

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

2025-2026 Undergraduate Catalog

Course Descriptions

[Contract All Courses](#) |

Courses certified as satisfying General Education Requirements are identified in the course title with a two letter category abbreviation. General Education categories are listed below.

[Writing and Communication \(WC\)](#) [Humanities and Fine Arts \(HF\)](#) [Natural Science \(LL, LC & LB, NL\)](#)

[Behavioral and Social Science \(SB\)](#) [Quantitative Reasoning \(QR\)](#) [Individual and Global Citizenship \(CZ\)](#)

Psychology

PSY 4420 - Psychology of Men and Masculinities

(3) Credit Hours

This course centers on the lived experiences of men and boys. This course explores diverse theoretical models (i.e., biopsychosocial models, feminist perspectives, intersectional frameworks) on the development and psychological experiences of men/masculinity. This course also discusses psychological experiences and outcomes of men and masculinity as they relate to topics such as mental and physical health, relationships, parenting, sexuality, and violence and aggression. This course will also introduce perspectives on avenues for social change. Prerequisites: 6 hours of Psychology credits OR 6 hours of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies credits or Department Head approval. May be registered as WGSS 4420. Credit not allowed in both PSY 4420 and WGSS 4420.

PSY 4480 - Theories of Personality

(3) Credit Hours

Survey of basic theories of personality including the psychoanalytic, sociocultural, factor analytic, the biosocial, and the phenomenological. Strongly suggested for guidance majors. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology or Department Head approval.

PSY 4510 - Psychology of Women

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of empirical data and theoretical viewpoints concerning the psychological development of women. Psychological effects of sex roles, achievement motivation, and abilities of women; models of socialization practices, personality development, and stages of adjustment. Fall semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology and junior standing or Department Head approval. May be registered as [WGSS 4510](#). Credit not allowed in both PSY 4510 and [WGSS 4510](#).

PSY 4600 - Systems of Psychology

(3) Credit Hours

The historical development, major theses, elements of strength, shortcomings, and current trends of the principal schools of psychological thought. Reading and discussion course for psychology majors and graduate students. Every semester. Prerequisites: 15 hours of psychology and senior standing, or Department Head approval.

PSY 4610 - Philosophical Psychology

(3) Credit Hours

Critical analysis of philosophical aspects of current systems of psychology. Particular focus upon assumptions and consequences of various modes of explanation and description. Fall semester. Prerequisites: 15 hours of psychology and senior standing, or Department Head approval.

PSY 4700 - Psychology of Religion

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of empirical data and psychological theories involving religious beliefs, practices, and experiences. On demand. Prerequisites: 6 units psychology or philosophy-religion or Department Head approval. May be registered for as [REL 4700](#). Credit no allowed in both PSY 4700 and [REL 4700](#).

PSY 4995R - Departmental Thesis

(1-3) Credit Hours

A two-semester research or creative project resulting in a thesis under the supervision of a faculty member and with the approval of the Honors College. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with Honors College to submit a Thesis Contract to get registered for this course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

PSY 4997R - Research

(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to conduct independent research. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Research contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

PSY 4998R - Individual Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to study selected topics in depth. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Individual Studies contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

PSY 4999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Department may have additional prerequisite requirements. On demand.

Religious Studies

REL 1030 - Introduction to the Study of Religion (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

Consideration of the various elements of religion and the methods for studying them; attention to beliefs, world-views, and sacred literature; rituals, myths, symbols; religious communities and organizations; types of religious experience. Every semester.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 1050 - Introduction to Islam: History, Religion, Culture (CZ or HF)

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to global Islamic traditions that focuses on key Muslim histories, the Qur'an, diverse religious practices, arts and architecture, and legal and theological traditions. Considers contemporary issues from a global perspective, including attitudes towards gender and sexuality, unity and diversity in the community, and the problem of Islamophobia.

