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SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

The Department of Sociology focuses on applied sociology and anthropology, especially the analysis of social and cultural issues, policies and trends in Appalachia. We also offer courses in social theory, with an emphasis on inequality.

Applicants for admission to the graduate program are expected to present a minimum of twelve hours of undergraduate sociology courses and Graduate Record Examination. A student must file a Plan of Study with the advisor and the Graduate College office prior to registration for the 12th credit hour, including Sociology 503 and 545.

To complete the requirements for the master's degree, graduate students must select either the thesis or the non-thesis option. The thesis option requires completion of 32 hours of work, including 1-6 hours of thesis in Sociology 681 and a minor of 6 hours. The non-thesis option requires completion of 36 hours, including Sociology 679 and a minor of 6 hours. Sociology 503, 521, 545, and 601 are required for either option.

A minor in sociology is earned by presenting at least two 500- or 600-courses (at least 6 hours total) in Sociology as approved by the student's advisor and the Sociology Department.

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ANTHROPOLOGY (ANT)

(See Sociology)

505 Applied Anthropology. 3 hrs.
Principles of applied anthropology in community development. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or sociology or equivalent)

526 African Cultures. 3 hrs.
Comparative analysis of ethnic groups of Africa using archaeological and ethnographic data. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology, or equivalent)

527 Ethnic Relations. 3 hrs.
Analysis of cultural contact situations with emphasis on the role of western Europe cultures. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or equivalent)

530 The Native Americans. 3 hrs.
Comparative analysis of the indigenous inhabitants of North America using archaeological end ethnographic data. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or equivalent)

537 World Cultures: An Anthropological View. 3 hrs.
Anthropological analysis of the major culture areas of the world. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or permission)

541 Oceania. 3 hrs.
Comparative analysis of the indigenous peoples and cultures of Melanesia and Polynesia using archaeological and ethnographic data. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or permission)

543 Anthropological Theory. 3 hrs.
Introduction to ethnological theory and to the development of grounded theory. (PR: 6 credit hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

551 Anthropological Analysis. 3 hrs.
Application of anthropological theory and practice to individually designed projects. (PR: ANT 201)

555 Appalachian Cultures. 3 hrs.
Analysis of the Cultures of Appalachia. (PR: 6 hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

561 Theory and Analysis in Archaeology. 3 hrs.
An introduction to archaeological theory and its application to the material record of cultures, past and present (PR: 6 credit hours of anthropology or departmental permission)

570 Appalachian Field Experience I. 3 hrs.
Supervised field work in an Appalachian community studying the social and cultural characteristics of the area. Four afternoons each week plus one class hour. (PR: ANT 455, or equivalent)

571 Appalachian Field Experience II. 3 hrs.
Supervised field work in an Appalachian community studying the social and cultural characteristics of the area. Four afternoons each week plus one class hour. (PR: ANT 555)

580-583 Special Topics. 1-4 hrs.
Study of topics of interest not covered in regularly scheduled classes. (PR: Graduate status and permission)

585-588 Independent Study. 1-4 hrs.
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled classes. (PR: Graduate status and permission)

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501 Population and Human Ecology. 3 hrs.
The course focuses on population and its relation to characteristics of environment. Specifically, it is designed to discuss the interaction of population processes and resources.

503 Social Research II. 3 hrs.
Intermediate social research methodology with emphasis on research design. 2 lec-2 lab. (Required of all M.A. candidates). (PR: SOC 344, 345 or equivalent)

508 The Family. 3 hrs.
Theoretical analysis of the family as a primary social institution. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

513 Social Movements and Social Change. 3 hrs.
Analysis of large-scale social change, including intentional social movements and revolutions. (PR: SOC 200)

520 Criminology. 3 hrs.
An overview of sociological criminology, including an examination of explanations of criminal behavior, types of criminal activity, and an analysis of the criminal justice system. (PR: SOC 200 and SOC 311 or permission)

521 Sociological Theory. 3 hrs.
Examination of the emergence and development of theoretical orientations in Sociology. (PR: SOC 200)

523 Social Class, Power and Conflict. 3 hrs.
Theoretical analysis of economic and political inequality and the role of social conflict in the process of large-scale social organization. (PR: SOC 200)

