

# Department of Sociology and Social Work

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The Department of Sociology offers a variety of courses useful to students with diverse professional goals. Sociology is a popular major for students planning careers in such professions as law, business, journalism, health care, education, politics, social work, or public administration. It provides a solid body of knowledge on the nature and problems of human relations and a distinctive way of looking at the world.

The courses offer a range of methodologies and research techniques which can be applied in a variety of fields such as administration, criminal justice, health care, counseling, and social work. In addition, exposure to theoretical and methodological issues and to comparative, historical, and critical analyses provides those students who want to pursue graduate work with a strong academic background.

The department offers a major and a minor in sociology, and a major in social work. For social work major see Social Work Program.

## Major in Sociology

A major in sociology consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours in sociology including the following required core courses:

- SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective
- SOC 240 Research Methods
- SOC 320 Social Theory

At least 15 of the 30 required hours must be at the 300 level or above. Only one internship course may apply towards the 30-hour requirement. A grade point average of 2.01 in all courses taken in the department is needed for graduation. Students may earn either a B.A. or B.S. degree in sociology.

Sociology majors are urged to consult with a department advisor each semester concerning class schedules.

## Sociology Minor

The sociology minor requires a minimum of 15 hours as specified below:

1. SOC 100; SOC 240 or SOC 320
2. At least 9 of the 15 hours must be at the 300 level or above.
3. Minimum of 2.01 grade point average in courses taken for the minor.

The following courses in the Department meet University general education requirements: SOC 100, 240, 300, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 321, 323, 325, 420.

## Course Descriptions

### **SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

Sociological insight into study of humans, society, and culture.

### **SOC 211 Contemporary Social Problems**

**3 hrs.**

Sociological analysis of current social problems in the U.S.: poverty, racism, sexism, agism, medical care, the environment, population, urban disorganization, crime, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, drug addiction, family disorganization, and mental illness. Use of different perspectives promotes a broad understanding of the study of social problems. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

### **SOC 240 Research Methods**

**3 hrs.**

Social research methods: research design and models of observation, including single subject and program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling techniques, questionnaire construction, types of surveys, measurement problems, and data analysis.

### **SOC 290 Topics in Sociology**

**1-3 hrs.**

Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for a maximum of 3 hrs. credit.

### **SOC 300 Cross-cultural Perspectives on Gender**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. NW)**

Examines the construction of gender in non-western societies, concentrating on the way gender shapes and is shaped by power relations in these societies.

### **SOC 310 Sociology of the Family**

**3 hrs.**

An examination of the American family, with two major areas of focus: the structural diversity of families in the U.S. and their unique interactional patterns and processes. Prerequisites: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

### **SOC 311 Comparative Family Systems**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. NW)**

Comparative study of non-Western family systems, with a focus on cross-cultural differences and the potential conflicts of migration. Varying focus on families of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

### **SOC 312 Social Inequality**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

Inequality in income, wealth, prestige, and power. Theories explaining roots of and changes in inequality. Emphasis on the U.S.; variations in the extent and forms of inequality across different nations.

### **SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, and Minority Relations**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

Analysis of dominant-minority group relations and the processes of acculturation, assimilation, pluralism, and discrimination; effects of prejudice on interaction and social structure. Various minority groups explored specifically.

### **SOC 314 Native Americans**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. NW)**

Description and analysis of traditional and contemporary cultures of the original inhabitants of the Americas; contemporary problems and aspirations of Indians and Eskimos.

### **SOC 315 Gender and Society**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

An examination of gender as a system of stratification, as a social construction, and as a system of meaning which changes trans-historically and differs cross-culturally. Focus on structural and interactional aspects of gender inequality, as well as the relationship between gender and other social hierarchies, including class, race, ethnicity, religion, and sexuality. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

### **SOC 316 Sociology of Work**

**3 hrs.**

Occupational categories and specific occupations; interrelationship between inequality, poverty, and occupational structure; impact of technological change and bureaucracy on occupations and work processes; implication of those changes for the individual and society.

### **SOC 320 Social Theory**

**3 hrs.**

Development of contemporary social thought from its Euro-American past. Emphasis on contemporary social theory and its major strands in American sociology. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

### **SOC 321 Individuality in the Modern World**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)**

Various philosophical conceptions of the relationship between the individual and social order; nature and status of individuality in the modern world. Emphasis on critical evaluation of influential systems of thought: Marxism, phenomenology, and critical theory. Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of instructor.

