

### **SOCI 3334: Religion and Society**

#### ***3 Credit Hours***

This course examines religion as a social institution in historical, comparative, and contemporary terms. World religions and new religious movements are studied as sociocultural processes involving the need to know, to deal with problems and to adapt to change.

### **SOCI 3344: Biotechnology and Social Change**

#### ***3 Credit Hours***

This course is designed to examine the multiple manifestations of biotechnology and their social change implications. The course locates the biotechnology revolution in the broader socio-historical context within which it is emerging. The course focuses on the examination of the ways in which the development and deployment of biotechnology are transforming the cultural and institutional character of modern societies. This includes an examination of social, ethical/moral and legal/legislative issues and their impact on policy.

### **SOCI 3350: Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender**

#### ***3 Credit Hours***

The primary objective of this course is to understand how race, class, and gender intersect to fundamentally shape social interaction, conditions, and institutions in American society. This course examines the ways in which race, class, and gender are socially constructed and how they interconnect to create and maintain systems of privilege and inequality.

### **SOCI 3354: Social Class and Mobility**

#### ***3 Credit Hours***

This course examines social class and hierarchy in America. Issues in empowerment, equality, styles of life, and the nature of poverty and social mobility will be highlighted.

### **SOCI 3360: Sociology of Violence**

#### ***3 Credit Hours***

This course examines the root causes and consequences of violent behavior exhibited by individuals in our society. Topics covered include the social and cultural contexts that breed violence, society's influence on specific crimes, and human social behavior.