General Education Category: Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 1070 - Buddhism: Teachings, Practices, and Socio-cultural History (CZ or HF)

(3) Credit Hours

Introduction to the core beliefs, values, practices, and history of all three major Buddhist traditions: Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana. The life of the Buddha, Buddhist suttas/sutras, fundamental concepts of karma & rebirth, the Four Noble Truths, nibbana/nirvana, emptiness, etc. Core practices of meditation, devotionism, and chanting. The Buddhist monastery and temple. Traditions are covered within their respective cultures and geographical locations. Modern Buddhism and the transmission of Buddhism to the West. Fall semester.

General Education Category: Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 1100 - Introduction to Western Religions (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the major religious traditions emerging in Western cultures, with emphasis on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 1999R - Special Projects

(1-9) Credit Hours

Individual or group projects. Maximum credit 4 hours. On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval.

REL 2110 - Religions of the East (CZ or HF)

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the major religious traditions of Asia, including Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and Confucianism.

General Education Category: Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2130 - A History of Judaism (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of enduring themes or concepts in Jewish tradition from antiquity to the modern era. Particular attention to the emergence of normative Judaism and its later challengers: Hasidism, Reform, and Zionism. Fall semester.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2140 - The History of Christianity (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to historical Christianity, including the major personalities, events, and theological themes, from the New Testament period to the present.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2210 - Biblical Literature I: Old Testament (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

The Old Testament and the history and religion of Israel against the background of the ancient Near East. Fall semester.
General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2220 - Biblical Literature II: New Testament (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

The New Testament documents in relation to Judaism and the environment of the Hellenistic world. Spring semester.
General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2350R - Topics in Popular Culture, Philosophy, and Religion (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the study of philosophy and/or religious studies through popular culture. May include film, television, novels, short stories, comics, games, music, comedy, podcasts, social media, or other aspects of popular culture in genres such as horror, science fiction, fantasy, detective fiction, art film, mainstream fiction, etc. Philosophical and religious topics vary, but may include knowledge, reality, value, meaning, reasoning, personal identity, history of philosophical and religious traditions, religious experience, or the place of philosophy and religion in society. Assignments may include creative projects, such as filmmaking, fiction writing, etc. with an accompanying academic reflection. May be registered as [PHIL 2350R](#). No credit in both [PHIL 2350R](#) and REL 2350R.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2360 - Religion in American Life (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

Attention to distinctly American phenomena, with the intention of assessing the present role and status of religion; consideration of such topics as separation of church and state, revivalism, the influence of immigration, sects, and cults. Fall semester.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2700 - The History of American Evangelicalism (HF)

(3) Credit Hours

This course examines the history of evangelicalism, from its roots in the late 17th century to the present. Special attention is given to evangelicalism in its American form as well as leading figures of the movement, such as Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, and Billy Graham. Every other semester.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts

REL 2770 - Magic, Divination, and Witchcraft: Anthropology of Religion (HF or SB)

(3) Credit Hours

Exploration of the religious beliefs, practices, and religious specialists of primary religions, such as, magic (spells, mantras, witchcraft, amulets, etc.), divination (astrology, palm reading, number systems, cards, I-Ching, etc.), and magic-religious specialists (shamans, spirit mediums, witches, fortunetellers, etc.). Also investigates these phenomenon as sub-systems of the “world” religions (Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, etc.). Presents both the practitioner-insider beliefs and practices and a comprehensive introductory overview of theory and method used in anthropology of religion (in this course: sociological, psychological, phenomenological, cognitive, and evolutionary). Geographical areas include Africa, South America, and the Asia-Pacific Provides information and insights into religion in the contemporary world. Fall and Spring semesters.

General Education Category: Humanities and Fine Arts or Behavioral and Social Sciences

REL 2999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

REL 3120 - The Qur'an

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the Qur'an, the primary scripture of the Islamic religious tradition. This course focuses on themes in the Qur'an and its history, the text's style and poetics, practices of recitation, the Qur'an as a source of law and theology, and the relationship of the text to contemporary debates on politics, gender justice, and Muslim sexualities.

