

**25. Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (3)**

Introduction to quantitative methods as an aid to the understanding of research in the social sciences. Application of basic descriptive and inductive statistics to the social sciences.

**105. Orientation to Gerontology (1; max total 2)**

An opportunity for students to gain an insight into the professional and personal requirements for working with the aging. A minimum of twenty contact-hours required with an aging individual or couple, plus attendance at a biweekly seminar. Instructors approval required for registration—limited to enrollment of 25–30. (Not for credit toward sociology major.)

**111. Sociology of Minority Relations (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. Dominant and minority group relations historically, cross-culturally, and in contemporary American society. Primarily, the bases examined are in terms of ethnicity-race, religion, nationality, country-of-origin, nativity, and language—and secondarily the bases are non-ethnic such as age and gender.

**112. Collective Behavior (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. An examination of types of collective behavior: crowds, mobs, panics, publics, fashion, fad, social movements, and transient and anonymous relationships; their increasing importance in modern society where violence, conflict, and social unrest are common.

**122. Social Movements (3)**

Discussion of goals, ideology, norms, organizational structure, leadership, strategy, tactics, and social roots of social movements. Emphasis on reformist and revolutionary movements for example, the Civil Rights Movement, Black Revolutionary Movement, and the Women's Movement.

**125. Experimental Sociology (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. Review of current experimental sociological literature. Original research projects using experimental method.

**130. Contemporary Social Issues (3)**

A sociological perspective is used to examine currently debated public issues. Often public issues involve present or proposed public policies; the impact of these policies on different segments of society is assessed.

**131. Sociology of Sex Roles (3) (Same as W S 131)**

The roles of women and men in contemporary social life, socialization and adult life—work roles, nuclear family, and other roles.

**135. Sociological Perspectives on the American Past (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. Analysis of long-term changes in American society, including urbanization, industrialization, and other key developments. Topics to include stratification, sex roles, social problems, and social movements.

**142. Sociology of Popular Culture (3)**

Impact of popular media on modern society. Includes movies, television, fiction, and other forms of popular culture. The meaning, the creation and production, and the future of popular culture.

**143. Deviance and Control (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. Rule-breaking behavior (such as crime, delinquency, mental illness) and responses to it. Examines deviance as a social phenomenon, its causes and consequences, and formal and informal social control activities.

**145. Social Organization (3)**

Prerequisite: Soc 1 or permission of instructor. Study of the nature of social organizations, their types and varieties, and the factors producing their different forms. Causes of the growth and decline of social organizations. Problems of centralization, authority, communication, and conflict in organizations.