**Sociology**

**SOCI 2001 - Basic Skills in the**

**Behavioral Science .......................................00 OR 3.00 Credits** Effective communication and critical thinking skills essential to academic occupational success in the behavioral sciences. [Fall- Spring]

**SOCI 2011 - Principles of Sociology......................3.00 Credits**

An introduction to the concepts, assumptions, principles and methods used to study man as a social organism. This course is a prerequisite for further study in sociology. [Fall- Spring]

**SOCI 2013 - Families: Comparative**

**Social Perspective ....................................................3.00 Credits**

Course designed to help students gain an understanding of the differences that prevail between societies with regard to families. Issues addressed include definitions and concepts of the family; different types of global family systems; the interaction of family change and other social, cultural, economic and political change; the relationships between families and other social institutions, the role of gender and age in family relationships; and sources and outcomes of stability, conflict, and dissolution within families. This course provides a broad picture of family organization, examining how social forces have influenced family organization throughout history. There is not a prerequisite for this course. This is not an additional course for graduation, nor will this course increase the number of hours for the program but can be used as one of the twenty (27) hours in the sociology area.

**SOCI 2031 - Intro to Anthropology ......................3.00 Credits**

A survey of the concepts, methods and procedures used to study primitive and non-western cultures. [Fall-Spring]

**Business**

**SOCI 2271 - Practicum I ............................00 OR 3.00 Credits** This course provides an opportunity for students majoring in social work (PSYC 2271 and SOCI 2271) to gain practical experience in agency settings. It can be taken at any level between sophomore and senior status. Students spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in an agency which must be germane to student interest and approved by advisor.

**Education**

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2011 and SOCI 2601. [Fall-Spring]*

**SOCI 2272 - Practicum II ..........................00 OR 3.00 Credits** This course provides an opportunity for students to continue in the agency and take a second practicum in an agency. Students are expected to defray cost of transportation to and from agencies and other professional expenses incidental to this experience. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2271. [Fall]*

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**SOCI 2275 - Interviewing Practicum........00 OR 3.00 Credits** This course provides training in interviewing people who see help in solving problems. Videotapes are made as students practice interviews and these are analyzed. [Spring]

**SOCI 2282 - Social Basis of Human Behavior .....3.00 Credits** This course covers the ecological approach to human behavior. The purpose of this course is to enable the student to identify the stages and characteristics of normal human growth and development within the context of the social environment. Topics include psychosocial development family functioning and group functioning. Observational and laboratory/field experiences required. *Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 [Fall-Spring]*

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**SOCI 2290 - Intimacy and Marriage ....................3.00 Credits**

**Course**

**Descriptions**

A study of contemporary writings on the dynamics of a two- person relationship, a review of attitudes toward sexuality and current issues regarding love and marriage. [Spring]

**SOCI 2291 - The Sociology of Gender Roles........3.00 Credits**

An examination of traditional sex roles in various organizations, institutions, alternatives to these roles, sexism, and sexuality. [Spring]

**SOCI 2601 - Urban Social Problems ....................3.00 Credits**

An investigation of social dimensions of change, conflict, and disorganization in society, along with an analysis of institutional and deviant behavior patterns.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011. [Fall-Spring]*

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**SOCI 3001 - Culture/Global Citizenship..............3.00 Credits**

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**SOCI 3210 - Social Work Economics:**

**Global Outcomes .....................................................3.00 Credits** This course critically examines the theoretical assumptions of the neo- liberal school of economics and presents other options in the area of both economic theory and political economy. Theory consists of concepts formulated by individual thinkers or think tanks – based on data collection and the analysis of patterns which appear in the data or on direct observation. Political economy consists of laws and policies of an economic system that promoted greater economic equality and economic justice for community action and globally. This course will assist students in comprehending and comparing economics from a global view as it relates and affect the U.S. in general. Requirements: Sophomore and Junior Status Only (Open campus-wide)

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**SOCI 3310 - Problems in Marriage**

**Business**

**and Divorce ..............................................................3.00 Credits**

A survey of norms and behaviors prevailing in marital settings, factors creating tension in marriage and causes for adjustment to divorce.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Spring]*

**SOCI 3311 - The Family.........................................3.00 Credits** The study of family as a basic social institution, with emphasis on academic, structural, functional and historical approaches through which the family may be analyzed.