REL 3150 - American Islamic Traditions: History and Practice From The Slave Trade to Today

(3) Credit Hours

This course explores American Islamic traditions and focuses on key histories, diverse religious practices, and major aspects of debates in contemporary American Muslim communities. Students will learn theories of religion and society and apply them in analysis of historical and current American Muslim viewpoints. The approach of the course is interdisciplinary and learning materials are based in historical, sociological, literary, artistic, and legal perspectives.

REL 3180 - Modern Judaism

(3) Credit Hours

Exploration of religious, social, and political developments in modern Judaism, including the appearance of Zionism, the impact of the Holocaust, and efforts to overcome the tension between Zionism and the religious culture of contemporary Jews. Alternate years.

REL 3200 - Religions of India

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the conceptual and historical development of religions on the Indian subcontinent. Attention will also be paid to the interaction among religions of India and their relationships to Indian culture. Alternate years.

REL 3210 - Religions of China

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the conceptual and historical development of religions in China. Attention will also be paid to the interaction among religions of China, the impact of Indian religions and culture on China, and the relationship of religion to Chinese culture. Alternate years.

REL 3330 - Philosophy of Religion

(3) Credit Hours

A philosophical examination of religion, including traditional and modern arguments for the existence and nature of God, the nature of religious experience and belief, and the functions of religious language. Alternate years. May be registered as [PHIL 3330](#)

. Credit not allowed in both REL 3330 and [PHIL 3330](#)

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REL 3340 - Religion in Southern Culture

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the role of religion in Southern culture, past and present. Attention to the evangelical influence, African-American religion, mountain religion, Southern-based sects, the Pentecostal experience, and the cultural impact of religion in the South. Alternate years.

REL 3430 - Philosophies of India

(3) Credit Hours

A survey of the philosophical traditions of the Indian subcontinent focusing on classical traditions, especially orthodox Brahmanical (Hindu) schools such as Nyāya, Yoga, and Vedānta as well as heterodox schools such as Buddhism, Jainism, and materialism. Some coverage of contemporary Indian thought such as Gandhi, Ambedkar, feminism, and postcolonial theory. Topics may include the self, knowledge, skepticism, the nature of reality, ethics, rebirth, theism, atheism, happiness, and the meaning of life. May be registered as [PHIL 3430](#)

. No credit in both REL 3430 and [PHIL 3430](#)

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REL 3510 - Early Christian Thought

(3) Credit Hours

The development of central issues in Christian thought in the first millennium, with an emphasis on how these emerged from a historical context as responses both to the demands of faith and to the social and intellectual concerns of the time. Consideration of such figures as Tertullian, Arius, Augustine, Gregory the Great, and Bede. Alternate years.

REL 3520 - Medieval Philosophy

(3) Credit Hours

This course will trace the development of philosophy from late Antiquity through the High Middle Ages. Texts will be drawn from medieval Christian, Jewish, or Muslim authors. May be registered as [PHIL 3520](#)

. Credit not allowed in both REL 3520 and [PHIL 3520](#)

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REL 3620 - Modern Christian Thought

(3) Credit Hours

Selected movements and figures that have shaped the Christian theological tradition in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Alternate years.

REL 3700 - The Roots of Methodism and Evangelicalism in America and Europe

(3) Credit Hours

This course is a study of the origin of Methodism and evangelicalism in eighteenth-century America and Europe. Particular attention is given to the leading figures of the transatlantic revivals and their contribution to Methodism and evangelicalism. Every other Spring semester. Lecture 3 hours.

REL 3710 - Jonathan Edwards's Life, Thought, and Legacy in American Religious Culture

(3) Credit Hours

This course is a study of Jonathan Edwards's life, theology, and legacy as it pertains to American religious culture. Spring semester.