### **SOC 322 Self, Mind, and Society**

**3 hrs.**

Interdisciplinary exploration of the interplay between cultural values, social interaction, language, and moral reasoning that draws on classic and contemporary works within the fields of sociology, philosophy, anthropology, and psychology. Emphasis on the evolution of self-awareness and secondary emotions such as empathy and on their implications for the self-regulation of behavior. Focus on the interrelationship between these uniquely human capacities and their role in the creation and reproduction of culture. Discussion of current postmodern theories of self and identity within a global society. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or instructor consent.

### **SOC 323 Marxism and Critical Perspectives**

**3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

Basic concepts and methods of Marxism as formulated by contemporary Marxist social theorists: alienation, dehumanization, bureaucratization, and revolutionary consciousness in advanced capitalist societies. Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of instructor.

### **SOC 324 Sociology of Religion**

**3 hrs.**

Analysis of relationship between religion and social structures; emphasis on anthropological and social context of the origin of religion, and relationship of religion to contemporary industrial societies.

**SOC 325 Science, Technology, and Society****3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. SF)**

Analysis of scientific and technological achievements, applications, and implications of the past half century, and their impact on the future. Emphasis on analysis of promises and threats of the growth of science and technology, and new ethical and social issues raised by technological progress. (Students with credit in HIS 385 may not take SOC 325.)

**SOC 326 Sociology of Globalization****3 hrs.**

Analysis of the process of global integration and its impact on communities, social institutions, and culture. Emphasis on theories of social change and social conflict over the nature and pace of globalization and its impact on non-Western societies. Focus on social class, ethnicity, gender, media, religion, the environment, and social problems confronting non-Western Societies. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

**SOC 331 Correctional Policies and Society****3 hrs.**

Analysis of theoretical and practical aspects of corrections including punishment and treatment as concepts and as variations in practice. Analysis and evaluation of specific alternatives including prison, probation, treatment centers, and other sentencing alternatives. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 332 Juvenile Delinquency****3 hrs.**

Analysis of the nature of juvenile delinquency including the origin of the concept in historical and theoretical contexts as well as the development of the Juvenile Court Act. Also examines the "causes" of delinquency as well as evaluates the justice system's approach to address and "solve" the delinquency problem. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 333 Sociology of Violence****3 hrs.**

Analysis of violence as manifested in criminal behavior. Examines the concept of violence in terms of its basic nature, its sources in theoretical formulations, and its relationship to socially and culturally approved expressions of violence. Also analyses of the various reactions/responses to violence and violent crimes, including efforts at curtailing and/or preventing such violent expressions. This course takes a macro-sociological view including the collective structural forces operating to produce violence in all its forms. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 334 Crime and Society****3 hrs.**

Analysis of the nature of crime, the definitional issues involved in the development of criminal law, and the concept of crime. Analysis of the relations among crime, social structures and social institutions, as well as the nature of social control and social forces involved in the creation of crime and law. The course analyzes the causes of crime in the context of various theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: SOC 100

**SOC 340 Urban Life and Culture****3 hrs.**

Examination of past and present population trends within the United States including fertility, mortality, immigration, and urbanization. Application of classic and contemporary theoretical perspectives to current patterns of urban development, with an emphasis on the spatial structure of cities, the social and economic characteristics of urban populations, and the impact of structural environmental characteristics on perception and behavior. Discussion of current social issues associated with urban developments (e.g., poverty and discrimination) and their implications for urban policy and planning. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 341 Medical Sociology****3 hrs.**

Application of a critical perspective to the institution of medicine within this society, emphasizing the systematic analysis and critique of assumptions about the inevitability of certain forms of disease, the effectiveness of conventional health care organizations and medical practices in promoting and restoring health, and the adequacy of our current health care system. Focus on three prominent themes within contemporary medical sociology: the social epidemiology of disease, the social construction of health and illness, and the medicalization of diagnostic and treatment processes. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 342 Social Policy****3 hrs.**

Study of social problems in relation to social policy. Emphasis on placing social policy in a sociological perspective. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

**SOC 343 Sociology of Mental Health****3 hrs.**

Overview of the ways in which a sociological perspective has been applied to issues pertaining to mental health and illness within this society. Examination of the etiology of various forms of mental disorder and research that both challenges existing diagnostic criteria and questions the adequacy of the medical model as a framework for the classification and treatment of mental illness. Specific emphasis on labeling theory; on the impact of status characteristics (gender, class, and race) and social relationships on levels of stress and social functioning; and on legal and ethical issues associated with current health care trends, including the de-institutionalization of mental patients and the movement towards community-based care.