525 Race and Ethnicity. 3 hrs.
Diverse theoretical approaches to the meaning of race and ethnicity and the character of racial/ethnic relations, with substantive focus primarily on the U.S. (PR: SOC 200)

528 Medical Sociology. 3 hrs.
Social organization of modern medicine and allied health delivery systems. (PR: SOC 200 or departmental permission)

532 Sociology of Appalachia. 3 hrs.
Study of the economics, politics, and social relations of Appalachia, including contemporary debates. (PR: SOC 200)

533 Industrial Sociology. 3 hrs.
Study of the organization and structure of the workplant as a social system; the meaning and organization of work; managerial functions; management-labor relations; and human relations in industry. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

535 Juvenile Delinquency. 3 hrs.
A sociological analysis of juvenile crime, including a review of the origins of juvenile delinquency, an evaluation of causal theories, and an overview of the juvenile justice system. (PR: SOC 200 and SOC 311 or permission)

540 Introduction to the Sociology of Aging. 3 hrs.
An introduction to the social processes and consequences of growing older for both the individual and society. (PR: SOC 200)

542 Urban Sociology. 3 hrs.
The sociology of urban and metropolitan communities. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

543 Evaluation Research. 3 hrs.
Analysis and application of theories and methods for assessing the outcomes of applied organizational services and programs to affect change in people and for social conditions. (PR: SOC 200)

545 Social Statistics II. 3 hrs.
Intermediate level statistical analysis, including analysis of variance and covariance. 2 lec-2 lab. (Required of all M.A. candidates). (PR: SOC 345 or equivalent)

550 Sociology of Religion. 3 hrs.
An investigation into the nature of religion as a social phenomenon. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

552 Sociology of Death & Dying. 3 hrs.
The study of death and dying as a societal and cultural phenomenon. Explores how institutions within our society deal with death. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

555 Sociology of Sex and Gender. 3 hrs.
Analysis of social differentiation and inequality by gender, with a focus on the contemporary U.S. (PR: SOC 200)

564 Complex Organizations. 3 hrs.
Analysis of complex organizations with special attention given to bureaucratic organization. (PR: SOC 200)

570-571 Sociological Field Experience. 3; 3 hrs.
Supervised field work in a social organization or community working on practical problems. (PR: SOC 406 or 506 or permission)

580-583 Special Topics. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.
Study of topics not covered in regularly scheduled courses. (PR: Graduate majors, SOC 200 or permission)

585-588 Independent Study. 1-4; 1-4; 1-4; 1-4 hrs.
Individual study of topics not offered in regularly scheduled courses. (PR: For majors only; advance departmental permission is required)

597-598 Instructional Television Course. 1-4 hrs.
A course based upon Instructional Television Series broadcast by public television. The student is responsible for viewing the series on the air and satisfying all course requirements announced by the department.

601 Advanced Sociological Theory. 3 hrs.
Examination of current issues and controversies in Sociological theory. (PR: SOC 421 or SOC 521)

602 Contemporary Social Change. 3 hrs.
Theories of social change and their uses in analyzing social change of today. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

603-604 Behavioral Science I and II. 3; 3 hrs.
Seminar in behavioral science theory. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

615 Applied Demography. 3 hrs.
The focus of this course is to study the application of the principles and methods of demography to decision making and planning problems in both public and private setting. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

620 Criminology. 3 hrs.
Seminar in crime and delinquency. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

640 Problems and Prospects for an Aging Society. 3 hrs.
Seminar in current and anticipated social consequences of aging for individuals and society and societal responses to this process. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

655 Feminist Social Theory. 3 hrs.
Diverse theoretical perspectives on the origins and nature of gender, inequality. Emphasis on contemporary debates and their political implications. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

668 Seminar. 1-3 hrs.
Topics vary from semester to semester. (PR: SOC 200 or permission)

679 Problem Report. 1-3 hrs.
The preparation of a written report on a research problem or field study in sociology under direction of member of graduate faculty. (PR: Departmental permission)

681 Thesis. 1-6 hrs. I, II, S.
Individual research in a selected field of sociology under the direction of a graduate faculty member of the department. (PR: Admission to candidacy and staff approval of thesis proposal.)