

# SOCIOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **SOC 141 Texas: A Multicultural Society (3)**

Study of selected ethnic groups and their contributions to the development of Texas and the nation. Three hours of lecture per week.

## **SOC 157 Introduction to Sociology (3)**

Presentation of basic concepts and processes in the sociological analysis of micro and macro socio-cultural systems. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as SOCI 1301 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**

## **SOC 158 Contemporary Social Issues (3)**

Selected current social issues discussed from the perspective of contemporary theories of social problems. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as SOCI 1306 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**

## **SOC 211 Social Adjustment to College (1)**

Designed to help students develop the practical knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for a successful and rewarding college experience. One hour of lecture per week.

## **SOC 221 Sociology of Human Sexuality (3)**

Examination of the physiological, sociological, and psychological variables that influence human sexuality both within and outside the confines of the institution of marriage. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as SOCI 2306 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**

## **SOC 238 Introduction to Anthropology (3)**

General introduction to anthropology and the subdisciplines of anthropology, including a general introduction to the major topical areas within each anthropological subdiscipline. Three hours of lecture per week. **Listed as ANTH 2346 in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.**

## **SOC 254 Black Perspectives in Sociology (3)**

Presentation of the works and critical analysis of a variety of issues that concern the group life of African Americans. Three hours of lecture per week.

## **SOC 257 Sociology of Education (3)**

Critical analysis of the character and nature of education in complex societies: relationship to political, economic, and cultural processes; impact on individual and community behavior and development; the learning process; and the classroom as a social system. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 322 Social Psychology (3)**

Basic concepts of social psychology with emphasis on the interrelations among individuals, society, and its sociocultural subsystems. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 331 Sociology of the Family (3)**

Presentation of theoretical perspectives that influence family studies and a discussion of the forces external and internal to the family that impact its structure, process, and function. Emphasis placed on black families and the establishment and development of a family unit. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: SOC 157.

**SOC 335 Race and Ethnicity (3)**

Presentation and discussion of the nature and character of society and the presence of racial and ethnic groups within the social order. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 337 Urban Sociology (3)**

Designed to take stock of the knowledge accumulated regarding the social and psychological consequences of community life. Examination of the historical background of cities and the three main sociological theories of urbanism with speculations about the urban future. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: SOC 322.

**SOC 344 Social Stratification (3)**

Examination of the various types of social stratification and their effects on human behavior and life chances. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 351 Criminology (3)**

Study of the causes of crime; the social, economic, and political context of the development of law; and the development of crime control strategies and penology. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 354 Sociological Statistics (3)**

Descriptive and simple inductive statistics, selected mathematical topics, and orientation to computer applications in the analysis of sociological data. Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Prerequisites: SOC 157 and SOC 158.

**SOC 357 Sociological Theory (3)**

Study of selected social theories and their major contributions to the field of Sociology. Three hours of lecture per week.

**SOC 359 Sociological Research (3)**

Study of quantitative and qualitative research techniques for data collection and analysis. Two hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week.

**SOC 435 Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice (3)**

Discussion of the major theoretical notions which attempt to explain juvenile

delinquency; the development of the juvenile justice system; and various strategies of delinquency, including diversion programs. Three hours of lecture per week.

### **SOC 438 Collective Behavior and Social Movements (3)**

Study of human societies and culture. Emphasis placed on ethnographic anthropological research. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisite: SOC 238.

### **SOC 450 Seminar in Methodology (3)**

Consideration of the requirements specified by the scientific method and the hazards encountered when this method is not followed. Examination of common purpose of research, alternative research designs, sampling, and several techniques for collecting data. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: SOC 157, SOC 354, and SOC 359.

### **SOC 452 Sociology of Work (3)**

This course examines the sociological dimensions of work and occupations. Specific topics may include: the organizational context of work, occupational and labor market structures, job satisfaction, industrial relations, technological change, and the effects of gender, age, race/ethnicity on how work and employment are experienced. Three hours of lecture per week.

### **SOC 456 Independent Study (3)**

Independent study in theoretical and applied sociology designed to allow juniors and seniors to work independently on topics of special interest not covered in depth in course offerings. Work may be done in a tutorial relationship with an individual faculty member or in a seminar. Prerequisites: SOC 357 and SOC 359.

### **SOC 457 Modern Sociological Theory (3)**

Critical analysis and evaluation of the major theoretical perspectives (structural functionalism; conflict Marxian; and symbolic interactionism, exchange, and ethno-methodology) that dominate the field of sociological explorations. Three hours of lecture per week. Prerequisites: SOC 157 and SOC 357.

### **SOC 458 Applications of Sociology (3)**

Designed for seniors who will demonstrate their knowledge and skills in the discipline of sociology by developing a publishable work applying sociological knowledge and experience systematically to a specific social issue under the supervision of a faculty member. Prerequisites: SOC 157, SOC 354, and SOC 450.

### **SOC 460 Women in Society (3)**

Examination of changing gender roles and the effects on the social and cultural status of women. Three hours of lecture per week.