# 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 youths opportunity; 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.