental disabilities agencies are used as service learning experiences.

The goals of the Taylor Social Work program are to: (1) prepare baccalaureate level social workers for beginning-level generalist practice including formal and informal lifelong learning; (2) integrate Christian values with professional values to challenge worldviews, personal beliefs and societal constructs; and (3) to globalize student perspectives and sensitize circles of influence to issues and experiences of diverse, vulnerable, and marginalized population groups in an effort to advance social justice. The Social Work curriculum includes five content areas: human behavior and the social environment, practice, policy, research, and field instruction.

Taylor's Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and offers a Bachelor of Arts (includes language requirement) or Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work. Graduates are prepared to apply for state credentialing (licensure, certification, or registration) as a beginning-level social work practitioner in most states.

The formal admission process occurs as a part of the junior evaluation. This is a process in which faculty and each student sit down for a formal interview to discuss the level of learning as well as fit into the profession of social work and understanding of self. Students will be in progress or have completed:

- 30 volunteer hours
- SWK 200: Explorations in Social Work
- SWK 225: Diversity and the Disenfranchised
- SWK 351: Social Work Process and Practice I
- SWK 393: Junior Practicum or SWK 395: International Practicum

Attainment of a minimum 2.50 major GPA is required for the Social Work major.

Social Work (BA or BS)

The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are offered in Social Work. Students considering work in areas that are bilingual are encouraged to take appropriate language courses. The Bachelor of Arts degree requires two years of one foreign language. Students in the Social Work major are expected to complete a minimum of 75 major hours. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

PSY 100	3	Introductory Psychology
PSY 250	3	Life Span Development
PSY 300	3	Abnormal Psychology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SOC 350	3	Social Research Methods
SOC 355	3	Applied Social Statistics
SWK 200	3	Explorations in Social Work
SWK 225	3	Diversity and the Disenfranchised
SWK 351	3	Social Work Process and Practice I
SWK 354	3	Social Work Process and Practice II
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families
SWK 362	3	Social Policy
SWK 441	3	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SWK 451	3	Social Work Process and Practice III
SWK 452	3	Advanced Social Work Practice
SWK 482	2	Integrative Social Work Seminar
SWK 492	12	Senior Practicum

Select one course from the following:

SWK 393	4	Junior Practicum
SWK 395	4	International Practicum

Select one course from the following:

BIO 106	4	Human Biology
BIO 310	4	Human Anatomy and Physiology I

Select one course from the following:

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
SOC 100	3	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues

Select one course from the following:

SOC 110	3	Introduction to Global Societies
SOC 220	3	Ethnic and Minority Issues

Electives

Select one social work elective from:

SWK 320	3	Unleashing the Oppressed
SWK 340	3	Trauma-informed Work with Children
SWK 380	3	Understanding Suffering, Grief, and Loss

Complete and document 30 hours of volunteer experience by the end of sophomore year.

Social Work Minor

The Social Work minor requires 21 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

SWK 200	3	Explorations in Social Work
SWK 225	3	Diversity and the Disenfranchised
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families
SWK 362	3	Social Policy
SWK 370	3	Selected Topics*

Select one course from the following:

SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues
SOC 220	3	Ethnic and Minority Issues

Select one course from the following:

SWK 320	3	Unleashing the Oppressed
SWK 340	3	Trauma-informed Work with Children
SWK 380	3	Understanding Suffering, Grief, and Loss

*Course must be Affecting Change in Neighborhoods and Communities

Complete and document 15 hours of volunteer experience by the end of sophomore year.