REL 3770 - Death or Glory: Religion and War

(3) Credit Hours

Study of the intertwining of military ideals and spirit with religious belief and practice. Examination of scriptural passages on war. Survey of ethics of war from diverse religious traditions, framed, in part, by pacifist, militarist, realist and just war traditions and International Humanitarian Law. Historical examples of wars explicitly involving religion

with Joan of Arc and other historical figures as personal cases. Questions the relationship between politics and religion and if religion causes wars. Study of the myths and rituals that accompany war, including an extended discussion on war and the 'way of the warrior' as religious experiences in and of themselves. Every Fall semester and every other Spring semester.

REL 3800 - The Faiths of the Founding Fathers (and Mothers)

(3) Credit Hours

This course is a study of the religious beliefs of the Founding Fathers (and Mothers) in America. Particular attention is given to religion in America and the role of the Founders in establishing the separation of church and state. Spring semester.

REL 3999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

REL 4160 - Gender and Sexuality in Religion

(3) Credit Hours

How do ideas about gender and sexuality offer new ways to understand religion, society, and culture? In this course we explore the diversity of sexual difference in context of contemporary global religions, especially Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Course themes include: the tension between theory and practice, authority and gender, women's lives, masculinities, gender fluidity, and the role of the nation in constructing gender and sexuality in religious communities. The course approach is interdisciplinary and includes readings from religious primary sources, history, anthropology, and literature. May be registered as WGSS 4160. Credit not allowed in both REL 4160 and WGSS 4160.

REL 4170 - Mysticism East and West

(3) Credit Hours

The place of mysticism in the Eastern and Western religious traditions; discussion of the writings of major historical and contemporary mystics. On demand.

REL 4670 - Contemporary Religious Issues

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of selected issues, such as church-state relations, fundamentalism, and debates over abortion, that are central to contemporary religious life. Primary attention to the American scene and some cross-cultural comparisons. Alternate years.

REL 4700 - Psychology of Religion

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of empirical data and psychological theories involving religious beliefs, practices, and experiences. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 units psychology or philosophy-religion or Department Head approval. May be registered as [PSY 4700](#)

. Credit not allowed in both REL 4700 and [PSY 4700](#)

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REL 4840 - Holocaust and Genocide

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the Holocaust, the state-sponsored effort of the Nazi regime to destroy the Jewish people between 1933 and 1945, and the relationship between the Holocaust and the more general category of genocide. Consideration of the causes of genocide and the Holocaust and their persistent presence in contemporary society. Alternate years.

REL 4900R - Religious Studies Internship

(3) Credit Hours

Supervised working experience in a professional situation. Every semester. Maximum 6 hours credit. Religion major, Philosophy & Religion major, Philosophy major, Philosophy Pre-Law, or Philosophy Pre-Health or Department Head approval.

REL 4910R - Studies in Religion

(3) Credit Hours

A seminar or tutorial for the intensive consideration of one problem, movement, or figure in the field of religion. On demand.

REL 4920R - Studies in Western Religious Thought

(3) Credit Hours

A seminar or tutorial for the intensive consideration of one problem, movement, or figure in Western religious thought. On demand.

REL 4994R - Senior Thesis in Religion

(1-4) Credit Hours

Individual research based on the student's topic for the senior thesis and under the supervision of a department faculty member. Must be taken for at least 3 hours in one semester by all majors. Must submit an Individual Studies/Research Contract to the Registrar's Office at the time of registration. Every semester. Prerequisites: Department Head approval.

REL 4995R - Departmental Thesis

(1-3) Credit Hours

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REL 4997R - Research

(1-9) Credit Hours

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REL 4998R - Individual Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to study selected topics in depth. Must be taken for at least three hours in one semester by all majors. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Individual Studies contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

REL 4999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Department may have additional prerequisite requirements. On demand.

