

SOCI 4434: Emerging Social Issues in Africa

3 Credit Hours

This course examines current social, political and economic trends and issues in Africa, including a critical analysis of transformations in contemporary African societies. This course frames Africa's sociopolitical history around the notion of "contact" in the eras of pre-European "contact", European "contact and domination" (trade, slavery, colonialism, and imperialism), and post-colonial political formations, including military adventurism. This course also examines social movements and other forms of resistance, including an examination of Pan-Africanism and anti-colonial nationalisms.

SOCI 4435: Sociology of South Asia

3 Credit Hours

This course examines social change and development in the South Asian societies through a historically informed analysis of social institutions in the region. Some of the key themes explored include contested histories, identity politics and nationalism, democratization, growth, poverty, and inequality. The course includes case studies from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, but its main focus is on India.

SOCI 4442: Deviance and Social Control

3 Credit Hours

This course presents a survey of the nature, causes, and consequences of deviant behavior. It provides an analysis of the problems of definition, identification, explanation, and social reaction to violations of institutional expectations and presents techniques of social control.

SOCI 4443: Medical Sociology

3 Credit Hours

This course provides an analysis of (1) the social processes affecting conditions of health and illness and (2) the cluster of social relationships and organizations that comprise the social institution of health. It emphasizes the sociocultural factors that influence definitions of health and illness, causes, preventions and treatments, cross-cultural and interclass comparisons of stress, delivery of health care, mental illness, death and dying, and health care professionals.