Criminal Justice Minor

The Criminal Justice minor requires 21 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

JUS 100	3	Introduction to Criminal Justice
JUS 120	3	American Policing
JUS 311	3	Institutional Corrections
JUS 342	3	Criminology
SWK 340	3	Trauma-informed Work with Children

Select one course from the following:

SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues
SOC 220	3	Ethnic and Minority Issues
SOC 315	3	Social Inequality and Stratification
SOC 410	3	Community and Urban Affairs

Select one course from the following:

PSY 270*	3	Selected Topics (approved by advisor)
PSY 300	3	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 305	3	Behavior Problems of Children and Adolescents
PSY 320	3	Multicultural Psychology
PSY 321	3	Social Psychology
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

*Course must be Affecting Change in Neighborhoods and Communities

Human Services (AA) – Taylor University Online

The Associate of Arts with a major in Human Services requires 17 hours in the major and 48 hours in foundational core. This degree blends the disciplines of social work and psychology. Upon completion, students may apply to Taylor University residential program to seamlessly transition to campus to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work in two additional years. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA. This program is only offered through Taylor University Online and residential students are not eligible.

Curriculum Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
ART 172	2	Art Appreciation
BIB 110	3	Biblical Literature I
BIB 210	3	Biblical Literature II
BIO 106	4	Human Biology
COS 101	2	Information Technology Concepts
ENG 110	3	College Composition
IAS 102	1	Orientation to Distance Learning
IAS 110	4	Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts
KIN 100	2	Living Well
KIN 200I	1	Individualized Physical Education
MUS 149	2	Music Appreciation
PHI 413	3	Contemporary Christian Belief
REL 313	3	Historic Christian Belief
SWK 320	3	Helping Troubled Families

Select one course from the following:

CAC 160	3	Integrative Communication
COM 210	3	Public Speaking

Select one course from the following:

ENG 240	3	American Literature
ENG 250	3	British Literature

Select one history course of at least 3 credits.

Major Requirements

PSY 100	3	Introductory Psychology
PSY 300	3	Abnormal Psychology
SOC 250	2	Principles of Research and Analysis
SWK 200	3	Explorations in Social Work
SWK 225	3	Diversity and the Disenfranchised
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Anthropology Courses

ANT 200 3 hours

Cultural Anthropology

An introduction to the principles of cultural anthropology, including the analysis of major anthropological theories and concepts and an examination of social institutional arrangements in small-scale societies. Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.

ANT 280 3 hours

Anthropology of Study Abroad, Short-term Mission, and Tourism

The recent explosion of global travel for relatively short periods brings travelers into transient contact with people in different places. Such travel may have educational, recreational, religious, or service goals. Through anthropological readings, this course examines the nature of the intercultural encounters experienced on these trips, the motivations and outcomes of these trips for both travelers and hosts, and considers a wide variety of related dynamics. Students will be coached in engaging in research on course-related themes or in conducting research in preparation for their own upcoming global trip. Meets foundational core cross-cultural requirement; and civic engagement or general social science requirement.

Criminal Justice Courses

JUS 100 3 hours

Introduction to Criminal Justice

A survey of the organization, administration, and function of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections in an historical, legal, and contemporary context. An emphasis is placed on both offenses and offenders at each stage of the process.

JUS 120 3 hours

American Policing

An introductory course on legal, theoretical, historical, and organizational foundations of law enforcement in the United States with a critical assessment of alternative police policies and practices.

JUS 311 3 hours

Institutional Corrections

A study of the historic, philosophical, organizational, and administrative aspects of the nation's correctional institutions. This course includes institutions for adult, juvenile, male, and female offenders in a variety of secure settings and focuses on research related to correctional institutions. Prerequisite: JUS 100 or permission of instructor.

JUS 342 3 hours

Criminology

An interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of individual and group behaviors that result in delinquency and criminal conduct with an opportunity for each student to develop and defend a unified theory of criminal behavior. Prerequisite: JUS 100 and JUS 120.

