SY 221 Introduction to Sociology (3)
Basic concepts, principles, and methods of sociological analysis are examined. Subject areas include culture, socialization, groups, communities, institutions, social inequality, and social change.

SY 222 Honors Introduction to Sociology (3)
Basic concepts, principles, and methods of sociological analysis are examined. Writing intensive, the primary goal is to teach students how to critically evaluate the world around them and their place in it using the sociological imagination.

SY 223 Social Problems (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222.
An application of the sociological perspective to understanding important contemporary social issues and the social actions and policies that attempt to address them. Students develop critical thinking skills as they explore social problems, solutions and social change. Topics focus on inequality (race/ethnicity, class, gender, etc.) embedded in social institutions.

SY 301 Sociological Methods (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222.
Sociological Methods involves various methodologies researchers utilize to produce scientifically based knowledge about society. Methods are any application of methodology, and methodology attempts to answer the question: how do you know? This course is an introduction to theory, design, collection, and analysis of data in sociology with particular focus given to various techniques by which sociological data are examined.

SY 303 Computers and Data Analysis (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 301 or SY 304 or CS 201.
Computers are used in the analysis of survey data. Commonly used software packages, such as SPSS, are employed.

SY 304 Social Statistics (3)
Prerequisite(s): MS 100 or higher.
An introduction to use of statistics in the social sciences, with an examination of measures of association and dispersion, scaling, probability, and tests of significance.

SY 308 American Society and Culture (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
A Sociological Analysis of American Society and Culture, this course will examine the basic institutions in American society such as family, education, religion, politics, and economy. It analyzes the roll of organizations in society. It discusses the origin of American culture and the nature of popular culture.

SY 309 Sociology of Disability (3)
This course addresses the human responses to and facilitation of the concept of disability. The emphasis will be to connect the relationship among theory, epistemology, power relationships, and the social construction of disability. When the course is over, you should have a deeper understanding of social theory, the history of disabilities, and also how the concept of disabilities impacts our lives today.

SY 310 Modern Family (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222.
A study of origin and evolution of the modern family as a social institution and as a social group with emphasis on how family is impacted by other institutions (economy, state, media, religion, etc.) as well as inequalities (gender, sexualities, race, class, etc.) impacted by other institutions (economy, state, media, religion, etc.)

SY 313 Social Psychology (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
A survey of traditional and contemporary theories in social psychology regarding their applicability to everyday life, including such approaches as cognitive theory, reinforcement theory, symbolic interaction, and humanistic theories.

SY 315 Deviant Behavior (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
Introduction to the social and cultural factors related to human deviance. Special attention is given to the study of various theories of deviant behavior.

SY 320 Criminology (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
This course is an introduction to the study of criminology. Its focus is on the nature of crime, the nature and development of law, the criminal justice system, and theories of crime.

SY 322 Juvenile Delinquency (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
Popular misconceptions; delinquency trends; police and juveniles; programs of prevention; detention centers; juvenile courts, probation; theories of causation; corrections.

SY 324 Social Stratification (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
Causes, characteristics, and consequences of inequality are examined. Differences in wealth, power, and prestige are considered in the community, society, and between societies.

SY 325 Sociology of Organization (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
Simple and complex organizations are examined regarding their structures, functions, conflicts, and changes. Major theories are presented along with empirical studies of organizational behavior.

SY 326 Sociology of Education (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
The school is examined as a major social institution and socializing agent in American society. The formal and informal structure of the school, its influence upon the responses to the wider community institutions, and primary functions of the school system are examined. Teacher-student relationships, the classroom as a social system, and equality of educational opportunity will be considered.

SY 340 Perspectives on Death and Dying (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221.
An examination of the attitudes of differing cultures and subcultures toward death, which encourages students to supplement relevant readings by discussing personal attitudes toward death and dying. Current research in this topic will be explored by lectures, films, and readings. By better understanding death and dying, students can explore in this course opportunities for growth and for improving the quality of life. SY 340 is cross-listed with SW 371, but only one course can be counted for credit.

SY 350 Sociology of Disasters (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222.
The course applies a sociological perspective to trace the study of disasters, emphasizing how social inequalities constitute varying degrees of risk and destruction throughout pre, impact and post disaster stages. This course examines social structure and social process as they interact with disaster conditions.
Theories of Gender (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222.
Theories of Gender will examine various theories of gender; how gender shapes interactions in everyday life; and how gender works in various social institutions (education, work, family, politics, media, etc.) and challenges to gendered systems.

Aging and Human Development (3)
An examination of aging in the United States. Primarily a sociological perspective but deals with the psychological and biological aspects of aging, as well as contemporary demographic, economic, and political trends. SY 370 is cross-listed with SW 370, but only one course can be counted for credit.

Sociology Internship (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221, advanced standing and approval of instructor. Business/corporate settings.

Independent Study (3)
Prerequisite(s): Students seeking admission must have advanced standing and secure approval of instructor and head of department.

Contemporary Social Theory (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222 plus 12 hours of sociology courses or permission of instructor.
An examination of the major trends in social thought after WWII.

Classical Social Theory (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221 or SY 222 plus 12 hours of sociology courses or permission of instructor.
An examination of the major trends in social thought up to WWII.

Study Tour (3)
Topics, excursions, and requirements determined by department. May be duplicated for credit; however, only three (3) credits may be applied toward any major or minor. Infrequently scheduled and subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Advance deposit required.

Advanced Seminar in Sociology (3)
An opportunity for the student with advanced standing to explore areas of special interest.

Independent Study (3)
Prerequisite(s): Students seeking admission must have advanced standing and secure approval of instructor and head of department.
An opportunity for the student with advanced standing to explore areas of special interest.

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Prerequisite(s): Students seeking admission must have advanced standing and secure approval of instructor and head of department.
An opportunity for the student with advanced standing to explore areas of special interest.

Field observation and experiences in agencies or organizations engaged in planning or administering programs for older people or providing direct services to older people. Seminar analysis of these experiences.

Sociology Internship (3)
Prerequisite(s): SY 221, advanced standing and approval of instructor. Business/corporate settings.

Independent Study (3)
Prerequisite(s): Students seeking admission must have advanced standing and secure approval of instructor and head of department.
An opportunity for the student with advanced standing to explore areas of special interest.
**SY 482 Advanced Seminar in Sociology (3)**
Prerequisite(s): SY 221, advanced standing and approval of instructor.
An examination of current issues in sociology. The content of the course will vary each semester.

**SY 495 Advanced Seminar in Aging (3)**
Prerequisite(s): SY 370, advanced standing and approval of instructor.
An examination of current issues in aging.

**SY 499 Senior Sociology Seminar (3)**
Prerequisite(s): SY 301, 304 and 427; or approval of instructor.
A summary and reintegration of fundamental concepts in sociology. Career paths are also discussed. Offered Spring only.