

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

## **SOC 7110 Seminar in Sociology of Religion 3 cr**

A comparative and analytical study of religion with particular reference to such areas as integration, change, ideology, value orientation, normative structures, social class, intergroup relations, personality systems.

## **SOC 7120 Seminar in Sociology of Education 3 cr**

An analytical treatment of the influence of education, as a basic social institution, on society its functions in socialization, change, control, social mobility, social progress, etc. and the influence of society on the organization, content, and goals of education.

## **SOC 7160 Selected Topics 3 cr**

An intensive study of the contemporary research and theory in a selected field of sociology. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

## **SOC 7190 Seminar in Selected Topics in Sociological Theory 3 cr**

The content of this course may vary from year to year, depending on interest and need. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

## **SOC 7240 Seminar in Selected Topics in Research and Methods 3 cr**

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## **SOC 7280 Seminar in Theoretical Criminology 3 cr**

An advanced course dealing with theory and research in the field of criminology with emphasis placed on an evaluation of existing theories of crime, law, and social justice.

## **SOC 7300 Seminar in the Sociology of Law and Social Control 3 cr**

A critical examination of classical and contemporary sociological theories of law and social control and their import for understanding substantive issues relating to the law-society relationship.

## **SOC 7310 Seminar in Intergroup Relations 3 cr**

This seminar will provide an opportunity for detailed study of intergroup (religious, racial, and ethnic) relations in contemporary Canadian society. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

## **SOC 7320 Seminar in Political Sociology 3 cr**

A critical examination of classical and contemporary sociological theories and current empirical research concerned with the relationship between politics and society. Particular emphasis is placed upon the origin, development, nature and future of the welfare state from a comparative perspective.

## **SOC 7340 Seminar in the Sociology of the Family 3 cr**

This seminar investigates various conceptual frameworks which are developing in the study of the family today, including research problems and procedures unique to such study. Various approaches will be examined.

## **SOC 7350 Advanced Reading and Research 1 3 cr**

Directed study of a selected area within the general field of sociology. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

## **SOC 7370 Issues in Health Care Seminar 3 cr**

An advanced seminar designed to examine current issues in health care. The content of this course may vary from year to year depending on interest and need.

## **SOC 7390 Survey Research Methods 3 cr**

Through the use of secondary electronic data sources, students learn all aspects of survey research. Topics covered include: sampling, question and questionnaire construction, index construction and scaling methods, techniques of establishing validity and reliability, order effects, conducting interviews, coding, data analysis, and budgeting. Previous experience with multivariate data analysis at the undergraduate level is strongly encouraged.

## **SOC 7400 Advanced Quantitative Research Methods 3 cr**

This course emphasizes the understanding and application of advanced quantitative data analysis techniques to sociological research problems. Issues in regression decomposition, path analysis, log-linear analysis, discriminant function analysis, principal components and factor analysis, as well as non-parametric statistical tests are covered as they relate to sociological research concerns. Statistical packages are used to illustrate sociological examples.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [SOC 4570 or the former SOC 4480] or written consent of department head.

## **SOC 7420 Qualitative Research Methods for Sociological Inquiry 3 cr**

This course provides an overview of methodologies of qualitative research for sociological inquiry. Discussion focuses on the ontological and epistemological foundations of qualitative methods and the variety of approaches and techniques available within interpretive and critical paradigms. Issues such as sampling, reflexivity, analysis, interpretation, theoretical development, rigor and representation will be discussed.

## **SOC 7430 Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory 3 cr**

A critical examination of certain central aspects of the sociological tradition. The content of this course may vary from year to year depending on interest and need.

## **SOC 7440 Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory 3 cr**

An examination of current trends in sociological theory. The content of this course may vary from year to year depending on interest and need.

## **SOC 7450 Selected Topics in Criminology 3 cr**

An advanced seminar in a selected area of criminology. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

## **SOC 7470 Evaluating Social Programs 3 cr**

Designed as a course in applied sociology, students will review the models and methodologies used for evaluating social programs. The course will introduce the necessary conceptual and analytic tools to design and carry out program evaluations.

## **SOC 7480 Social Inequality 3 cr**

A critical examination of classical and contemporary theories and current empirical research concerned with various dimensions of social inequality (such as class, gender and race) and social stratification from a comparative perspective.

## **SOC 7490 Globalization 3 cr**

A sociological examination of the globalization of trade, production and finance, including the creation of multilateral trading blocs (e.g., APEC, EU, NAFTA) and international organizations (e.g., WTO, IMF, the World Bank) and their impact upon social inequality, the welfare state and the environment in developed and developing nations.