Sociology (SOCL)

SOCL 408G Survey Applications 3 Hours
Student involvement in the design, conduct, analysis, and dissemination of an actual social survey research project. 
Prerequisite(s): SOCL 300 and SOCL 302 or their equivalent and permission of instructor.

SOCL 420G Political Sociology 3 Hours
Political behavior within a sociological perspective. Includes social cohesion, legitimacy, political socialization, and power structures. 
Prerequisite(s): Nine hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOCL 434G Organized Crime 3 Hours
The study of both traditional and nontraditional organized crime from a sociological perspective. 
Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing.

SOCL 435G Family Violence 3 Hours
This course is designed to provide the student with a sociological perspective on family violence in the United States. Emphasis is placed on child abuse and wife abuse. Research, theory, laws, treatment and prevention are analyzed. 
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology.

SOCL 440G Medical Sociology 3 Hours
Comprehensive examination of the social organization of the health care industry in the U.S. Focus on origins and development of medicine, social epidemiology, the social construction of illness and illness behavior, the professionalization of medicine and patterns of social interaction between health providers and patients.

SOCL 450G Occupations and Professions 3 Hours
Deals with occupation specialization and the nature of occupational organization. Examines a variety of occupations and professions to determine the place of work in the lives of their members. 
Prerequisite(s): SOCL 346 or consent of instructor.

SOCL 470G Environmental Sociology 3 Hours
Explores environmental thought within the sciences and the general public, including shifting worldviews, social movements and social structural change associated with sustainability, environmental justice, and the rights of nature. 
Prerequisite(s): ENG 300, three credit hours of sociology, or consent of instructor.

SOCL 489G Sociology Study Abroad 1-3 Hours (repeatable max of 3 hrs)
Sociological and cultural study in international locations. No more than three hours may be applied toward the M.A. in sociology. 
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor.

SOCL 500 Seminar Teaching Sociology 2 Hours
Workshop for students who plan to teach sociology.

SOCL 501 Practicum in the Teaching of Sociology 1 Hour
Seminar for students who are teaching sociology. 
Prerequisite(s): SOCL 500 and 16 additional graduate hours in sociology.

SOCL 505 Proseminar in Sociology 1 Hour
Socializes graduate students into the discipline and profession of sociology and acquaints them with department faculty and their interests. 
Prerequisite(s): First-year graduate student standing in Sociology program.

Grade Mode: Pass/Fail

SOCL 510 Qualitative Methods of Social Research 3 Hours
Covers epistemological and philosophical bases of qualitative inquiry; research design and data analysis in participant observation, in-depth interviewing, hermeneutic content analysis, and discourse analysis; issues in validity, reliability, and ethics of qualitative research. 
Prerequisite(s): Admission to program or consent of instructor.

SOCL 512 Sociological Theory 3 Hours
Analysis of current sociological theories, including a survey of recent approaches to the construction and application of systematic theoretical models.

SOCL 513 Quantitative Methods of Social Research 3 Hours
Covers concept definition, model building, and research design appropriate to problem and data. Includes a review of representative research studies to acquaint the sociology major with advanced social research methodology, techniques, and procedures. 
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOCL 514 Advanced Social Statistics 3 Hours
Deals with forms of statistical analysis commonly applied to sociological research data. Includes multiple and partial correlation and regression, one- and two-way analysis of variance, path and nonlinear function analysis, interaction effects, and introduction to factor analysis. 
Prerequisite(s): Basic statistics at the undergraduate level or consent of instructor.

SOCL 515 Advanced Data Analysis 3 Hours
Deals with multivariate forms of statistical analyses commonly applied to quantitative sociological research data. Covers applications and extensions of the general linear model, including dummy variable regression, analysis of variance and covariance, etc. 
Prerequisite(s): SOCL 513, SOCL 514 or equivalent.

SOCL 525 Survey of Criminal Justice Studies 3 Hours
Survey of the development and implementation of the criminal justice system and the societal responses that emerged to deal with the social problem of crime.

