



FALL 2011 COURSE SCHEDULE

#	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time
101	Freshman Seminar: Scandal and Reputations	Gary Fine	TTH	2:00-3:20pm
101	Freshman Seminar: Diasporas & Diversity	Christian Ukaegbu	TTH	9:30-10:50am
101	Freshman Seminar: African American novels of the Mid-Twentieth Century	Wendy Griswold	TTH	9:30-10:50am
110	Intro to Sociology	Mary Pattillo	TTH	11-12:20pm
<i>This course aims to awaken students' sociological imagination by going beneath our common sense assumptions to ask: How do social relationships, contexts, institutions and organizations work? What are the major trends in employment, crime, political party affiliation, and racial inequality? How does sociology help to understand concepts like power, passion, and popularity? At root, all of these things are social constructions, but as the early sociologist W.I. Thomas teaches us "If men [and women] define situations as real, they are real in their consequences."</i>				
210	Family and Society	Christine Percheski	MW	2-3:20pm
<i>This course will present a sociological view of the organization of contemporary family life in the United States and other Western industrialized countries. Topics covered will include marriage, divorce, fertility, and living arrangements as well as interactions between parents and children. We will focus on changes over time and variations across social groups such as by class, race/ethnicity, and religion. We will also explore how public policies affect family life and family structures.</i>				
215	Economy and Society	Bruce Carruthers	MW	11-12:20pm
<i>An introduction to a sociological approach to the economy. The course covers a variety of topics in 1-2 week units, including property, markets, prices, work, globalization, informal economies, and inequality.</i>				
220	Health, Biomed, Culture & Society	Steven Epstein	TTH	3:30-4:50pm
<i>In this course we will analyze the cultural meanings associated with health and illness; the political controversies surrounding health care, medical knowledge production, and medical decision-making; and the structure of the social institutions that comprise the health care industry. We will examine many problems with the current state of health and health care in the United States, and we will also consider potential solutions.</i>				
232	Sexuality and Society	Hector Carrillo	TTH	2:00-3:20pm
<i>Sexuality is fundamental to the cultural, economic, political, and social organization of the United States. 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, and morality and social control.</i>				



- 276 Intro Topics in Sociology: Race and Society** Quincy Stewart MW 3:30-4:50am
In this course, we will discuss both the biological myth and social reality of race. In particular, we will focus on the social significance of race by examining the reality of racial stratification, the reality of the experience of race, and the rationality of those who study racial dynamics and processes. During this course we will review the origins of the concept race, the historical science and statistics used to justify racial thinking, and review several empirical works on race in Sociology.
- 301 The City: Urbanization and Urbanism** Albert Hunter TTH 11-12:20pm
Historical roots and theories of urbanization. United States urban structure in relation to economics and politics. Methods for studying the city and its neighborhoods. Urban reform policies.
- 302 Sociology of Complex Organizations** Christian Ukaegbu TTH 5:00-6:20pm
Structure and function of formal organizations, especially in business and government. Stratification, social control, and conflict. Discretion, rules, and information in achieving goals. Modes of participation. Development of informal norms.
- 303 Analysis of Social Data** Lincoln Quillian MW 2-3:20pm
The general objectives of this course are to make students familiar with central ideas of statistics as they are applied in social research, to enable understanding of statistical methods commonly used in social science research articles, and to enable students to use these methods to perform an analysis of social data.
- 305 Population Dynamics** Christine Percheski MW 4-5:20pm
This course explores the causes and consequences of population changes around the globe. Topics include health disparities in the United States, AIDS in Africa, migration within Latin America, sex-selective abortions in Asia, and changes in marriage and fertility in Europe.
- 306 Sociological Theory** Charles Camic TTH 9:30-10:50
A way of analyzing social worlds, of learning to see new things in everyday life. This course pairs classical social theory with empirical research that is informed by that theory. This approach helps disclose the dynamic relationship between theory and research, a relationship that gives rise to new ways of making sense of our social worlds.
- 307 School & Society** Karrie A. Snyder MW 4:00-5:20pm
School and Society explores how the educational system in the US fits into the larger society with an emphasis on how college can both alleviate and reaffirm existing patterns of social inequality. Topics will include: the college admissions process, single-sex education, and Teach for America.
- 327 Youth & Society** Karrie Snyder MW 12:30-1:50
The course will be a critical examination of how "childhood" and "adolescence" have been defined in the U.S. We will consider how modern and historical conceptions of childhood and adolescence have evolved and how these definitions have been shaped by societal forces and institutions such as the economy, religion, and politics. We will also look at the lives of children themselves and how individuals experience being children, kids, teens, and so forth in a particular time and place.



- 335 Sociology of Rational Decision Making** Bruce Carruthers MW 2-3:20pm
Analysis of the role played by numerical and quantitative information in organizational decision making in the private and public sectors.
- 345 Class & Culture: Focus on Israel** Oren Golan TTH 2-3:20pm
Music, food, art, fashion, blogging, gaming and such are all cultural artifacts that encompass a myriad of social meanings and class distinctions. This course aims to introduce students to key discussions about class, with particular attention to its cultural dimensions and with a focus on Israel.
- 376 Special Topics: The Gang** Albert Hunter TTH 2-3:20pm
This course explores the modern American urban street gang. It looks at the long sociological tradition of theory and research on such gangs, much of it conducted right here in Chicago. It looks at the structure and activities of such gangs and the response of local community institutions including the police, and national urban and criminal justice policy with respect to street gangs.
- 376 Special Topics: The Politics of Scarcity** Wendy Espeland TTH 3:30 – 4:50
 This course will examine scarcity in the distribution of water, food and healthcare in countries and communities around the world, including in Africa, South Asia and the U.S. Topics will include: How western drug companies affect healthcare in less developed countries; the effects of gender, race, ethnicity on scarcity; what the developed world can learn from the developing world about conservation and distribution; how scarcity is portrayed or ignored in contemporary media.
- 398 Senior Research Seminar** Carolyn Chen TTH 11-12:20pm
Majors prepare an independent project/thesis under faculty direction. Occasionally students may collaborate on a common research topic. Prerequisite: 303 or 329.