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Winter Quarter 2012 Course Schedule

NO.	COURSE TITLE	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
101	Freshman Sem: Students/Social Change Movements	Aldon Morris	TTh - Harris L04	2:00 – 3:20 pm
101	Freshman Sem: The Experience of Racial Inequality	Quincy Stewart	MW - UNV 112	3:00 – 4:20 pm

- 110 Introduction to Sociology Karrie A. Snyder MWF LVR AUD 12:00 12:50 pm

 Ever wonder what a sociologist does? Introduction to Sociology looks at how sociologists view the world, how their perspective differs from that of other social scientists, and covers all the basic concepts and theories in this exciting field.
- 206 Law & Society

 Laura Beth Nielsen

 TTh ANN G15

 11:00 12:20 pm

 Introduction to role of law in American society. Relationship of law, inequality, and social change. Patterns of change in major legal institutions: the courts, the legal profession, and legal services for the poor.
- **207 Cities in Society (old title Problems of Cities) Mary Pattillo MW ANN G21 3:30 4:50 pm**This course will introduce students to issues relevant to cities and their metropolitan areas, including spatial, economic, and political trends; private and public decision making; class, race, and gender; and possible solutions to inequalities and planning challenges.
- **212 Environment & Society Susan Thistle TTh Swift 212 12:30 1:50 pm** Overview of the interactions between societies and the natural environment. Examines both key environmental problems, like climate change and oil spills, and possible solutions, and the roles played by different social structures and groups in shaping both issues.
- 216 Gender and Society Nicola Beisel TTh ANN G21 3:30 4:50 pm Social determination of gender appropriate behavior. Origins, values, and effects of sex-role stereotypes. How stereotypes fit social reality.
- **Sociological Analysis**Albert Hunter
 TTh Harris L07
 11:00 12:20 pm
 Logic and methods of social research, qualitative and quantitative analysis of social data, and ethical, political, and policy issues in social research. Foundation for further work in social research.
- Sociology of Complex Organizations

 Joan Zielinski

 MW 555 Clark B01

 9:30 10:50 am

 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.
- Sociological Theory

 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. Prerequisite: Sophomore and above.
- School and Society Karrie A. Snyder MW 555 Clark B03 3:30 4:50 pm 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.

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- 309 Political Sociology (Politic and Society/Policy) Anthony Chen MW UNV 102 3:30 4:50 pm
 This course is a brief introduction to the subfield of political sociology, or the study of the interrelationship between politics and society. How do politics shape social relations, and how do social relations shape politics? The course aims to familiarize students with some of the major debates, core concepts, and explanatory approaches that have dominated recent research. In order to give the course chronological and geographical focus, it devotes particular attention to the political development of public policy in the United States from the New Deal. Among the topics considered are industrial relations, social policy, banking and securities regulation, fiscal policy, civil rights, and health care. The course blends lectures with discussions, and it draws on a widely interdisciplinary set of readings.
- Food, Politics & Society
 Susan Thistle
 TTh Harris L07
 3:30 4:50 pm
 Examines social groups and institutions shaping the ways we grow, sell and consume food around the world
 today. Also looks at the environmental as well as social consequences of existing food systems, and sustainable
 and socially equitable alternatives.
- **Sociology of Law**Robert Nelson

 TTh 555 Clark B03

 3:30 4:50 pm

 This course will examine the relationship between law and power using material from the social sciences and selected court cases that raise critical issues about race, gender, and sexual orientation in American society.
- Sociology of Science Charles Camic TTh 555 Clark B03 11:00 12:20 pm
 Science as a social system. Personality, social class, and cultural factors in scientific development, creativity, choice of role, simultaneous invention, and priority disputes. Social effects on objectivity and bias.
- American Subcultures and Ethnic Groups Christian Ukaegbu MW 555 Clark B03 9:30 10:50 am Differentiation, organization, and stratification by ethnicity, race, lifestyle, and other traits. Maintenance of subgroup boundaries and distinctiveness. Consequences of difference: identity, political and economic participation, group solidarity.
- 330 Law, Markets and Globalization Bruce Carruthers MW UNV 101 11:00 12:30 pm

 Analysis of recent economic globalization trends, the causal role of national and international law in producing those trends, global convergence in law, legal transplants, globalization and the environment.
- Work and Occupations: A Global Perspective Christian Ukaegbu MW 555 Clark B01 2:00-3:20 pm Work in modern society and its place in the moral order: workers in selection, recruitment, socialization, and stages of practice throughout their careers; the relationship of work and other responsibilities to family and the larger society.

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376 Special Topics: Media and Society: Focus on Israel Oren Golan TTh – UNV 218 2:00 – 3:20 pm

Sec 20

Advances in new technologies and the popularity of new media have instigated and enabled significant change in economies, education, lifestyles and social relationships worldwide, with a distinct flavor in Israeli society. For over a decade, new information and communication technologies (ICTs), including instant messaging, social network services (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare), digital gaming, newsgroups and cellular phones, have been rapidly spreading and embedding into the everyday lives of virtually all parts of Israel's social mosaic. The course's aim is to explore the impact that new media has on Israeli society and cultures. Classes will focus on the impact on traditional social institutions in Israel (e.g. the family, ideology, community, socialization, religion, economy, stratification) as well as demonstrate its expressions within emergent forms of communication, language and culture.

376 Special Topics: Civil Rights Movement Aldon Morris TTh – Harris L06 9:30 – 11:50 pm

Sec 21

The course will explore the causes, dynamics and outcomes of the civil rights movement. Particular attention will be focused on the connection between racial inequality and the civil rights movement. The course will examine the social conditions that facilitated and undermined the interracial character of the movement.

376 Special Topics: Gender, Sexuality/Work in Technoscience Tom Waidzunas TTh – UNV 101 2:00 – 3:20 pm

Sec 22

While women have made great gains in achieving equality within many professions, various scientific and technical fields remain some of the most intractable and inhospitable. This course will begin with an investigation into sociological explanations for inequalities within these professions, examining both successes and challenges for achieving gender and racial equality.

376 Special Topics: Families: A Global Approach Christine Percheski MW – 1812 Chicago 2:00 – 3:20 pm

Sec 23

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How does family life vary around the globe? This class will consider marriage, childrearing, intergenerational relationship, and household organization in a comparative perspective. These topics will be explored in a seminar format with the focus on discussion of recently published scholarly books and articles. Throughout the quarter, students will conduct independent research on family life in a country of their choice, and they will present their findings at the end of the term.

376 Special Topics: Numbers, Identity, and Modernity: Wendy TTh - Harris L05 10:30 – 11:50 am Sec How Calculation Shapes Who We Are Espeland

Our world is awash in numbers. In this class we will consider how we make and use numbers, how we know ourselves through numbers, and the particular kinds of authority we grant to numbers. Using a range of examples including the SAT, college rankings, and statistics about sexuality, this class will examine what prompts people to produce numbers, what causes them to spread, how they intervene in the worlds they measure, and how we think about ourselves and others differently as a result.





11:00 - 12:20 pm

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398 Senior Research Seminar Carolyn Chen TTH - ANN G29

Majors prepare an independent project/thesis under faculty direction. Occasionally students may collaborate on a common research topic. Prerequisite: 303 or 329.