JUS 347 3 hours

Courts

This course will examine the American court system and the components of the legal system that feed cases into the system, in both the civil and criminal legal process. Students will learn about the many elements of the court system and their interlocking relationships to the judicial process. Jurisdictional issues between state, local, and federal courts will be examined, as well as the trial and appellate process. Students will have the opportunity to do a paper on a high profile case and review the social impact of decisions. Emphasis will be on the criminal justice system since criminal cases make up the majority of court cases. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

Social Work Courses

SWK 170 Selected Topics A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.	1-4 hours	SWK 360 Independent Study An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.	1-4 hours
SWK 200 Explorations in Social Work This course intends to assist the prospective social worker in gaining awareness and understanding of basic tenets of the social work profession, Code of Ethics, guiding principles and values, and of practice settings. Throughout the course, students are given the opportunity to explore their interest in and potential for a career in social work. The course will also assist students in understanding social welfare systems and their development, and how social welfare policy affects people across the globe. As students learn about the various social issues that social workers help to change, students will explore how their Christian faith commands their reflection and action in tackling these issues. <i>Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.</i>	3 hours	SWK 362 Social Policy Discusses topics related to social welfare history, public policy, and social welfare policies that exist in today's society and how they impact those most dependent on social programs. Examines social programs in light of the problems they address, the service they provide, and their effectiveness. Addresses contemporary social issues in light of public funding decisions. <i>Prerequisite: Junior or senior status or permission of the instructor. Offered Spring semester.</i>	3 hours
SWK 225 Diversity and the Disenfranchised A hybrid course integrating theory and application of concepts through case study dealing with issues related to diversity, oppression, discrimination, human rights, and social justice. Dimensions related to women's issues, immigration and acculturation, religion and spirituality, social class, and sexual orientation will be explored.	3 hours	SWK 370 Selected Topics A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.	1-4 hours
SWK 231 Social Welfare: Historical Perspectives and Development This course follows the development of social welfare efforts from early civilizations to the present time. The course focuses on the emergence of the profession of social work and explores the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" in the light of biblical principles. <i>This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).</i>	3 hours	SWK 380 Understanding Suffering, Grief, and Loss Provides a basic introduction to crucial issues related to suffering and affliction, both self-imposed and those related to the human condition. Bereavement, grief and loss across the life span will be explored. Contemporary issues related to death and dying and the roles of social institutions and services to persons affected by suffering, death and loss will be covered. Issues will be examined based on difference in gender, culture, ethnicity and religion and in light of historic and contemporary Christian faith. <i>Open to all students. Offered Spring semester of odd years.</i>	3 hours
SWK 270 Selected Topics A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.	1-4 hours	SWK 393 Junior Practicum Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. <i>Students spend time in a social work setting learning how an agency functions, how professional social work practice is implemented, and how the professional interacts within an agency. Pass/fail only. Practicum course credit requires 140 hours of observation and practice. Prerequisites: SWK 351, junior status, and approval of the Junior Practicum Coordinator. Offered January interterm.</i>	4 hours
SWK 320 Unleashing the Oppressed This course is designed to provide the student with the necessary knowledge, values and skills to empower people who fall into "at-risk population" groups. Those groups who are at-risk for prejudice and discrimination typically include mental disability, developmental disability, sexual orientation, women, elderly, and religious diversity. Service-learning component provides interaction with a variety of community-based agencies. <i>Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Open to all students.</i>	3 hours	SWK 395 International Practicum During the January interterm of the junior or senior year, students would spend time in an international social work setting gaining knowledge of social work in a different country. They learn how an agency functions, how social work practice is implemented abroad, and specific needs within another culture. This practicum opportunity provides 140 hours of field lab work. <i>Class fee assessed to cover travel and in country experience. Prerequisites: SWK 351 and permission of Director of Social Work. Pass/fail only.</i>	4 hours
SWK 340 Trauma-informed Work with Children This course is a social work elective that is designed to provide an overview of the broad field of child welfare. Topics include the role of the family in the care of children, the history and current state of care of children, current problems such as child abuse and neglect, the impact of poverty and diversity in the well-being of children, and responses to children in need such as foster care, adoption, residential programs, the courts and school-based services. Application is made through readings, experiential activities, agency visits, and guest speakers. A service learning component provides interaction with community-based agencies. <i>Prerequisite: Sophomore, junior, or senior status. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours	SWK 441 Human Behavior and the Social Environment This course serves as a capstone course for the human behavior in the social environment sequence in the social work major. The primary purpose of this course is explore the question, "Why do people behave as they do?" This question will be explored from a multi-dimensional systems social work perspective. It is designed to prepare students for multi-dimensional assessments that will be required for the senior field placement and generalist practice after graduation. <i>Prerequisites: PSY 250; SWK 362; SWK 354; BIO 106 or 310. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours
SWK 351 Social Work Process and Practice I First in a 4-course practice sequence designed to provide the student with the necessary knowledge, values for ethical decision making and skills for successful practice with individuals at the generalist social work practitioner level. Develops understanding of the nature and process of social work practice, principles and techniques of the planned change process. Develops students' ability for self-awareness and for understanding the nature of clienthood. <i>Prerequisites: PSY 100; SWK 200; SWK 225; COM 210 or COM 320; ANT 200 or SOC 100 or SOC 210. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours	SWK 450 Directed Research Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.	1-4 hours
SWK 354 Social Work Process and Practice II Second in the 4-course practice sequence. Enables further development of generalist social work skills with various client systems. Areas of group dynamics, ethical issues, developmental levels and diversity are emphasized. Participation in a group experience is required. <i>Prerequisite: SWK 351. Offered Spring semester.</i>	3 hours	SWK 451 Social Work Process and Practice III The third in the 4-course generalist social work practice sequence. This course integrates social work practice, intervention and professional skills with regards to intervention and assessment at the organizational and community level. The course also focuses on macro social work practice, community organizing and development. Students will also participate in a grant writing project as they begin to develop grant writing and fundraising know-how and skills. As in the other courses in the practice sequence in our social work program, there will be a focus on the integration of micro, mezzo, and macro skills to empower students for effective generalist social work practice. <i>Prerequisite: SWK 354. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours
SWK 355 Helping Troubled Families Introduces family systems theory, as well as the history and development of family interventions. Presents the major approaches of working with families and provides the opportunity to role play application of these approaches. <i>Prerequisite: Junior or senior status or permission of the instructor. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours	SWK 452 Advanced Social Work Practice Last in the 4-course sequence for developing generalist practice skills. The professional helping relationship and interview process are emphasized. Simulated client-worker situations provide opportunities to practice skills. Employment interviews and strategies are also discussed. Beginning-level professional writing skills are developed through documentation exercises. <i>Prerequisite: SWK 354. Offered Fall semester.</i>	3 hours