Sociology

SOC 1150 - Sociology of Social Problems (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

Sociological perspectives on selected contemporary social problems such as crime, poverty, hunger, racial and sexual discrimination, alcohol and drug abuse, the threat of war; examination of theories and research on social problems; analysis of possible solutions.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOC 1510 - Introduction to Sociology (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

Scientific study of human society, of how individuals and groups adjust to each other and to their social environment; examination of varying research approaches; consideration of basic concepts, theories, and principles of explanation used by sociologists. Every semester.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOC 1999R - Special Projects

(1-9) Credit Hours

Individual or group projects. On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval.

SOC 2150 - The Sociology of the Family

(3) Credit Hours

The study of modern marriage and family institutions from sociological and social psychological perspectives; the social factors of mate selection, kinship relationships and sexual behavior; evaluations of research findings and emerging trends. Every semester.

SOC 2190 - Deviance and Conformity

(3) Credit Hours

This course focuses on the ways in which deviance is constructed and defined. Major sociological perspectives and theories will be applied in order to understand how they aid in the formation and development of social deviance. The role of social control will also be examined in terms of how it impacts the way in which deviance is understood in society. Prerequisites: SOC 1510 with a minimum grade of C or department head approval.

SOC 2200 - Sociology of Globalization (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the increasing globalization of political, social, economic, and individual processes. Topics include the effects of globalization on the changing nature of work, the homogenization of cultures, religious fundamentalism as response, the decline of the nation-state, rise of technology, and the impact on the self. Spring semester. Prerequisites:

[SOC 1510](#)

or Department Head approval.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOC 2230 - Technology & Society (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

Examination and critique of how technologies and scientific knowledge shape individual outcomes, group behaviors and values, and institutions. A synthesis of fundamental sociological concepts and theories with contemporary empirical studies of technology, covering topics such as the advent of the internet, social media and Artificial Intelligence. Fall

semester.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOC 2320 - Diversity in American Society (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

This course includes a critical analysis of cultural and identity diversity of the North American population using the perspective of the sociological imagination. The impact on social institutions such as family, education, economic and political life in the United States, and current research on the consequences and controversies surrounding immigration, racial, ethnic, and identity groups are addressed from the perspective of major socio-cultural theories.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOC 2400 - Career Paths in Sociology

(1) Credit Hours

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of professionalism, job market readiness, pertinent sociological matters, and possible career paths for sociology majors and minors. The course design involves inviting both internal (UTC) and external experts to engage with students in exploring the practical applications of their Sociology degree post-graduation. Fall or Spring semester. Sophomore standing or higher. Satisfactory/No Credit.

SOC 2500 - Social Statistics

(3) Credit Hours

Basic statistical techniques such as frequency distributions and graphs, the normal curve, tests of significance, correlation, simple analysis of variance, and applications to sociocultural data and their interpretation. Credit not allowed in SOC 2500 after earned hours in any other statistics course.

SOC 2510 - Sociology of Social Movements

(3) Credit Hours

All societies contain some form of conflict and are in a constant state of change. This course focuses on the complex relationship between conflict, social change, and social movements. More specifically, we will study the role social movements have played in shaping cultural norms in American society. Since social movements involve diverse people, we will systematically examine the ways in which groups and individuals actively participate in and shape social movement origins and outcomes. Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#)

or [SOC 1510](#)

or Department Head approval.

SOC 2999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

SOC 3000 - Urban Sociology

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of how urban areas grow and are spatially organized. Examination of the cultures, social stratification systems, and modes of governance in contemporary American cities. Emphasis on urban problems. Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#) or [SOC 1510](#) with a minimum grade of C or Department Head approval.

SOC 3050 - Race and Ethnicity

(3) Credit Hours

This course explores how race and ethnicity are socially constructed, focusing primarily on its iterations in the United States. Students will understand how race and ethnicity are linked to social power and inequality, and discuss issues such as immigration, identity formation, and inter-group relations (including racism). Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#) or [SOC 1510](#) with a minimum grade of C or Department Head approval.

