SOCIOL 110-0 Introduction to Sociology (1 Unit)  Broad overview of a wide range of social issues and ways of sociological thinking.

SOCIOL 201-0 Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Power (1 Unit)  Origins and functions of stratification. Class, prestige, and esteem. Interaction of racial and cultural groups. Inequality in workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, families, media, and other settings. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 202-0 Social Problems (1 Unit)  Emergence of social problems. How the media, politicians, lawmakers, and others define social issues. How lives and self-images are shaped when people are connected to a social problem. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 206-0 Law and Society (1 Unit)  Introduction to the role of law in American society and the influence of society on law. Courts, the legal profession, law enforcement, inequality, and social change. Taught with LEGAL_ST 206-0; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 207-0 Cities in Society (1 Unit)  Introduction to issues of cities and metropolitan areas, including spatial, economic, and political trends; private and public decision making; class, race, and gender; and possible solutions to inequalities and planning challenges. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 208-0 Race and Society (1 Unit)  Critical analysis of the biological myth and social reality of race; factors responsible for persistent racial inequality in the United States; social and political implications of race. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 210-0 Families and Societies (1 Unit)  Changes, continuities, and variations in family life in industrialized countries over the past century. Key concepts in sociology and the study of families. Explanations for changes and implications for inequality. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 211-0 Food and Society: An Introduction (1 Unit)  Overview of past and present food systems from a sociological perspective, examining the roles of culture, government policy, and social movements in shaping such systems and future alternatives. ENVIRON_POL 211-0 and SOCIOL 211-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 212-0 Environment and Society (1 Unit)  Key environmental problems, such as climate change and oil spills; how they are shaped by the market, government regulations, and social movements; possible solutions. SOCIOL 212-0 and ENVIRON_POL 212-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 215-0 Economy and Society (1 Unit)  Introduction to sociological approaches to economic life. Topics include property rights, illegal markets, money, economic inequalities, direct sales, and boycotts. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 216-0 Gender and Society (1 Unit)  How our society creates ideas of what gender and gender-appropriate behaviors are. How these ideas are linked to sexuality and relationships, and how they become part of political conflict. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 217-0 Global Perspectives on Education (1 Unit)  Global comparison of educational systems and learning experiences, with focus on inequality, trends in literacy and achievement, and social factors shaping schooling worldwide. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 218-0 Education and Inequality: Focus on Chicago (1 Unit)  Causes and consequences of educational inequality. History, educational
Introduction to quantitative methods: the interpretation of descriptive information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of Stratification, social control, and conflict. Discretion, rules, and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Sociology of Organizations (1 Unit)

Urbanization, housing, jobs, race and class, segregation, community and Sociology of the Family (1 Unit)

Provides an overview of the culture and history of Native groups with a different topic. Introduction to Native American Studies (1 Unit)

Sexuality and Society (1 Unit) Examination of the role of sexuality in the cultural, economic, political, and social organization of the United States. Sex work, sex tourism, sexual migration, LGBT social movements, and moral panics. Sociology 232-0 is taught with Gender Studies 232-0; may not receive credit for both courses. Sociology of Sexuality and Society (1 Unit)

Introductory Topics in Sociology (1 Unit) Introduction to different key issues in the field. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. Sociology of Sexuality and Society (1 Unit)

Introduction to Native American Studies (1 Unit) Provides an overview of the culture and history of Native groups and how these histories influence modern Native America. Explores the current economic and social experiences of Indians and tribes. Historical Studies Distrito Interdisciplinary Distrito - See Rules (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/ #schoolrequirementstext) Sociology of Sexuality and Society (1 Unit)

Institutions and Society (1 Unit) Institutions in a broad societal context. How institutional frameworks apply to government, family, education, and the environment; implications of institutions. Sociology 288-0 and Sociology 288-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Sociology of Institutions and Society (1 Unit)

The City: Urbanization and Urbanism (1 Unit) Theories of urbanization, housing, jobs, race and class, segregation, community and social networks politics, reform policies and planning. Research projects. Sociology of the City: Urbanization and Urbanism (1 Unit)

Sociology of Organizations (1 Unit) Structure and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Stratification, social control, and conflict. Discretion, rules, and information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of informal norms. Sociology of Organizations (1 Unit)

Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data (1 Unit) Introduction to quantitative methods: the interpretation of descriptive information in achieving goals. Sociology of Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data (1 Unit)

Politics of Racial Knowledge (1 Unit) Major developments in the history of racial knowledge, from Enlightenment philosophy to contemporary genomics. The intersection of politics and science in creating notions of race. Students are encouraged to take Sociology 208-0 prior to enrolling. Sociology of Politics of Racial Knowledge (1 Unit)

Population Dynamics (1 Unit) Social causes and consequences of population dynamics (fertility, mortality, marriage, divorce, migration) and population structures (age, sex, size, density). Relationship between population changes and health, environmental, and economic outcomes. Sociology of Population Dynamics (1 Unit)

Sociological Theory (1 Unit) Sociological perspectives developed by classic theorists. Elucidation and testing of sociological principles in contemporary research. Primarily for sociology majors. Open to others with consent of instructor. Sociology of Sociological Theory (1 Unit)

Sociology of the Family (1 Unit) Influence of socioeconomic and other structural and cultural resources and constraints on family structure and dynamics. Historical and comparative perspectives on the modern family. Sociology of the Family (1 Unit)

Food, Politics, and Society (1 Unit) Social groups, institutions, and policies shaping food production, distribution, and consumption around the world; their social and environmental consequences. Alternatives to existing food systems. Sociology of Food, Politics, and Society (1 Unit)

