

**147. Medical Sociology (3)**

Political and economic organization of American medical health care system and cross-cultural comparisons. Analysis of social relations and interactions among members of the health professions affecting designations of persons as ill and their subsequent treatment.

**148. Sociology of Education (3)**

A sociological examination of education as an institution, including its social determinants, functions, and consequences.

**149. Sociology of Business (3)**

The social origins and development of business as an institution. Comparative studies of diverse impacts of business on society. Analysis of resulting ideological, political, and regulatory reactions to business.

**150T. Special Topics Seminar**

(1-3; max total 9)

Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Topics include those areas of advanced theoretical and empirical studies that will orient the student to contemporary sociological endeavors.

**151. Social Classes and Inequality (3)**

Prerequisite: SOC 1. Analysis of evaluational differentiation leading to social stratification. Criteria for differentiation, bases for evaluation, types of stratification, composition of strata and status systems, mobility, consequences of stratifications, and methods of studying stratification.

**152. Classical Sociological Theory (3)**

Prerequisite: SOC 1. Evolution of classical sociological theories. Consideration of their origins in society and culture. Examination of such theorists as Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Comte, St. Simon, and Simmel.

**153. Contemporary Sociological Theory (3)**

Prerequisite: SOC 1. Processes of theory construction. Major current sociological theories such as functionalist and conflict, interaction and interpretive, and behaviorist and exchange theories.

**157. Social Change (3)**

Analysis of directions, patterns, and processes of social and cultural change.

**161. Population Analysis (3)**

Population theories and history; demographic processes and variables in contemporary society. Analysis of census data.

**162. Social Psychology (3)**

Social factors affecting the development of social personality, attitudes and behavior. Basic social processes involved in interpersonal interaction. Demonstrations and student observations to increase an understanding of social processes in everyday life.

**163. Urban Sociology (3)**

The urban concept; form and development of urban areas; scientific study of urban places and populations; effect of urbanization on social institutions and social relations.

**164. Political Sociology (3)**

The social causes and effects of political phenomena. The roles of social classes, movements, and institutions in shaping the political process; examination of political behavior and attitudes.

**165. The Family (3)**

The family in historic and contemporary society, theoretical frameworks for analyzing the family, family dynamics; changes in family functions, structures, and roles.

**166. Social Gerontology (3)**

(Same as GERON 166.) Aging and the aged with special emphasis on urban American society; demographic dynamics; problems of the aged; gerontological research methodology.

**168. Interpersonal Relationships (3)**

Exploration of the basic elements of interpersonal relationships including listening, disclosure, feedback, empathy.

**169. Sociology of Religion (3)**

Major sects, denominations, and churches; integrative and disintegrative processes in the United States; contemporary religious phenomena.

**170T. Research Topics**

(1-3; max total 6)

Content of course will vary from semester to semester. Topics include an introduction to computer data analysis, a more in-depth discussion of computer data analysis, survey research, observational techniques, measurement, sampling.

**172. Computer Applications (3)**

No prior knowledge of computers is necessary. Introduction to computer applications in the social sciences, spreadsheets, database management, statistical applications, e-mail, data archives, Internet, Lexis-Nexis. (2 lecture, 2 lab hours)

**174. Computer Data Analysis (1)**

An introduction to the use of one of the most widely utilized computer packages in the social sciences — SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). No prior knowledge of computers is necessary. *CR/NC* grading only.

**175. Sociological Research Methods (3)**

Prerequisite: SOC 25. The research process with special emphasis on measurement, sampling, data collection, data analysis, and report preparation. Basic assumptions and dilemmas of social science research.

**185. Service Learning**

(1-6; max total 6)

Prerequisite: permission of instructor and sponsoring agency. Individually-planned service learning experience relating classroom studies in sociology with practical experience in community service. Hours to be arranged. *CR/NC* grading only. (Minimum of 3 field hours per week per credit unit.)

**190. Independent Study**

(1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *SP* grading.