SWK 480 1-4 hours
Seminar
A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

SWK 482 2 hours
Integrative Social Work Seminar
A seminar class taken by all social work majors during interterm of the senior year. The focus is holistic integration of: (1) faith and the social work profession; (2) self and the social work profession; (3) liberal arts education and the knowledge and practice of social work; (4) self- and civic-mindedness; and (5) self as global citizen. Students begin to develop the CSWE content portion of their professional portfolio. Focused presentations are conducted with regard to stress and time management and burnout prevention. *Pass/fail only.*

SWK 490 1-2 hours
Honors
Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

SWK 492 12 hours
Senior Practicum
A professional semester of supervised field practicum in a social work setting; 480 hours are required. *Prerequisite: Completion of all required courses in the social work major. Offered Spring semester.*

Sociology Courses

SOC 100 3 hours
Introduction to Sociology
A study of the principles and concepts of sociology in the context of present day social systems. Attention is given to major contemporary analyses of social events, processes, and institutions. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Fall semester.*

SOC 110 3 hours
Introduction to Global Societies
This course explores the nature of contemporary societies around the world by considering societal stages and development, cultural and social structural aspects of societies, international inequality, and globalization. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 170 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 210 3 hours
Contemporary Social Issues
An introduction to the study of social problems from several perspectives. Problems in areas such as drug abuse, crime, education, and the family are examined in the light of basic principles of sociology. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Fall semester.*

SOC 220 3 hours
Ethnic and Minority Issues
An analysis of inter-group relations in the United States. Topics include a consideration of the mechanisms of group interaction between dominant and subordinate groups and the experiences and histories of the primary minority groups in the United States. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 250 2 hours
Principles of Research and Analysis
Intended to prepare students to effectively make sense of the bewildering variety of numbers available in contemporary societies about people, organizations, and social outcomes, this course is an introduction to the key principles of social measurement and basic ways numbers are used to represent patterns in the social world. *Offered Fall semester.*