**Education**

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Fall]*

**SOCI 3312 - The Black Family..............................3.00 Credits**

An examination of the Black Family in America, with special emphasis on historical development of this family from slavery through the Black Revolution of the '60s.

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*Prerequisites: SOCI 3310 or SOCI 3311 [Spring]*

**SOCI 3315 - Cultural Anthropology .....................3.00 Credits** The cultural approach to an understanding of human group life through the study of literate and non-literate societies.

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2031 [Spring]*

**SOCI 3317 - The Culture of Africa .......................3.00 Credits**

A survey of indigenous cultures and societies of Africa, with particular emphasis upon such topics as kinship, politics, economics, religion or socicultural change.

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*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 and SOCI 2031.[Fall]*

**SOCI 3318 - Comparative Ethnology ...................3.00 Credits**

An intensive study of the culture of selected areas of the world, such as Japan, Philippines, Caribbean and South America. Particular attention will be given to such topics as kinship religion, politics, law and economics.

**Course**

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*Prerequisites: SOCI 2031 and SOCI 2011.[Spring]*

**SOCI 3319 - Seminar in Afro-American Anthr ...3.00 Credits**

An intensive study of the various aspects of the culture of Black Americans and the relevancy of their contribution to the progress of man. Attention will be given to such topics as Afro-American musical styles, Black American Speech behavior, Black religious cults and sects, and the contemporary Black Revolution.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2031. [Fall]*

**SOCI 3321 - Population Problems ........................3.00 Credits**

An analysis of the growth, composition, distribution and future trends

of population with particular reference to the United States.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011[Spring]*

**SOCI 3322 - Social Institutions .............................3.00 Credits** The development and change of basic social institutions: family, government, economy, education and religion. Also, an analysis of the role of social institutions in creating and sustaining the sociologist.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Spring]*

**SOCI 3323 - Social Movements .............................3.00 Credits**

A study of social confrontations and alienation generating social movements, and the impact of movements on the social order. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Spring]*

**SOCI 3324 - Culture and Personality Dev ...........3.00 Credits**

A study of cultural forces that influence the development of personality. Topics will include socialization, nature vs. nurture, social differentiation, language and geographical variation. *Prerequisites: SOCI 2011 and SOCI 2031. [Fall]*

**SOCI 3329 - Community Mental Health..............3.00 Credits** This course is designed to emphasize the effect of social systems on human adjustment and functioning. Social planning is considered as a means for promoting positive mental health. Topics include community resources, effective service delivery and utilization of human services and program evaluation. Observation and "laboratory" field experiences will be required.

*Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 [Spring]*

**SOCI 3330 - Drug Physiology & Classification ...3.00 Credits** The course examines the principles of drug action and physiology. Drug classification, tolerance, dependence, and models of addiction will be topics that are emphasized.

*Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 2011 [Spring]*

**SOCI 3331 - Substance Abuse & Treatment ........3.00 Credits** This course examines substance abuse and dependence, substance intervention techniques, and methods of treatment. Other topics will include impact of substance abuse on the family and the community and an analysis of rehabilitation methods.

*Prerequisites: PSYC 1101 and SOC 2011 [Fall]*

**SOCI 3339 - Psychology of Religion .....................3.00 Credits**

A course designed to examine the social and psychological aspects of religion. The topics including the impact of culture and environment on religious, perceptions and behaviors of the individual.

