

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC F101X Introduction to Sociology (s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer

An introduction to the complex social arrangements guiding individual behavior and common human concerns in contrasting cultural contexts.

Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X.

Attributes: UAF Core Indv, Soci Culture, UAF GER Social Sciences Req

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F201X Social Problems and Solutions (s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall

A study of major contemporary social problems, analysis of factors causing these problems, and discussion of potential solutions. Special emphasis is given to social problems and solutions in Alaska and the circumpolar North.

Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F202 Sociology of Popular Culture (s)

3 Credits

Offered Spring Even-numbered Years

A critical examination of contemporary popular culture in sociological perspective. Introduces debates in the field of cultural sociology with special emphasis on the creation, distribution, consumption, and social impact of popular culture. Themes in course content will vary by semester including popular performances, leisure and entertainment, mass media, humor, food and fashion.

Recommended: SOC F101X.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F242 The Family: A Cross-cultural Perspective (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Analysis of conceptual frameworks in family research, and a cross-cultural comparison of variations in family and kinship structures, both past and present. Examination of contemporary developments in family forms, the dynamic roles and patterns of relationships, and links with other social institutions. Emphasis on how social forces such as gender, race, ethnicity and social class shape the family and experiences of family life.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F250 Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences

3 Credits

Offered Fall and Spring

Statistics applied to social scientific topics. Includes descriptive statistics, frequency distributions, sampling distributions, elementary probability, estimation of population parameters, hypothesis testing (one and two sample problems), correlation, simple linear regression and one-way analysis of variance.

Prerequisites: MATH F113X or MATH F151X or MATH F251X; PSY F101X or SOC F101X or SOC F201X.

Cross-listed with PSY F250.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F263 Social Inequality and Stratification (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Comprehensive analysis of current sociological debates and diverse theoretical approaches used to address social stratification and inequality. Examines the various dimensions of inequality, including those related to race, class and gender at the local, national and global levels.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F280 Contemporary Topics in Sociology (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

An in-depth seminar on new and emerging social issues. Course may be repeated for credit when content varies.

Prerequisites: Placement into WRTG F111X.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F301 Rural Sociology (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Analysis of sociological issues using rural communities and rurality as examples. Emphasis on issues of social justice and inequality. Part of focus is on rural communities of Alaska and the North.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F303 Early Sociological Thought (s)

3 Credits

Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years

The major sociological theories of the classical period (19th and early 20th centuries) that have influenced contemporary sociology.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F308 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

A sociological analysis of the principles and processes that shape relationships among racial and ethnic groups in Alaska, the U.S. and elsewhere in the world. Focus on the relations among dominant and subordinate groups in these societies, using sociological theory to understand the structural factors that shape intergroup relations.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X; SOC F201X; SOC F263.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F309 Urban Sociology (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Origin and development of urban society as an industrial-ecological phenomenon; the trends of migration and metropolitanism with futuristic implications; and the rural-urban dichotomy in the Alaskan context.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F310 Sociology of Aging (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

A sociological analysis of the process of aging in the U.S., Alaska and globally, with special attention on structural inequality and social justice issues.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X; junior standing.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F320 Sociology of Gender (s)

3 Credits

Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years

Comprehensive survey of sociological inquiry and feminist revisions for studying gender in U.S. society and culture. Interrogates the meanings of gender and the interactional, cultural, organizational and institutional arrangements that underlie the social construction of gender and gender inequality.

Recommended: One social sciences course.**Cross-listed with** WGS F320.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F330 Social Psychology (s)**

3 Credits

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer

Analysis of intergroup relationships in terms of process and value orientation, their influences on the personality, and aspects of collective behavior on group and person. Aspects of social interaction that have cultural and intercultural variation. Also available online via UAF eCampus.

