
SOC
**SOC 203 Environmental
 Sociology 3.0 UNITS**

This course focuses on the interactions between the natural environment, social organizations, and social behavior, with studies of the social factors that cause environmental problems, the societal impacts of those problems, and societal efforts to solve these problems. The course explores issues of science and technology, popular culture, economics, urbanization, racial and gender relations, as well as social movements. This course develops a broad understanding of society and environmental issues.

**SOC 101 Principles of
 Sociology 3.0 UNITS**

This course is an introduction to the major concepts, theories, methods and findings in the field of sociology. It deals with the structure and functioning of society, major social institutions, and such social processes as conflict and change.

**SOC 200 Intro to
 Gerontology 3.0
 UNITS**

This course examines the aging process and problems of aged people. The biological, psychological and sociological dimensions of aging are explored. Implications for social policy will be addressed.

**SOC 201 Sociology of the
 Family 3.0 UNITS**

This course examines the family as a social institution and explores its functions, structure, structure and change. The family in a multicultural environment is examined and a comparative approach is applied. Challenges of modern times are addressed.

**SOC 211 Social Problems 3.0
 UNITS**

This course examines the dysfunctions and contradictions in social institutions, structures and processes. The role of power in social and individual problems is emphasized.

**SOC 230 Religion and
 Society 3.0 UNITS**

The course examines the diversity of world religions and their structure and functions from the sociological perspectives. The role of religion in pluralistic societies will be explored. The conflicting trends of fundamentalism and secularization will also be addressed.

**SOC 240 Criminology 3.0
 UNITS**

This course covers historical and contemporary as well as philosophical and

scientific approaches to the understanding of criminal behavior. Medical, psychological, political, economic and sociological dimensions will be explored. Crime statistics are also examined.

**SOC 260 Race and Ethnic
 Relations 3.0 UNITS**

This course examines the structure, functions, and conflicts associated with race and ethnic relations, and the interaction between minority and majority groups. Emphasis is placed on the intersection of race, ethnicity, gender, class and religion and its impact on racial/ethnic identities. Historical and contemporary experiences of various racial/ethnic groups will be explored and various sociological perspectives will be applied. Race and ethnic relations will be explored from both the national (U.S.) and the global perspectives.

**SOC 280 Social Research
 Methods 3.0 UNITS**

This course offers an introduction to the main concepts and methods of social research. It is designed to develop an understanding of scientific methods of inquiry. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are covered. Students gain expertise in report writing. Creative and critical thinking skills are also emphasized.