**SOCI 3340 - Intergroup Relations ........................3.00 Credits**

A study of sociocultural, psychological and ecological factors that influence behavior patterns of racial, ethnic and religious groups in America.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011[Spring]*

**SOCI 3341 - Sociology of Education .....................3.00 Credits**

A study of education as a social institution, including school and community relations.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Fall]*

**SOCI 3342 - Social Stratification ..........................3.00 Credits**

An analysis of normative techniques for stratifying the human group and the institutionalized inequality engendered by this process. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2011, SOCI 2601 [Spring]*

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**SOCI 3350 - Social Gerontology ...........................3.00 Credits**

A survey of cross-cultural views on aging, social implications of aging population, social adjustment to the process of aging, and societal reactions to and provisions for persons in later life. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Fall]*

**SOCI 3351 - Social Legislation & the Aged .........3.00 Credits** This course provides an overview of legal issues that are most likely to arise for the elderly and the laws concerning these issues. *Prerequisites: SOCI 3350 [Fall]*

**SOCI 3352 - Service Del Sys and the Aged...........3.00 Credits**

A survey of types, functions and problems of agencies delivering services for the elderly.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 3350.*

**SOCI 3353 - Counseling and the Aged .................3.00 Credits**

A survey of problems in later life and an overview of related counseling techniques.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 3350 [Spring]. (o prerequisite for social work majors.*

**SOCI 3354 - Aging & The Social Policy ...............3.00 Credits** This course focuses on societal responses to needs of the elderly with emphasis on the evolution and implementation of laws, initiatives, and elderly services. Special attention will be given to topics that include Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, The Older Americans Act, Medicare, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Action, The Living Will, Major Health directives, Health Care Reform, and other codes that impact on the welfare of elderly persons.

**SOCI 3360 - Urban Sociology................................3.00 Credits**

A study of the processes and patterns of urban development, along with impact of urbanism of social interaction and societal organization.

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Fall].*

**SOCI 3361 - Urban Planning ................................3.00 Credits**

An analysis of techniques used in organizing, operating and sustaining the urban machinery.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 3360. [Spring]*

**SOCI 3362 - Political Sociology.............................3.00 Credits**

A survey of major issues and problems in the field of Political Sociology, political power structures, and elitist and pluralist approaches to community power structures.

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. See advisor for PSYC*

*course.*

**SOCI 3363 - Industrial Psychology.......................3.00 Credits**

An overview of the industrial order, including consequences of their division of labor, patterns of differentiation and the relationship between social structures and productivity.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601, SOCI 3360, PSYC 1101 and [Fall]*

**SOCI 3364 - Public Opinion &**

**Communication Media............................................3.00 Credits**

An overview of public opinion, nature and development manipulations and a survey of techniques to conduct polls and forecast election results.

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Spring].*

**SOCI 3365 - Complex Organization .....................3.00 Credits**

A survey of complex organization, types, development and function and the relationship of technology to bureaucracy.

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*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601, SOCI 2011. [Fall]*

**SOCI 3366 - Social Change....................................3.00 Credits**

An analysis of theories, processes and implications of recent social changes.

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*Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011. [Spring]*

**SOCI 3367 - Sociology of Occupations .................3.00 Credits**

A study of occupational differentiation, institutions of work and relation of workers to work organizations.

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2601. [Fall]*

**SOCI 3368 - Sociology of Housing ........................3.00 Credits**

A study of housing as influenced by spatial distribution, socio- economic factors, demographic differentiation, governmental regulations and funding priorities. [Spring]

**Business**

*Prerequisites: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011.*

**SOCI 3370 - Criminology and Penology ..............3.00 Credits**

A survey of causes and types of criminal behavior, procedures for preventing crime, and concepts of penology and rehabilitation. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2601 and SOCI 2011 [Fall].*

**SOCI 3371 - Juvenile Delinquency .......................3.00 Credits** The nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, analysis of patterns and sociological theories of causation, role of the police and courts.