Prerequisites: PSY F101X or SOC F101X; PSY F275 or SOC F373.**Cross-listed with** PSY F330.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F333 Human Sexualities Across Cultures (s)**

3 Credits

Offered Fall, Spring and Summer

Exploration of how people in a variety of cultures, both contemporary and historical, construct the meaning and experience of sexuality and express themselves as sexual beings. Interdisciplinary study includes psychology, sociology, anthropology, gender studies and related fields, with particular focus determined by which department is offering the course.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X or SOC F201X or PSY F101X or WGS F201X.**Recommended:** PSY F275 or SOC F373.**Cross-listed with** PSY F333; WGS F332.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F335 Deviance and Social Control (s)**

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

Analysis of classical and contemporary theoretical perspectives used to understand, explain and control criminal and non-criminal forms of deviance. Emphasis on the social dimensions of the creation of deviant categories and persons, the consequence of societal reactions to selected forms of deviance, and implications for social policy (prevention) and social control (corrections).

Prerequisites: SOC F101X; SOC F201X.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F345 Sociology of Education (s)**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Theoretical perspectives on various dimensions of the relationship between education and society, including the institutional context of schooling, the impact of schooling on social stratification, and social organization within the school and classroom. Special attention is given to issues of equity and contemporary educational reform efforts.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X.**Cross-listed with** ED F345.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F350 Sociology of Childhood (W, s)**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Concepts, theories and empirical research in the sociology of childhood. Broad themes include social structure and its consequences for children's lives, children's agencies, and the diversity of childhood experiences. Includes an overview of the problems children face, and recommendations for solutions.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F373 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (W, s)**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Course helps students become critical consumers of research in the social sciences and enables them to develop research proposals. The course covers phases of the research process, which comprises problem formulation, research designs, conceptualization, sampling and ethical issues.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; SOC F101X; SOC F201X; SOC F263.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F405 Social Movements and Social Change (O, s)**

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

Focus on collective behavior, social change and social movements at the local, national and global levels. Analysis will include historical, technological and legal implications of large-scale social change.

Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F407 Work and Occupations (O, s)**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

The sociology of work and occupations. Local, regional, national and global industries, work sites and workers will be examined, using sociological theories and concepts. Analysis includes structural issues of inequality in employment practices and work sites.

Prerequisite: COJO F131X or COJO F141X.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0**SOC F435 Sociology of Law (s)**

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Addresses the social nature of legal decision-making, the social context of law and the reciprocal relations between law, society and justice. Explores how race, class and gender are implicated in the law, and the role of law in social control, in social change and in our everyday lives.

Prerequisites: SOC F101X; junior standing.**Recommended:** SOC F303.**Lecture + Lab + Other:** 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F440 Environmental Sociology (O, s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

Course considers how political, social and economic factors have come to shape human patterns of interaction with the natural environment. Provides a sociological perspective on environmental problems such as environment and health, disaster, environmental policy, environmental risk, sustainability, human and animal interactions, environmental justice and social movements.

Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; Recommended: one social science course.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F460 Global Issues in Sociological Perspective (s)

3 Credits

Offered Fall Even-numbered Years

A sociological analysis of global issues, with different overarching themes depending on world events and the research interests of the instructor. Issues of global social justice and inequality are explored, and sociological and other theories are applied.

Recommended: One social science course.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F480 Qualitative Social Science Research (W, s)

3 Credits

Offered Spring

Introduction to classical and contemporary research within the qualitative (or interpretive) paradigm of social science. Discusses the theoretical frameworks, historical traditions, epistemological and ethical issues of qualitative approaches. Uses hands-on experience in the practicalities and excitement of a variety of methods for gathering qualitative data and conducting qualitative analysis.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; one lower-division social science research methods course.

Cross-listed with PSY F480.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F490 Capstone Seminar in Sociology (s)

3 Credits

Offered As Demand Warrants

Review of the discipline of sociology with a focus on the theoretical perspectives and methodological tools of the discipline, key substantive issues in the field and the role of sociology in contemporary society.

Prerequisites: SOC F303; SOC F373; or other social science research methods course; advanced sociology major or minor.

Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SOC F698 Research

1-6 Credits

Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

SOC F699 Thesis

1-6 Credits

Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0