SOC 3070 - Gender and Society

(3) Credit Hours

Analysis of how ideas about gender are socially constructed and the importance of women-centered theories on this approach; the interplay of gender and various social structures including education, religion, politics, family, health, work and sexuality. Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#) or [SOC 1510](#) with a minimum grade of C or Department Head approval. May be registered as [WGSS 3070](#). Credit not allowed in both SOC 3070 and [WGSS 3070](#).

SOC 3080 - Sociology of Sexualities

(3) Credit Hours

This course examines the theoretical and methodological approaches that have been used in sociological studies of sexuality—including those that guide sexuality-related analyses of meanings and identities, practices and behaviors, power and politics, sexual interaction, and morality and social control. Fall semester. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#) or Department Head approval.

SOC 3130 - Social Theory

(3) Credit Hours

A systematic examination of the important social theorists and schools of social thought. Those theorists who have had enduring historical and/or theoretical importance, and ideas that have important implications for the modern world will be emphasized. Topics include: Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, structural functionalism, conflict theory, symbolic interactionism, feminist theory, and postmodern theory. Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#) or [SOC 1510](#) with a C or better or Department Head approval.

SOC 3140 - Research Methods

(3) Credit Hours

An overview of the techniques, concepts, and topics in sociological research methodology building towards the design of independent research proposals. Research proposals are encouraged to explore fundamental sociological topics including but not limited to the following: race, gender, social class, health, and deviance.

Prerequisites: A statistics course ([SOC 2500](#)

, [MATH 2100](#)

, [MATH 3100](#)

, [DATA 2130](#)

, [PSPS 2030](#)

, [PSY 2010](#)

), [SOC 1150](#)

or [SOC 1510](#)

or [ANTH 1200](#)

, or Department Head approval. Credit only allowed in one of the following courses: SOC 3140, [CRMJ 3110](#)

or [ANTH 4200](#)

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SOC 3200 - Military Sociology

(3) Credit Hours

This course will investigate contemporary military institutions using sociological theory, concepts, and methods. It looks at the changing social organization of the military, civil-military relations, military recruitment and socialization, the military as a profession, modern warfare, and the role of the military in various nations. Every two semesters. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#) or Department Head approval.

SOC 3210 - Criminology

(3) Credit Hours

An examination of the study of crime from a sociological perspective. Topics include: the nature and extent of crime, research methodologies in criminological research, criminological theory, and issues of race, class, and gender in crime and the criminal justice system. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#)

with a minimum grade of C or Department Head approval.

SOC 3300 - Sociology of Mental Disorder

(3) Credit Hours

This class explores the diverse, disturbing, disruptive, and disabling phenomena of mental disorders. Topics to be covered include the classification of mental disorders, the etiology and epidemiology of mental illnesses, the history of societal responses to the mentally ill, and the effect of public policy. Every second Fall semester. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#) or Department Head approval.

SOC 3310 - Social Psychology

(3) Credit Hours

Survey of the general concepts and research areas in social psychology. Emphasis upon the interactions between the individual and society with consideration of such topics as attitudes, prejudices, conformity, deviance, socialization, and interpersonal attraction. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology or sociology or Department Head approval. May be registered for as [PSY 3310](#). Credit not allowed in both [PSY 3310](#) and SOC 3310.

SOC 3410 - Culture, Environment, Power

(3) Credit Hours

Examines recent approaches to the study of the relationship between humans and the environment. Considers historical relationship between nature, science, and colonial expansion as well as key issues of contemporary environmental concern: conservation, environmental justice, sustainable development, and social movements. May be registered as [ANTH 3410](#) and [GEOG 3410](#). Credit allowed in only one of the three courses.

SOC 3450 - Social Inequality

(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the causes and consequences of inequality including the distribution of resources and opportunities, both comparatively and historically; the systematic disadvantages associated with race, gender, wealth and income; and the major theoretical perspectives addressing inequality in society. Prerequisites: [SOC 1150](#) or [SOC 1510](#) with a minimum grade of C or Department Head approval.

