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 As Demand Warrants
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: SOC F101X or SOC F201X or PSY F101X or WGS F201X.  
Cross-listed with PSY F333; WGS F332.  
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 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 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