

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY



Fall 2014 Course Schedule

NO.	COURSE TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	DAYS	LOCATION	TIME
101-6 Sec. 20	First-Year Seminar Af_Am Novels of the Mid-20th Century <i>Sociological and literary study of three masterpieces: Zora Neale Hurston's THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD, Richard Wright's NATIVE SON, and James Baldwin's GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN.</i>	Wendy Griswold	TTh	Allison 1021	9:30-10:50 AM
101-6 Sec. 21	First-Year Seminar The Experience of Racial Inequality <i>When people think of racial inequality, they often point to statistics showing that racial minorities have lower outcomes in an array of areas such as earnings, education and health. Although these statistics represent a part of racial inequality, they overlook how racial inequality happens in everyday encounters. Students in this course will investigate the ways that the idea of race—a set of physical characteristics—becomes racial inequality via the use of public policy, social networks and the behaviors of everyday people.</i>	Quincy Stewart	MW	Allison 1021	9:30-10:50 AM
110-0 Sec. 20	Intro to Sociology <i>What's sociology? What do sociologists do? This course provides a selective introduction to sociology as both a discipline of academic inquiry and a whole way of seeing the world. Among the topics covered are economic development, social revolutions, methods of causal inference, education, gender, race, and urban inequality.</i>	Anthony Chen	MWF	Tech Aud	11:00-11:50 AM
202-0 Sec. 20	Social Problems <i>Where do social problems come from? What are the roles of the media, politicians, experts and other claimsmakers in this process? This course will cover many contemporary social problems including school violence, bullying and drunk driving. There will be an emphasis on understanding the history behind these social problems, the moral debates that surround them, and the policies enacted to address these issues. Students will do original research on a social problem of their choice.</i>	Karrie Snyder	MW	Ann G15	12:30-1:50PM
206-0 Sec. 20	Law & Society <i>An interactive course analyzing law, courts, social processes and social change using a variety of empirical and theoretical approaches.</i>	Laura Beth Nielsen	TTh	Harris 107	9:30-10:50 AM
207-0 Sec. 20	Cities in Society <i>Cities have always been understood as an endless stream of contradictions, reflecting the many political, economic, and socio-cultural currents of contemporary society. This course investigates some of the major issues in the study and development of cities and their surrounding areas, with a general focus on U.S. cities and a spotlight on neighborhoods and communities. In addition to studying the major schools of thought pertaining to the development of cities, we will also consider how cities represent contested sites where institutional actors and residents use urban space to challenge, resist, and enact social and political change on both the local, state and national level.</i>	Theodore Greene	MW	Harris 107	3:30-4:50 PM
220-0 Sec. 20	Health, Biomedicine, Culture & Society Combine w/ HUM 220-0 <i>This course provides a broad introduction to the domain of health and biomedicine by analyzing the cultural meanings associated with health and illness; the political debates 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>	Steven Epstein	TTh	Ann G21	11:00-12:20 PM
226-0 Sec. 20	Sociological Analysis <i>This course provides an introduction to the main ways in which sociologists do research and present their results. Students will carry out a series of short research exercises shaped around questions of their choosing, giving them an initial understanding of each of the methods and how to write up their results, experiments, ethnographic observations and interviews, and textual archives.</i>	Susan Thistle	TTH	555 Clark B01	3:30-4:50 PM
302-0 Sec. 20	Sociology of Organizations <i>This course considers four questions: What is an organization? How do they work? Why do they fail? and What role do organizations play in social change? Topics include: the structure and function of formal organizations (especially in business and government), the routinization of work, the genesis of the human relations, school, organizational culture, organization-environment interaction, stratification, organizational dysfunction, normal accidents, globalization, social change, and corporate social responsibility. Please note that enrollment preference is given to senior sociology and senior BIP majors. Other students will be accommodated as possible.</i>	Jessica Koski	MW	Univ. Hall 102	11:00-12:20 PM

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307-0 Sec. 20	School & Society <i>Do schools challenge social inequality? Do schools allow individuals and groups to become upwardly mobile? Or does our education system more often just help to reproduce current inequalities? This course is a critical look at education in the United States – with a focus on contemporary debates and issues. We will examine K-12 and college educational processes and practices including college admissions, teacher-student interactions, same-sex schooling, and Teach for America. Throughout all of these issues and topics, we will consider how schools both challenge and support existing systems of inequality.</i>	Karrie Snyder	MW	Harris L07	3:30-4:50 PM
308-0 Sec. 20	Crime, Politics, & Society <i>This is a course about the politics of crime from the age of Roosevelt (roughly 1933-1973) to the Age of Reagan (1974-2008). The course covers topics from domestic street crime to international crimes against humanity. The course closes by answering the question, is there a new Age of Obama in crime policy?</i>	John Hagan	TTh	Univ. Hall 102	9:30-10:50 AM
312-0 Sec. 20	Social Basis of Environmental Change <i>This course looks at the ways societies are impacting the natural environment, with primary focus on climate change, given the severity of this crisis, and different social policies addressing this crisis.</i>	Susan Thistle	TTh	Tech M152	2:00-3:20 PM
324-0 Sec. 20	Global Capitalism <i>Sociological aspects of world-historical rise of industrial capitalism. Rise of industrial capitalism in Europe, different forms of capitalism across the world, and consequences for poverty and inequality. Development and underdevelopment. This course meets the historical studies distribution requirement.</i>	Monica Prasad	TTh	Univ. Hall 122	2:00-3:20 PM
327-0 Sec. 20	Youth & Society <i>In this course, we explore sociological understandings of children and youth, primarily in the contemporary American context. The course is organized into four units: socialization, social movements, states, and markets. We pay particular attention to how gender, racial, and economic inequality is both reproduced and challenged as youth interact with family, state, and market institutions.</i>	Angela Anderson	MW	Univ. Hall 101	12:30-1:50 PM
345-0 Sec. 20	Class & Culture <i>This course examines the role of culture in reproducing social status, privilege, and inequality in the United States. We will pay particular emphasis to how elites respond to changes in the structure of the economy to ensure that their children retain their parents' social position.</i>	Nicola Beisel	TTh	Clarke B03	3:30-4:50 PM
356-0 Sec. 20	Sociology of Gender <i>Gender and issues of social reproduction and social change with sexuality and reproduction emphasized.</i>	Nicola Beisel	TTh	Locy 111	11:00-12:20 PM
398-1,2 Sec. 20	Senior Research Seminar <i>Majors prepare an independent project/thesis under faculty direction. Occasionally students may collaborate on a common research topic.</i>	Monica Prasad	TTh	Harris L06	11:00-12:20 PM