SOC 3570 - Social and Cultural Studies of Aging

(3) Credit Hours

A basic course in social and cultural studies of aging using multidisciplinary and comparative approaches to provide a comprehensive introduction to the human experience of aging. Prerequisites: ANTH 1000 or [ANTH 1200](#) or [SOC 1510](#) or [SOC 2150](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as ANTH 3570. Credit not allowed in both SOC 3570 and ANTH 3570.

SOC 3650 - Health and Illness: Socio-Cultural Perspectives

(3) Credit Hours

The sociocultural study of medicine, illness, and disease; including the development of medicine and medical care, non-Western medical systems, health disparities, cultural beliefs about illness, and the social construction of illness. Prerequisites: ANTH 1200 or SOC 1510 or Department Head approval. May be registered as [ANTH 3220](#) or [PSY 3220](#). Credit allowed in only one of the three courses.

SOC 3999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

SOC 4010 - Geography of Travel and Tourism

(3) Credit Hours

This course explores the geography of travel and tourism largely from a topical approach, with the following topics to be covered: the geography of demand and supply for tourism; history of tourism; the tourist area life cycle theory; the geography of contemporary international tourism; the relationships between the physical, economic, environmental, social, and cultural dimensions and tourism; place promotion; geotourism; urban tourism; and heritage tourism. A portion of the course will also look at the place-specific tourism geography of selected regions. Prerequisites: Any 1000-level GEOG course or Department Head approval. May be registered as [ANTH 4010](#) or [GEOG 4010](#). Credit only allowed in one of the following: [ANTH 4010](#), [GEOG 4010](#), or SOC 4010.

SOC 4100 - Sociology of Hip-Hop

(3) Credit Hours

This course examines the creation, development, evolution, and implications of hip hop from a sociohistorical perspective both within and beyond the United States. Specifically, students will draw on sociological approaches to analyze the genre and examine the social conditions for the creation, evolution, and continued existence of hip-hop. Students will learn about and deploy theoretical frameworks such as critical race theory, Marxism, and feminism. By tracing the development of hip hop across multiple eras, we will explore how capitalism and the commodification of hip hop has affected performers and listeners, and we will interrogate how artists conceptualize and present masculinity and femininity. Fall semester. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#)

or Department Head approval.

SOC 4150 - Urban Geography

(3) Credit Hours

History of urbanism, study of patterns of cities, spatial distribution of cities, and social and physical structure of cities of the Western world. Prerequisites: Any 1000-level GEOG course or [SOC 1510](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as [GEOG 4150](#). Credit not allowed in both SOC 4150 and [GEOG 4150](#).

SOC 4230 - Technologies of Sex and Gender

(3) Credit Hours

Synthesizing and applying sociological theories of technology, gender, and sexualities, this course explores how gender and sexuality are shaped by technology and science, affecting individual, group, and institutional norms, behaviors and processes. Salient topics such as digitized intimacy, gendered and sexual technoscience, and application of Artificial Intelligence to gendered processes will be examined through contemporary empirical research. Fall or Spring semester. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#), [SOC 2230](#), [ANTH 1100](#), or [WGSS 2000](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as SOC 4230 or WGSS 4230.

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SOC 4310R - Topics in Advanced Social Psychology

(3) Credit Hours

Intensive treatment of selected research areas in social psychology. Emphasis upon the interrelationship between current theoretical perspectives and appropriate methodological procedures. On demand. Prerequisites: [SOC 3310](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as [PSY 4310R](#).

SOC 4940 - Sociology Internship

(3-6) Credit Hours

Supervised internship with a community partner; provides students with hands-on experience applying sociology outside the classroom, professional development, and insight into community needs. Fall or Spring semester. Prerequisites: [SOC 1510](#), completed at least one semester at UTC, minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, completion of additional Sociology/Anthropology courses relevant to the internship and approval of the internship coordinator or Department Head approval. Junior standing.

