

### **SOCI 4444: Social Movements and Social Change**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

This course examines theories and empirical research on social movements, why, how, and when they emerge, develop, and effect social change, along with technological, economic, organizational, and political forces for social change.

### **SOCI 4445: Sociology of Mental Illness**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the social aspects of mental illness. Topics include the history of mental illness, definitions, diagnoses, treatment institutions, and social factors that influence severity and course. The course will consider the characterization of "mental disorders" as "diseases," the applicability of a resocialization model, and ethical issues.

### **SOCI 4464: Population and Demography**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

This course is concerned with virtually everything that influences, or can be influenced, by population size, distribution, processes, structure, or characteristics. This course addresses the causes and consequences of population change, such as fertility, mortality, migration, technology, lifestyle and culture. Changes in population affect health and illness, the environment and its capacity, urbanization, family and household formation, aging, the labor force, poverty, government policies and business marketing strategies.

### **SOCI 4490: Special Topics in Sociology**

#### **1-3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor and department chair.*

Selected topics of interest to faculty and students.

### **SOCI 4499: Senior Seminar in Sociology**

#### **3 Credit Hours**

*Prerequisite: SOCI 3300 and SOCI 3305*

This capstone course is designed to complete the major by integrating theory, research, and sociological issues from divergent specialty areas of the sociology curriculum. Students synthesize the material from previous sociology courses, highlighting the central importance of the intersecting impact of race, class, and gender. Students submit and present a final report.