**Education**

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 and SOCI 2601. [Spring].*

**SOCI 3380 - The Black Church.............................3.00 Credits** This course examines the unique history of Afro-American religious experiences. Special emphasis is placed on the role of slavery in structuring Black religious activities; the impact of emancipation on schism within the Black Church and the socicultural functioning of the Black Church. [Spring]

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**SOCI 3381 - Sociology of Religion ........................3.00 Credits**

A study of the ways in which society, culture and personality influence religion and, conversely, how religion and, conversely, how religion affects these socio-cultural determinants of human behavior.

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*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011. [Fall].*

**SOCI 3384 - Children and the Law ......................3.00 Credits** This course is an elective course that is designed to review the genre of law and how it impacts the task performed by social workers in various settings in relation to children with an emphasis on the child welfare setting. This course looks at intervention within this arena from the micro and macro levels. Students will strengthen their practice skills with confidentiality, legal comprehension, court preparation, and courtroom testimony. It will further provide an understanding of the implementation and effect of court rulings on policy and practice. Additionally, this course will review the judicial process, the nature of case law and the integration with social welfare practice.

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**SOCI 3385 – Social Work with Children...............3.00 Credits** This course is designed to provide students with a generalized concept of “At-risk” youth (inclusive of children and adolescents) across venue. Students will be given an overall perspective of the ecological and societal factors that contribute to placing children and adolescents at risk of future dangerous/negative outcomes. Students will gain a synthesis of information for practical application in prevention, intervention and treatment approaches. The course will look at the youth from a holistic, strengths based, child centered family perspective.

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*Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 3386 - Poverty and Welfare .........................3.00 Credits** The course is designed to acquaint the student with the nature, scope and effects of poverty. Emphasis is placed on historical social problems and the response of the welfare system to these problems. Observations and campus "laboratory" and off-campus field experiences will be included.

**Business**

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Fall]*

**SOCI 3400 – Mental Health Services.....................3.00 Credits** This course provides a overview of the contemporary context of social work practice in mental health. it introduce social work students to the scientific, technological, historical, economic, legal, ethical, sociopolitical, and cultural factors that shape contemporary mental health practice. It also addresses the specific ways managed mental health care has impacted social workers and clients with a host of restrictions that have adversely affected the quality of availability and provided services.

**Education**

*Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 4293 – Social Work in Health Care .............3.00 Credits** This course provides a common outline and framework for practitioners’ analyses of social work with various populations in acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation, community-based, and mental health settings. It introduces social work students to a range of clients and provide an overview of many social work settings and services in health arena. Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)

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**SOCI 4300 - Behavioral Statistics .........................3.00 Credits**

An introduction to statistical concepts, methods and techniques used in behavioral sciences. Topics include frequency distributions, graphs, measures of tendency, variability, standard scores and the normal curve, co relational techniques, hypothesis testing, sampling theory and significance differences.

**Graduate**

**School**

*Prerequisite: Math 1111. [Fall-Spring]*

**SOCI 4304 - Behavioral Research.........................3.00 Credits**

An introduction to research procedures used in the behavioral sciences including experimental design, research methodology, and scientific writing.

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*Prerequisite: SOCI 4300 [Fall-Spring]*

**SOCI 4401 - The Psychology of Aging ..................3.00 Credits** This course examines the psychological aspects of aging with emphasis on the sensory processes, learning, psycho- motor performance, mental functioning, motivation, and interactions in health-behavior relations during the latter years of the life cycle. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2011.*

**SOCI 4411 - Seminars in Family Dynamics .........3.00 Credits**

An examination of socio-cultural and socio-psychological forces that influence family. Topics will include mobility aspirations, social stratification, religion, education, and geographical location.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Fall]*

**SOCI 4423-01 - School Social Work Practice .....3.00 Credits** This course is the first of two school social work courses offered to students interested in employment in a school system. It is a learning process in school social work practice, policies, and research skills to give a clear understanding of social work in an educational setting from K-12. Students will examine the use of theory, policies, and research to help young people from K-12 solve problems and to help them accomplish their goals. The classroom will become a laboratory for students to practice and develop additional social work skills. In addition, students will establish relationships with a school and/or a school social worker to observe and analyze activities/interventions performed during the run of a school day. This is a practice-oriented course to develop knowledge related to school social work, and the dynamics, development, and leadership that plays an important part in the normal routine of the school social worker.

