SOCIAL POLICY (SOC_POL)

SOC_POL 201-0 Introduction to Social Policy (1 Unit)  Social policy formulation: the substance of major American social policies, the agenda-setting process, and how the political system shapes social policy in this country.

SOC_POL 304-0 Social Policy & the Human Services (1 Unit)  Development of social policy for human services in the United States. Human service policies for education, mental health, physical health, prisons, income, and aging.

SOC_POL 305-0 Law and Social Policy (1 Unit)  Use and influence of the legal system in and on social institutions and policy.

SOC_POL 306-0 Contemporary Issues in Education (1 Unit)  Current policy issues and major debates in K-12 education. Characteristics and skills of the critical consumer of policy. Topics vary by year.

SOC_POL 307-0 Educational Policy (1 Unit)  Conflict between societal imperatives to select and prepare young people for future careers and to offer youth opportunities; how society and schools address this conflict; various approaches to policy reform.

SOC_POL 310-0 Legal Aspects of Education (1 Unit)  School governance structure and decision making; relevant state and federal legislation; role of the US Supreme Court in affecting public schooling.

SOC_POL 311-0 Social Policy and the United States Health Care System (1 Unit)  Examines the health care delivery system in the United States through a review of US health policy issues.

SOC_POL 312-0 Social Policymaking and Implementation (1 Unit)  Examines the process by which social policies are made, the process and realities of their implementation, and the attendant politics.

SOC_POL 330-0 Economics of Social Policy (1 Unit)  Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the design and effects of social policies. Topics include the social safety net, health insurance, minimum wage, and taxation. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 and SESP 210-0 or equivalent.

SOC_POL 331-0 Economics of Inequality and Discrimination (1 Unit)  Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the causes and consequences of inequality and discrimination. Topics include housing policy, crime, earnings inequality, and the role of education. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 and SESP 210-0 or equivalent.

SOC_POL 332-0 Economics of Education Policy (1 Unit)  Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the design and effects of education policies, including school choice, accountability, education finance, class size policy, and teacher compensation and retention. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 and SESP 210-0 or equivalent.

SOC_POL 351-0 Special Topics in Social Policy (1 Unit)  Advanced work on special topics.