SOCL 530 Penology 3 Hours
Examination of theories, research, laws, and public policies associated with punishment on a social control mechanism. Emphasis on social purposes and efficiency of correctional institutions.

SOCL 531 Deviant Behavior 3 Hours
Deals with types of deviant behavior with emphasis on criminality, delinquency, drug addiction, and alcoholism. Also covers current sociological theory and research in the field. 
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOCL 532 Criminology 3 Hours
Theories of crime causation and current research in the areas of criminology and corrections and methodological research considerations. 
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or permission of instructor.

SOCL 533 Criminology and Law 3 Hours
Examine the structure, organization, and content of criminal law. Topics include development and elements of law as they relate to social control.

SOCL 534 Neighborhoods and Crime 3 Hours
Overview of ecology of crime, with emphasis on criminological theories, factors that influence neighborhood-level crime rates, and effects that neighborhood characteristics have on individuals.

SOCL 535 Family Violence 3 Hours
Examination of family violence within the United States. Emphasis placed on spousal violence and child abuse but also on violence within other intimate relationships.

SOCL 536 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Hours
Analysis of current issues relating to children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

SOCL 537 Comparative Criminology 3 Hours
Survey of theoretical and empirical work examining the structural and cultural forces influencing cross-national crime patterns and trends, international law, and specific legal systems.
SOCL 538  Victimology  3 Hours
Survey of the major theories and research in victimology. Topics include violent victimization, sexual assault, child abuse, and response of criminal justice system to victims.

SOCL 541  Demography  3 Hours
A review of the demographic processes such as mortality, fertility, and migration, with emphasis on measurements, methods, and analytical techniques.
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or permission of instructor.

SOCL 542  Community  3 Hours
Ecological and social concepts of the community and its structure and function.
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOCL 545  Rural Poverty  3 Hours
Explores the nature and scope of poverty in contemporary rural America. Current theories of and policy solutions to poverty will be critically examined. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation for optional field trips.

SOCL 546  Gender, Crime, and Justice  3 Hours
Examines crime, criminal justice, and gender. Explores how constructions of masculinity, femininity, and features of sexuality affect victims, offenders, and professionals in the criminal justice system.

SOCL 547  Life-course Criminology  3 Hours
Examination of theories and empirical research associated with onset, escalation, persistence, and desistance of violent offending over the human life-course.

SOCL 548  Race, Class, and Crime  3 Hours
Examination of relationships between race and social class in crime patterns and in the etiology of offending and victimization.

SOCL 551  Sociology of the Family  3 Hours
Analysis of the family institution; the impact of modern culture on the family.
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or consent of instructor.

SOCL 561  Advanced Social Interaction: Self in Society  3 Hours
The self in social environment, especially face-to-face interaction as individuals interpret, influence, and react to others' actions. Emphasis on identity, roles, and definitions of the situation.
Prerequisite(s): Six hours of sociology or permission of the instructor.

SOCL 571  Topical Seminar Sociology  3 Hours (repeatable max of 9 hrs)
Significant topics, issues, or developments in the discipline.

SOCL 572  Environmental Criminology  3 Hours
Explores criminological solutions to environmental problems. Issues addressed include the nature of environmental offenders and victims, environmental justice, and criminal justice solutions to specific environmental problems.

SOCL 595  Directed Study  1-3 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)
Individual research in a specific area of sociology in close cooperation with supervising faculty.
Prerequisite(s): Consent of instructor and department head.

SOCL 596  Applied Research Project  3 Hours
Students will work with an advisor/mentor to develop an applied research project that incorporates information learned in the Master of Arts in Criminology Curriculum.

SOCL 598  Internship in Sociology  3-6 Hours
Practical experience in a supervised work situation with a cooperating agency.
Prerequisite(s): Twenty-four graduate credit hours earned and the research tool successfully completed.

SOCL 599  Thesis Research/Writing  1-6 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)
Thesis research and writing directed by faculty committee.
Grade Mode: Pass/Fail

SOCL 600  Maintain Matriculation  1-6 Hours (repeatable max of 6 hrs)
Continued enrollment for thesis completion.
Grade Mode: Non-graded