*Requirement: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 4424-01 - School Social Work Service .......3.00 Credits** This course is one of two school social work courses offered to students interested in school employment. it is a continuum learning process in school social work services to give a clear understanding of social work in an educational setting from K-12 to meet the needs of young people. Students will examine interventions and services used in community school environments to help young people from K-12 solve problems and to help them accomplish their goals. The classroom will be utilized as a laboratory for students to practice and develop additional social work skills. In addition, students will establish relationships with a school and /or a school social worker to observe and analyze activities/interventions performed during the run of a school day. This is a practice-oriented course to develop knowledge related to school social work services and intervention that plays an important part in the normal routine of the school social worker.

*Requirement: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 4425 - Intro to Counseling...........................3.00 Credits**

An introduction to the principles and techniques of counseling approaches. Major topics include the counselor's role and functions, counseling viewpoints and practices, conditions which influence counseling and contemporary issues in counseling. *Prerequisite: PSYC 2203. (Fall-Spring)*

**SOCI 4435 - Death and Dying ...............................3.00 Credits** This course will focus on several issues regarding treatment and non-treatment of the dying or those who wish to die. [Spring]. *Prerequisite: SOCI 2011.*

**SOCI 4451 - Social Theory ....................................3.00 Credits** The development of sociology as influenced by scholars in Europe and the United States, with greater emphasis on the American Writers.

*Prerequisite: SOCI 2011 [Fall] Sociology Major.*

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**SOCI 4454 - Sociology Seminar ............................3.00 Credits**

A course designed especially for senior sociology majors. Emphasis is placed upon synthesizing concepts, principles, theories and methodology of sociology via lectures, student reports, group discussions and closely supervised investigation. *Prerequisite: 30 semester hours in sociology [Fall]*

**SOCI 4455 - Honors Course in Sociology ............4.00 Credits** May not be enrolled in one of the following Class(s): Senior. Supervised reading in a specialized area of sociology under the direction of an instructor. Prerequisites: senior standing with "B" average and approval of instructor. (Spring)

**SOCI 4464 - Social Psychology..............................3.00 Credits** Scientific study of the experience and behavior of individuals in relation to other individuals, groups and cultures. Views individuals in foreground against a background of social forces with emphasis on the relationship between social interaction and the behavior of individuals.

*Prerequisite: PSYC 1101 or SOCI 2011. (Spring)*

**SOCI 4494 – Social Work & Chemical Dependency3.00 Credits** This course is designed to help students bring together their present value and knowledge bases With the skills, attitudes, knowledge, and values needed to foster their development into effective and Ethical addiction practitioners.

*Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 4495 – Human Sexuality...............................3.00 Credits** This course provides an in-depth review of theories of human sexual behavior, including psychological, biological, sociological, evolutionary, feminist, homosexual and bio-sexual theories. It discusses changing societal attitudes and how these attitudes have affected sexuality research, as well as classic early researchers and theories and less widely- known contributor particularly female researchers and modern trends, including Internet based sexuality research.

*Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*

**SOCI 4496 – HIV/AIDS: Global Impact ...............3.00 Credits** This course will explore the social and economic impact of HIV/AIDS global perspective. The course will also explore myths and facts surrounding HIV/AIDS. The course will define HIV/AIDS and discuss methods of prevention. The course will also discuss the implications For social work practice.

*Requirements: Junior and Senior Status only (Open Campus-Wide)*