Social Change and the Environment (1 Unit) The ways social patterns of production and consumption affect the natural environment, such as climate and biodiversity. Roles of social actors and structures in shaping environmental problems and policies. Sociology of Social Change and the Environment (1 Unit)

Sociology of Religion (1 Unit) Sociological approach to the study of American religion. Communities, practices, race, gender, and politics in the shaping of religion. Sociology of Religion (1 Unit)

Economic Sociology (1 Unit) Sociological approach to production, distribution, consumption, and markets. Classic and contemporary approaches to the economy compared across social science disciplines. Sociology of Economic Sociology (1 Unit)

Global Development (1 Unit) Exploration of the economic and social changes constituting development, focusing on comparison between the historical experience in Europe and more recent processes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Sociology of Global Development (1 Unit)
taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 318-0 Sociology of Law (1 Unit) Sociological analysis of legal institutions such as courts, the police, and lawyers. Law, inequality, and social change. SOCIOL 318-0 is taught with LEGAL_ST 308-0; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 319-0 Sociology of Science (1 Unit) Science as social system. Personality, class, and cultural factors in scientific development, creativity, choice of role, simultaneous invention, and priority disputes. Social effects on objectivity and bias. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 321-0 Numbers, Identity & Modernity: How Calculation Shapes Who We Are & What We Know (1 Unit) Investigation of how we make and use numbers, how we know ourselves through numbers, the kinds of authority we grant to numbers, and how numbers inform our ethics. Ethics Values Distro Area Interdisciplinary Distro - See Rules (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#schoolrequirementstext) Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 322-0 Sociology of Immigration (1 Unit) Sociological approach to immigration addressing such issues as assimilation, race/ethnicity, gender, transnationalism. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 323-0 American Subcultures and Ethnic Groups (1 Unit) Differentiation, organization, and stratification by ethnicity, race, lifestyle, and other traits. Maintenance of subgroup boundaries and distinctiveness. Consequences of difference: identity, political and economic participation, group solidarity. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area


SOCIOL 325-0 Global & Local Inequalities (1 Unit) Inequalities in economic and social status, including in income, health, politics, social policy, the family, gender, and race. Contemporary US focus but also historical and global trends. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 327-0 Youth and Society (1 Unit) How modern definitions of childhood and adolescence have evolved. Diversity across the lives of young people today and the development of social networks and transitions to adulthood. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 328-0 Inequality & American Society (1 Unit) Introduction to research on social stratification and inequality, focusing on American society. Theories of distributive justice, trends, intergenerational mobility, gender and race inequality, causes and consequences of inequalities. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 329-0 Field Research and Methods of Data Collection (1 Unit) Practicum in firsthand data collection using observation and structured and unstructured interviewing. Issues of reliability and validity and qualitative analysis. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 330-0 Law, Markets, and Globalization (1 Unit) The role of national and international law in recent economic globalization trends, global convergence in law, legal transplants, globalization and the environment. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 331-0 Markets, Hierarchies & Democracies (1 Unit) The forms and social structures for making economic and political decisions in modern societies. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 332-0 Work and Occupations (1 Unit) Sociological perspectives on work. Class, status, and power. Society, economy, technology, and occupational structure; organization of workplace. Work in the global economy. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 334-0 Social Protest and Social Change Around the World (1 Unit) How and why social protests can initiate major social change within societies and social groups around the world. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 335-0 Sociology of Rational Decision Making (1 Unit) Analysis of the role played by numerical and quantitative information in organizational decision making in the private and public sectors. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 336-0 The Climate Crisis, Policies, and Society (1 Unit) Examination of main impacts of climate change and of different perspectives toward mitigation and adaptation: market-based, institutionalist, bio-environmentalist, social movement, and climate justice. SOCIOL 336-0 and ENVR_POL 336-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 345-0 Class and Culture (1 Unit) The role that culture plays in the formation and reproduction of social classes. Class socialization, culture and class boundaries, class identities and class consciousness, culture and class action. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 348-0 Race, Politics, and the Law (1 Unit) Current role of race and racism from multiple disciplinary perspectives. Application to contemporary legal and political issues. How law deals with racial inequality. LEGAL_ST 348-0 and SOCIOL 348-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Prerequisite: LEGAL_ST 206-0, SOCIOL 206-0, SOCIOL 208-0, LEGAL_ST 308-0, or SOCIOL 318-0. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 350-0 Sociology of the Arts (1 Unit) Art as collective activity. Conventions in art and aesthetics. Professionals and audiences and other aspects of culture. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 355-0 Medical Sociology (1 Unit) Social construction of health and illness; inequalities in distribution of illness and health care; organization of health care work and occupations. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 356-0 Sociology of Gender (1 Unit) Gender and issues of social reproduction and social change with sexuality and reproduction emphasized. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 376-0 Topics in Sociological Analysis (1 Unit) Advanced work on special topics in sociological study. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

SOCIOL 379-0 Understanding Genocide (1 Unit) Key debates in the comparative study of genocide. Why genocide occurs, why people become killers, how these processes relate to each other. POLI Sci 389-0 and SOCIOL 379-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 392-0 Seminars (1 Unit) Close focus on key issues in sociology. In-depth analyses of a range of current social issues from a sociological perspective with focus on development of critical thinking and research skills. Social Behavioral Sciences Distro Area

SOCIOL 398-1 Senior Research Seminar (1 Unit) Independent research projects carried out under faculty supervision.
SOCIO 398-2 Senior Research Seminar (1 Unit) Independent research projects carried out under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: B- or better in SOCIO 398-1.

SOCIO 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit) Consent of department required. May reenroll for consecutive quarters.