**SOC 390 Topics in Sociology****3 hrs.**

Topics of special interest which may vary each time course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for maximum of 6 hrs. credit.

**SOC 391, 392 Internship in Applied Sociology****3 hrs.**

Supervised work in applied settings; study of practical problems from the perspective of the discipline. Prerequisites: prior arrangement, consent of Department Chair. SOC 391 is prerequisite for SOC 392.

**SOC 420 Critical Theory****3 hrs. (Gen. Ed. HP)**

Social criticism as a tradition of sociology. Strands in European social theory. Contemporary British social theory. Prerequisite: SOC 100 or consent of instructor.

**SOC 421 The Culture of Cyberspace**  
**3 hrs.**

The contemporary revolution in human interaction via computer. The social construction of virtual communities and the new culture, institutions, and norms emerging in the experience of cyberspace. New concepts of space, time, and social order; electronic subjectivity and anonymity; new representations of gender, race, and class; emergence of new languages of expression; and the revolutionary impact of hypertext and multimedia technologies on human thinking and learning. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing.

**SOC 430 Perspectives on Deviance**  
**3 hrs.**

Basic nature of deviance and crime; source of deviance in culture and values, and its manifestation in illegal behavior. Emphasis on theories of nature of deviance/ crime, including labeling theory. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 440 Applied Environmental Sociology**  
**3 hrs.**

Sociological analysis of contemporary environmental issues. How communities apply sociological methods and knowledge to act on local and global environmental concerns. Preparing the social impact assessment section of a federal environmental impact statement. Prerequisite: SOC 100.

**SOC 490 Individual Study in Sociology**  
**1-3 hrs.**

Special study on topics with faculty supervision. For sociology majors; non-majors require approval of the Department Chair. Prerequisite: consent of Department Chair.

**SOC 499 Honors Colloquium**  
**3 hrs.**

Special study or projects with faculty supervision. Oral presentation. Prerequisite: 3.5 GPA in sociology and consent of Department Chair.

**SOC 571 Field Studies**  
**1-3 hrs.**

Individual research. Prerequisite: senior or graduate standing and consent of Department Chair.

**Social Work Program**

**FACULTY** *Associate Professor Evens (Director); Instructors Amos (Field Coordinator), Moody.*

The purpose of the major in social work is to prepare students for beginning practice in social work and to provide an educational foundation for students planning to pursue graduate study in social work or other helping professions. The major provides a well-rounded academic and practice background in the generalist social work practice model. The University is in the process of seeking professional accreditation for the program from the Council on Social Work Education.

The curriculum requires majors to complete 72 credit hours, including 21 hours of liberal arts requirements, 45 hours of social work core requirements, and 6 hours of electives. A student may declare a social work major when admitted to Bradley; however, in order to progress to the professional practice component of the curriculum, a formal admission is required during the junior year.

The professional practice component includes practice courses and a field practicum. Students will

complete a minimum of 420 field hours in an approved community agency.

It is important for students to consult with their social work advisor each semester to ensure that the requirements for the major are scheduled in the proper sequence. An overall grade point average of 2.25 is needed to graduate with a B.A. or a B.S. in social work.

**Requirements**

**Liberal Arts Courses (21 hrs.)**

- MTH 111 Elementary Statistics **or**
- PSY 205 Quantitative Methods
- ECO 100 Intro to Economics **or**
- ECO 221 Microeconomics **and**
- ECO 222 Macroeconomics
- PLS 105 Introduction to American Government
- SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, and Minority Relations **or**
- ETE 280 Exploring Diversity: Learners, Families, and Communities
- SOC 100 The Sociological Perspective
- BIO 121 Life Science I
- PSY 103 or 104 Principles of Psychology

**Social Work Core Requirements (45 hrs.)**

**Social Welfare Policy and Services ..... 6 hrs.**

- SW 250 Introduction to Social Welfare
- SW 355 Social Welfare Policy

**Human Behavior and the Social Environment..... 12 hrs.**

- SOC 310 Sociology of the Family
- PSY 445 Abnormal Psychology
- SW 354 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- SW 358 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

**Research ..... 3 hrs.**

- SW 260 Research Methods

**Social Work Practice ..... 12 hrs.**

- SW 350 Foundation for Social Work Practice
- SW 351, 352 Social Work Practice I, II
- SW 353 Social Work Practice III

