

SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

(3 Credits, Fall/Spring/Summer)

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts, principles, and processes relevant to the study of society and everyday life. The course will examine a diverse range of topics pertaining to human behavior and social structure. A primary focus will be developing a sociological perspective through theory and research. Additionally, discussions of culture, development of the self, micro and macro group processes, deviance, social inequality, social institutions, and social change will be explored. Emphasis will be placed on a contemporary American experience, yet making global connections will also be stressed. *(This CWI course meets Idaho State Board of Education GEM competency requirements for GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing.)* (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 102 Social Problems

(3 Credits, Fall)

This introductory course analyzes a variety of contemporary issues from a sociological perspective. Sociological theory and research methods are used to gain insight into the nature, extent, consequences, and possible solutions to social problems in the United States and globally. This course challenges students to examine their preconceived notions about these social challenges and apply alternate lenses to understand these public issues. Through an emphasis on community engagement, students learn to devise solutions that they are able to implement in their communities and in the world around them. *(This CWI course meets Idaho State Board of Education GEM competency requirements for GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing.)* (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 120 Global Issues

(3 Credits, Fall/Spring)

This course examines social issues from a global perspective. Students explore the connections between the conditions of their everyday lives and global social, political, cultural, and economic issues such as population, poverty, foreign aid, environment, religion, conflict, terrorism, and more. *(This CWI course meets Idaho State Board of Education GEM competency requirements for GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing OR the CWI Global Perspectives requirement. [It will not fulfill both requirements.])* (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 199 Sociology Special Topics

(1-5 Credits, Varies)

This course is designed to permit the offering of special topics appropriate to a student's program. Regular or frequently recurring topics are not offered under this title. The course may be repeated as new topics are presented. (1 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 1 credits)

SOC 220 Sociology of Deviance

(3 Credits, Spring)

This course offers a critical examination of deviance and social control in contemporary society using the sociological perspective. The course will focus on the social processes involved in the construction of deviance, along with its functions and impacts on individuals and society. The challenge for students is to decide where the problem lies, with those labeled deviant or with those doing the labeling. *(This CWI course meets Idaho State Board of Education GEM competency requirements for GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing. It has also been E designated and will fulfill the Ethical Reasoning requirement.)* (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 230 Introduction to Ethnic Studies

(3 Credits, Fall/Spring)

This course examines racial and ethnic relationships in U.S. society. Students will explore the history of various groups and how majority and minority relations become institutionalized. The creation and maintenance of systemic inequality among racial and ethnic groups will be critiqued. This course confronts, challenges, and motivates students to know themselves better and to understand racism, prejudice, and discrimination in society. (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 270 Social Movements

(3 Credits, Fall)

A social movement is an organized effort at changing some aspect of society. This course reviews the major components of social movements. Using historical and contemporary examples, students will explore what makes a social movement successful. This course helps develop the sociological and social skills necessary to be an effective social activist. Students will practice social movement skills by designing a social movement. PREREQ: SOC 101. (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 280 Sociological Research

(3 Credits, Fall)

This course is an introduction to the design of sociological research methods and the systematic analysis of social data. Students will learn how to move from a general question to formulate a researchable question with measurable hypotheses as well as how to design and execute a research project. This course will cover quantitative and qualitative methodological and analytical techniques used in sociology. Students will confront the conceptual and ethical issues encountered while conducting sociological research. (3 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits)

SOC 293 Sociology Internship

(1-3 Credits, Varies)

Internships allow students to apply learning to real-life career possibilities. Credits are earned through supervised fieldwork specifically related to a student's area of study. An Internship Registration Form must be completed and submitted before students are able to register for an internship course. PREREQ: PERM/INST and submission of a completed Internship Registration Form. (0 lecture hours, 3 lab hours, 1 credits)

SOC 296 Sociology Independent Study

(1-10 Credits, Varies)

This is a term long project. Each credit hour is equivalent to 45 hours of work on a project. Students should make arrangements with the instructor in their field of interest. Before enrolling for independent study, a student must obtain approval of the department chair and dean, acting on the recommendation of the instructor who will be supervising the independent study. An Independent Study Registration Form must be completed and turned into a One Stop Student Services location before a student may register for this course. PREREQ: PERM/INST and submission of a completed Independent Study Registration Form. (0 lecture hours, 0 lab hours, 1 credits)

Refer to How to Read Course Descriptions for an explanation of elements found in the course descriptions above.