SOCI 3304: Social Organization

3 Credit Hours

This course is an introduction to large scale social organizations, with an emphasis on bureaucracy. It examines both the formal and informal aspects of bureaucracy, including topics ranging from power and authority, to centralization and decentralization, red tape, and professionalism.

SOCI 3305: Research Methods in Sociology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 and SOCI 2210

This course provides an introduction to concepts and techniques used in social science research. Students acquire a foundational understanding of research methods in sociology, learn how to link theory and data, and examine the ethical considerations required for social research.

Notes: Offered as an online course.

SOCI 3310: Introduction to Gerontology

3 Credit Hours

This course provides an introduction to the multi-disciplinary field of gerontology which provides an overview of the sociology, psychology, and the physiology of aging. Students will consider research and theories of aging as well as participate in field trip experiences in gerontological settings. A key goal is to develop a more realistic perception of the aging process.

SOCI 3314: Race and Ethnicity

3 Credit Hours

This course addresses the social construction of racial and ethnic categories and inequalities between various groups. Topics of study include immigration, prejudice, discrimination, segregation, and racism, as well as ways to address current problems of racial and ethnic conflict.