**Field Practicums..... 12 hrs.**

- SW 393 Social Work Practicum
- SW 395 Social Work Seminar

**Electives (6 hrs.)**

- SW 310 Child Welfare I
- SW 320 Child Welfare II
- SW 356 Topics in Social Work
- SW 490 Individual Study in Social Work
- SW 499 Honors Colloquium
- SOC 211 Contemporary Social Problems
- SOC 311 Comparative Family Systems
- SOC 312 Social Inequality
- SOC 314 Native Americans
- SOC 315 Gender and Society
- SOC 321 Individuality in the Modern World
- SOC 332 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC 333 Sociology of Violence
- SOC 341 Medical Sociology
- SOC 343 Sociology of Mental Health
- AAS 211 African American History from 1877 to Present
- NUR 221 Substance Abuse
- PSY 402 Human Sexuality

Students should consult the Social Work Student Handbook for recommendations regarding general education selections, electives, and BA/BS requirements, and for sample 4-year and 2-year course plans.

## Course Descriptions

### **SW 250 Introduction to Social Welfare** **3 hrs.**

Overview of historical development and contemporary forces shaping the social welfare system in the U.S. Examines social policies, social conditions affecting vulnerable populations, and service delivery systems in which social work is practiced. Includes community agency contact.

### **SW 260 Research Methods** **3 hrs.**

Social research methods: research design and models of observation, including single subject and program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling techniques, questionnaire construction, types of surveys, measurement problems, and data analysis. Prerequisites: Sociology or social work major or consent of instructor; MTH 111 or PSY 205.

### **SW 310 Child Welfare I** **3 hrs.**

Examines the theory and knowledge associated with practice in the field of child welfare. This course covers the areas of policy, normative child development, disruptions in child development, and the continuum of services for children in society.

### **SW 320 Child Welfare II** **3 hrs.**

Teaches necessary skills to practice at the entry level in a child welfare setting. The application of the planned change process to child welfare practice is studied. Cultural and ethnic issues in working with children are emphasized and students examine ethical issues of this field of practice. Prerequisites: SW 310; SW 350 or consent of instructor.

### **SW 350 Foundations for Social Work Practice** **3 hrs.**

Historical development of social work. Introduction of generalist social work practice; systems perspective; knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for practice; communication skills and the helping relationship as foundation for the problem-solving process. Overview of fields of practice. Includes required volunteer experience. Prerequisite: SW 250.

### **SW 351 Social Work Practice I** **3 hrs.**

Assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up phases of the problem-solving process. Students develop interviewing skills and apply knowledge of social systems, human development, diversity, and ethics with focus on the micro level. Prerequisite: SW 350, social work major or consent of social work program director.

### **SW 352 Social Work Practice II** **3 hrs.**

Generalist practice with focus on families and groups as well as individuals in group contexts. Includes required volunteer experience in group setting. Prerequisites: SW 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

### **SW 353 Social Work Practice III** **3 hrs.**

Generalist practice with focus on organizations, communities, and large social systems. Assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation skills for macro-level practice. Emphasis on issues of diversity, discrimination, and oppression. Prerequisites: SW 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

### **SW 354 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I** **3 hrs.**

Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with individual behavior. Life span development, strengths, approach, and issues of diversity as influences on individual development.

### **SW 355 Social Welfare Policy** **3 hrs.**

Analysis of social welfare policy from the social work perspective. Impact of social policy on recipients and constituents of social welfare programs. Institutional responses to social problems, social justice, and human needs. Analysis and evaluation of policy at the organizational, community, and legislative levels. Prerequisites: ECO 100; PLS 105; SW 250.

### **SW 356 Topics in Social Work** **3 hrs.**

Topics of special interest which may vary each time the course is offered. Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for maximum of 6 hours credit.

### **SW 358 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II** **3 hrs.**

Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social and cultural causes and impact of diversity, discrimination, and oppression. Prerequisite: SW 354.

### **SW 393 Social Work Practicum** **9 hrs.**

Supervised experience in an approved community agency; use of knowledge and skills common to generalist practice; 420 field hours required. Pass/fail. Prerequisites: SW 351; social work major. Corequisite: SW 395.

### **SW 395 Social Work Seminar** **3 hrs.**

Seminar that integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience. Prerequisites: SW 351; social work major. Corequisite: SW 393.

### **SW 490 Individual Study in Social Work** **1-3 hrs.**

Special study on topics with faculty supervision. For social work majors; non-majors require approval of Department Chair. May be repeated under a different topic up to a maximum of 3 credit hours. Prerequisite: consent of director of social work program.

### **SW 499 Honors Colloquium** **3 hrs.**

Special study or project conducted under faculty supervision. Oral presentation before a faculty committee. Prerequisite: 3.5 GPA in social work major and consent of department chair.