SOC 4995R - Departmental Thesis

(1-3) Credit Hours

A two-semester research or creative project resulting in a thesis under the supervision of a faculty member and with the approval of the Honors College. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with Honors College to submit a Thesis Contract to get registered for this course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

SOC 4997R - Research

(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to conduct independent research. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Research contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

SOC 4998R - Individual Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to study selected topics in depth. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Individual Studies contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

SOC 4999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

Department may have additional prerequisite requirements. On demand.

Social Work

SOCW 1100 - Introduction to the Social Work Experience

(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the profession of social work, its historical roots, its values, and its fields of practice. Topics include the field of social work, social welfare policy, social work values and ethics, the social work knowledge base, career opportunities in various fields of social work, and current issues in social work. A minimum of 30 supervised volunteer hours in an approved social service setting are required. Furthermore, this class delves into topics related to social, racial, economic, and environmental justice. Every semester.

SOCW 1999R - Special Projects

(1-9) Credit Hours

Individual or group projects. Maximum credit 4 hours. On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval.

SOCW 2050 - Introduction to Social Policy: A Social Justice Perspective (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

This is an introduction to the social policy in the United States as it relates to the welfare of both children and families. This course will provide an overview of multiple policies related to children and families, theories related to understanding and implementing public policy, and an overview of the development, implementation, and evaluation of policy. Prerequisites: [SOCW 1100](#) is preferred but not required.

General Education Category: Behavioral and Social Science

SOCW 2070 - Interviewing Skills

(3) Credit Hours

Interviewing skills is a required pre-social work course where students develop communication, and technical skills for the professional interview. Students cultivate self-awareness and self-regulation for work with diverse populations and demonstrate empathy, interpersonal and technical interviewing skills to effectively engage and assess clients.

SOCW 2100 - Matters of Ethnicity, Race, Class and Gender (SB)

(3) Credit Hours

This diversity course examines matters of class, ethnicity, gender and race relations from a multicultural perspective. Contemporary issues along the diversity continuum such as gender inequality, diversity in religion and minority groups, immigration, and social justice are also explored. Fall and Spring semesters.

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SOCW 2999R - Group Studies

(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

SOCW 3060 - Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families

(3) Credit Hours

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families explores various strategies for designing and implementing social work engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with individual and family clients. Students will develop generalist practice skills such as interviewing skills, active listening, building rapport and problem-solving. Students will apply social work values, ethics and relevant theoretical perspectives through an anti-racist, anti-

oppressive lense to work effectively with diverse individual and family clients. Fall semester. Prerequisites: Admission into the Social Work program or Department Head approval.

SOCW 3070 - Social Work Practice with Groups

(3) Credit Hours

Social Work Practice with Groups explores knowledge, values, and skills for working with diverse groups in the context of a social work setting. Students will develop an understanding of the needs of at-risk and oppressed populations, apply social work values and ethics in decision-making, and practice problem-solving and assessment skills needed for working within a group setting. Students will also develop the skills and knowledge for forming and leading groups. This class will help prepare students to conduct themselves effectively with diverse client populations, in varying community settings, and with a variety of client issues or concerns. Spring semester. Prerequisites: Admission into the Social Work program or Department Head approval.

SOCW 3080 - Professionalism in Social Work Practice I

(3) Credit Hours

This course is the first of a two course sequence in the BSW foundation year. It offers students the opportunity to use self-reflection to examine their attitudes and aptitudes toward a career in social work. It also encourages and promotes evaluation of concurrent social work classes from an intrapersonal as well as an academic perspective. Students will enhance core qualities such as self-knowledge, critical thinking and communication skills and the ability to engage diverse clients from an anti-oppressive, anti-racist lens. Students will also begin developing knowledge in leadership principles in social work. Fall semester. Prerequisites: Admission into the Social Work Program or Department Head approval.