SOC 270 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 310 3 hours
Religion and Society
An examination of the cultural and structural influences that guide the forms religion takes in society and the processes through which religious ideas, behaviors, and institutions are constructed. Attention is given to the sociological theory and research that underlies religious behavior. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered periodically.*

SOC 313 3 hours
Statistics for Behavioral Science
The major concepts covered in the class will be descriptive statistics, basic probability theory, and inferential statistics. Demonstrations of Microsoft Excel competency will be assigned for each segment of the class. *This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).*

SOC 315 3 hours
Social Inequality and Stratification
This course examines the social systems (cultural and structural) that determine outcomes in wealth, power and social prestige. The primary focus is on class systems. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 330 3 hours
Social Change and Social Movements
This course focuses on the basic premises of social change including the evolutionary, conflict and cyclical theories of social change, and the organized activities of collective behavior and social movements that encourage or discourage social change. Special attention is given to the theoretical contributions of the structural strain, resource mobilization and social constructionists' perspectives. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered periodically.*

SOC 340 3 hours
Sociology of Children and Families
This course examines the sociological foundations of childhood including family formation, childhood socialization and the changing cultural significance of children. This course also examines the divergent roles, styles and functions of parenting. *Offered Fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 381).*

SOC 350 3 hours
Social Research Methods
An exploration of the primary methods of social research and data collection. Topics include defining a research question and design, and data collection from operationalization to data entry. *Prerequisite: SOC 250. Offered Fall semester.*

SOC 355 3 hours
Applied Social Statistics
An introduction to statistical analysis for social research issues. The course focuses on the uses of statistics, choosing appropriate statistics for a given problem and interpreting statistical output. *Meets foundational core mathematics requirement. Prerequisite: SOC 250. Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 360 1-4 hours
Independent Study
An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

SOC 361 3 hours
History of Social Thought
Primary emphasis is placed upon the contributions of sociologists since the time of Comte. The writings and concepts of leading sociologists in both Europe and America are studied. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered Fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 365).*

SOC 365 3 hours
Contemporary Social Thought
An analysis of social theory as it is practiced today. Building on the classical works of Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Simmel and Mead, this course focuses on how modern sociologists have incorporated the classical writers to explain social developments. Special attention is given to postmodernists, social constructionists, functionalists, neo-Marxists, neo-Weberians and leading feminist thinkers. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered Fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 361).*

SOC 370 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

SOC 381 3 hours
Marriage and Family Systems
A study of the changing state of family systems in America. The course also examines how work, social class, ethnicity and gender affect family structure and function. *Meets foundational core general social science requirement. Offered Fall semester of every other year (alternates with SOC 340).*

SOC 393 1-4 hours
Practicum
Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

SOC 410 3 hours
Community and Urban Affairs

Consideration of problems relating to community structure, development and process, beginning with a historical overview of the development of cities. Special emphasis is placed upon the interrelationships of various groupings within communities, particularly within the urban scene. A field trip to a major urban center provides "hands-on" learning. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement. Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 420 3 hours
Organizational Policies and Programs

A study of the social dynamics that guide and shape organizations in modern societies. The class prepares students to see and work with the structures of organizations like the church, government agencies, for-profit companies and nonprofits. The focus is on the application of organizational theories to organizational settings and includes projects on the development of organizational programs. *Offered periodically.*

SOC 450 1-4 hours
Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

SOC 480 1-4 hours
Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

SOC 490 1-2 hours
Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

SOC 493 2 hours
Sociology Integrative Seminar

This course provides students with the opportunity to approach the field of sociology holistically and integrate faith and sociological insight. *Offered Spring semester.*

SOC 498 1 hour
Sociology Senior Thesis

Students will complete a senior thesis that demonstrates an ability to apply sociological perspective through a theoretical or methodological analysis of a sociological topic they have chosen. *Offered Spring semester.*

Notes
