

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC) - ROCK COUNTY

## Courses

### **SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 Units**

Intro to the basic concepts, theories & methods of Soc., emphasizing the significance of the self & culture, social process & organization, & forces of social stability & change

### **SOC 125 American Society in the Contemporary World 3 Units**

Explores contemporary U.S. society in an international & comparative context. Focuses on social structure & institutions, cultural values, the forces of change & the web of relations among countries.

### **SOC 130 Contemporary Social Problems 3 Units**

Sociological analysis of the nature, extent, causes, & potential solutions to selected major social problems such as poverty & wealth, racial & gender discrimination, crime & violence, drug abuse, family problems, quality of education, inadequate health care, population problems, intergroup conflict, & threats to the Env..

### **SOC 160 Sociology of Human Sexuality 3 Units**

Sociological overview of issues in human sexuality. Course is based on sociological investigations of the origins, nature & biosocial consequences of varying customs & ideals of human sexuality. Among topics that may be covered are: sex & family life, contraception, abortion & social power, violations of sexual norms & ideas about sexual propriety, origins & impact of sexual liberation movements, sociosexual aspects of epidemics, sociological interpretations of sexual dissatisfactions.

### **SOC 205 Global Social Problems 3 Units**

Sociological analysis of the nature, extent, causes, & potential solutions to global social problems such as consumerism, poverty & wealth, human rights, population growth & hunger, health issues, militarism & terrorism, & threats to the Env.. Prereq: Not recommended for first-Sem. students.

### **SOC 210 Sociology of Sport 3 Units**

A Surv. of the past & present roles sport has played within our society including its impact on the educational system, the media, the family & economic structures. Areas including heritage, social status, personality & race will be addressed. Primary emphasis given to sports in the U.S..

### **SOC 220 Sociology of Marriage and the Family 3 Units**

Marriage & the family as social institutions in a changing world. Historical changes & societal variations in family patterns. Changes over the life cycle. Explores the sources & consequences of a variety of family forms.

### **SOC 231 Crime and Criminal Justice 3 Units**

Explores the nature of crime & reviews ideas about definitions, causes, & solutions. Includes an Intro to the day-to-day functioning of the criminal justice system, the police, lawyers, courts, & correctional personnel.

### **SOC 234 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity 3 Units**

The experience of American racial, religious, ethnic & nationality groups. The nature of intergroup relations in the U.S.. Relationship of intergroup dynamics to social change, & to basic ideological, technological, & institutional structures & processes. Emphasis on social conflict over the distribution of economic & political power, family patterns, housing, education & access to the legal system.

### **SOC 238 Sociological Perspectives on Gender 3 Units**

(SOC 238 & GSW 238 are the same course.) A sociological examination of roles assigned to women & men in society, including the experiences of marriage, parenthood, employment & occupational attainment. Pays particular attention to gender role socialization & its cultural reinforcement, to patterns of gender relations & to ongoing changes.

### **SOC 246 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Units**

Examines the theories of the nature, causes, consequences, & prevention of juvenile misbehavior through examination of historic changes in the definition & frequency of juvenile offenses. Controversies over the practice of distinguishing juvenile crime & misbehavior from adult crime. Controversies over the treatment & punishment of juveniles, in connection with the activities of juvenile courts, parents & school officials, local communities, police departments, politicians, networks of attorneys & treatment personnel, & correctional authorities.

### **SOC 249 Comparative Criminology 3 Units**

This course explores the links between crime, social organization, history & penal policy in various countries, with reference to the U.S.. It examines definitions of crime & forms of organization of criminal justice systems on the background of different legal traditions & penal philosophies. This global focus is exp'd through analyses of the impact of globalization on crime & on criminal justice & the utilization of international electronic resources.

PREREQ: SOC 231 OR SOC 246 OR POL 120 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

### **SOC 250 People, Organizations, and Society 3 Units**

Role of organizations, including business, governmental, & educational, in American society. Impact of organizations on members & clients, the internal dynamics of organizations, & the interchange between organizations & their Env., including the society as a whole.

### **SOC 270 Introduction to World Population 3 Units**

Determinants & consequences of population size & growth. Changing levels of fertility, mortality, & migration rates & patterns & their social & economic implications. Examination of population policy in countries at various stages of economic development, e.g., international labor migration, China's one-child policy, U.S. immigration laws, euthanasia policy in the Netherl&s, controversies over international aid for population regulation, influence of world religions on population policy.

### **SOC 275 Sociology of Religion 3 Units**

(REL 275 & SOC 275 are the same course.) A sociological approach to the study of religion, its institutional forms, aims, & impact on society. Attention is given to the theories of the Soc. of religion & to the interaction of religion & the social, political, & economic structures of society. Special emphasis is given to those religions which influence U.S. society.

### **SOC 285 Sociology of Health and Illness 3 Units**

Sociological perspectives on health & illness, with special attention to changes in patterns of illness & death as they relate to broader socio-economic changes & to changes in orientation & organization of health care providers. Among major topics that the course covers are: competing theories of disease & death trends; social circumstances under which epidemics emerge & are curbed; public health & medical center models of providing health care & preventing disease, injury, & death; organization of health care providers; comparisons among health systems.

### **SOC 291 Selected Topics in Sociology 1-3 Units**

A specific topic in an instructor's area of special competence. When offered, the particular topic is indicated in the campus timetable.

**SOC 294 Practice in Applied Sociology 1-3 Units**

An individually arranged internship in an area museum, field site, public agency, or other organizations for students to gain practical experience as field researchers. The internship is intended for advanced students with prior Soc. coursework. Students will work under the supervision of a department member & receive credit based on hours employed & completion of a final report summarizing how their experiences reflect classroom learning & how they will apply their experience in future work. Repeatable for a maximum of six credits.

PREREQ: PREVIOUS SOC COURSE OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

**SOC 299 Independent Reading in Sociology 1-3 Units**

A prerequisite or cons. instr. may be required

**SOC 335 Introductory Social Psychology 3 Units**

Intro to the general area of social psychology with focus on social interaction & Soc.'s contributions to the study of small groups & subcultures; topics include Socialization, motivation, attitudes, values, communications, leadership.

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**SOC 355 Sociology of the Environment 3 Units**

Explores the socio-cultural foundations of our relationship with the natural Env.. Examines the relationship between Env.al degradation & social, political, & economic structures. Explores beliefs & values about the Env. & their expression in various forms of Env.alism & Env.al movements. Also analyzes the presentation of Env.al issues in cultural, political, & scientific domains.

**SOC 357 Social Research Methods 3 Units**

An Intro to the logic & the methods of quantitative & qualitative research designs as they apply to the analysis of societies. Includes problem identification & conceptualization, procedures for testing social theories, hypothesis construction, & a variety of quantitative & qualitative data collection & evaluation techniques. The course includes classroom study & field research.

PREREQ: PREVIOUS SOC COURSE OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR