Courses in Sociology

A Soc 115
Introduction to Sociology (3)
The two sections below are offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Nature of culture and of human society, personality development, groups and group structure, social institutions, the processes of social change. A Soc 115Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 115; only one may be taken for credit.
(2536) Luo, Zhifan
6 Week 2: June 22 - July 31
Online class in Blackboard
(2534) Celenk, Ozgur
4 Week 3: July 20 - August 14
Online class in Blackboard
(2535) Overdyke, Renee
4 Week 3: July 20 - August 14
MTWTh 6:00p.m.-8:40p.m.
PC-355

A Soc 180
Social Problems (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Applies the concepts, methods, and ethics of sociology to the analysis of "social problems." A Soc 180Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 180; only one may be taken for credit.
(2537) Choudary, Wendie
4 Week 2: June 22 - July 17
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 203 (=R Crj 203)
Criminology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to the study of crime, including the development of criminal law, the relationship between crime and social structure, and the individual and social causes of crime. R Crj 203 can be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z.
(2541) Applin, Samantha
4 Week 2: June 22 - July 17
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 210
Sociology of Culture (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The social settings within which culture--literature, painting, theatre, fashion, popular magazines, graffiti, television--are produced and consumed. Special attention is paid to the development of artistic careers, the forces shaping markets for artistic objects and performances, the effects of censorship, and class differences in the consumption of culture. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.
(2542) Horvitz, Andrew
6 Week 1: May 26 - July 3
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 220
Introduction to Social Research (3)
Examination of the assumptions and techniques of social research: problems of design, data collection, quantitative and qualitative analysis; review of current research in professional journals; the uses of survey research; application of concepts through individual and class projects. For Sociology majors and intended majors, A Soc 220 is restricted to A-E grading after matriculation at Albany. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115.

(2544) Hourigan, Kristen  
4 Week 1: May 26 - June 19  
MTWThF 8:30a.m.-10:50a.m.  
AS-15  

A Soc 235  
Sociological Theory (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Overview of major schools of theory influencing current sociological inquiry. Discussion of selected works of classical and contemporary theorists. The influence of values on theorizing and the issue of value neutrality. An evaluation of the role of theory in the growth of the discipline. For Sociology majors and intended majors, A Soc 235 is restricted to A-E grading after matriculation at Albany. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z.

(2546) Stivers, Abby  
6 Week 2: June 22 - July 31  
Online course in Blackboard  

A Soc 250  
Sociology of Families (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course provides a broad overview of the sociology of families, starting with the variety of ways we define and study families. Topics include the history of families in the U.S.; how families are formed and how members perform economic roles and care for each other; how issues of gender, race, class, and sexuality influence family relationships and the connections between families and the larger society; how family members are affected when marriages or relationships end; family violence; and aging and kin networks. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z.

(1886) Pain, Emily  
4 Week 2: June 22 - July 17  
Online course in Blackboard  

A Soc 255  
Mass Media (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The role of newspapers, radio, television and motion pictures in American society. Changes in these media and their functional relationship to education, the economy, the political process and public opinion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2547) Li, Muyang  
6 Week 2: June 22 - July 31  
Online course in Blackboard  

A Soc 262  
Sociology of Gender (3)  
This course examines how gender is socially constructed in contemporary U.S. society. The course examines how gender orders our everyday lives, our sense of self, our friendships, romances, conversations, clothing, body image, entertainment, work, sexuality, and parenthood. Students will learn how conceptions about gender create and enforce a system of gender difference and inequality. This course will examine the lives, experiences, and representations of heterosexual and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and queer (LGBTQ) persons. The course will reveal the “common sense” world of gender that surrounds us by exposing the workings of institutions such as the family, the classroom, the workplace, and the media. Throughout the course we will emphasize the ways in which people experience gender opportunities and constraints differently according to their race, gender, class, and sexuality. Only one version of A SOC 262 may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or permission of instructor.

(2106) Franklin, Kolbe
A Soc 282
Race and Ethnicity (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an introduction to the sociological study of race and ethnicity in the United States. Specifically, the course emphasizes understanding the social, demographic, economic, political and historical forces that have resulted in the unique experiences of different groups of Americans. Further, the student will be provided with the opportunity to analyze and discuss the impact of public policy on issues that pertain to various racial and ethnic groups.
(2549) Pila, Daniela

A Soc 283
Juvenile Delinquency (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The purpose of this course is to examine the unique aspects of the juvenile justice system and theoretical explanations of delinquent behavior. The course is divided into three sections: 1) conceptual and methodological issues in the study of delinquency; 2) explanations of delinquent behavior; 3) the control of delinquency. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.
(2597) Wong, Allen

A Soc 340
Social Control (3)
An intensive examination of a specialized topic relating to stratification or inequality among social groups defined by categories of race, ethnicity, gender, or class. Topics will vary from term to term. A Soc 440Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 440 and A Soc 440W is the writing intensive AND oral discourse version of A Soc 440. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor.
(2550) McMillan, Richard

A Soc 341
Social Inequality (3)
Diverse forms of inequality in human society; causes and consequences of inequality; sociological approaches to the study of inequality. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.
(2551) McMillan, Richard

A Soc 342
Organizations in Society (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Analysis of the structure and processes of different types of organizations (e.g., banks, schools, government agencies, computer firms); intra- and inter-organizational relationships; organizations and their environments; organizational
effectiveness. A Soc 342Z is a writing intensive version of A Soc 342; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2552) Xu, Dan
4 Week 3: July 20 - August 14
*Online class in Blackboard*

A Soc 357
Sociology of Work (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Nature and outcome of work for the individual and the society; considerations of gender, age, race, and ethnicity as they interact with employment and unemployment and career patterns; relationships between work and family; the potential for changing work, and the role of power in the workplace. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2553) Morin, Maegan
4 Week 2: June 22 - July 17
*Online class in Blackboard*

A Soc 359
Medical Sociology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Comprehensive introduction to sociological factors in disease etiology and illness behavior and to the sociology of the organization of medical practice and the health professions. A Soc 359Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 359 and A Soc 359W is the writing intensive and oral discourse version of A Soc 359; only one of A Soc 359, A Soc 359Z, and A Soc 359W may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z.

(2554) Hamer-Small, Kaya
6 Week 3: July 6 - August 14
*Online class in Blackboard*

A Soc 362
Sociology of Sexualities (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course reviews the core of the sociology of sexuality from a sociohistorical perspective. Among the topics to be discussed are the theoretical approaches to sexuality, the making of sexual identities, the relationship between sexuality and social institutions, and sexual politics and ethics. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 or 115Z.

(1847) Lamarre, Nicole
6 Week 1: May 26 - July 3
*Online class in Blackboard*

A Soc 373
Community & Urban Sociology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Approaches to the study of community and urban form and process. The city as a coercive product and as a social artifact. The impact of urbanization and other changes on the physical and social structure of communities. The impact of the urban setting upon social institutions, city, metropolis, and megalopolis, the future of cities. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2555) Chung, Angie
4 Week 1: May 26 - June 19
*Online class in Blackboard*

A Soc 384
Sociology of Aging (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. A broad introduction to aging as a social phenomenon and its implications for both individuals and societies. Specific topics include: historical, cross-cultural, and racial/ethnic differences in the social meanings and consequences of aging, conceptual issues and empirical patterns related to work and retirement, family, residential location, and
death and dying; and program and policy issues associated with aging, including retirement and health care policy. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2556) Barton, Michelle
6 Week 3: July 6 - August 14
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 389
Special Topics in Sociology of Culture: Sociology of Holocaust (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course is an overview of the sociological literature on the Holocaust, specifically, and genocide, more generally. Students will learn more about the social causes and effects of genocide through a focus on the Holocaust. We will begin with the basic history of the Holocaust and discuss why sociology, as a discipline, should be interested in its study. Then we will cover major sociological explanations of different aspects of the Holocaust, including: the behavior of perpetrators and victims; class based, political, and cultural/ideological explanations of the events of the Holocaust; the Holocaust in international perspective; racism and nationalism and the crises of states in formation; and finally, the long term effects and reactions to the historical fact or experience of the Holocaust. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115.

(2311) Mitchell, Lacy
4 Week 3: July 20 - August 14
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 389
Special Topics in Sociology of Culture: Sociology of 9/11 & the War on Terror (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course explores the cultural and political impact of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The media's role in constructing meanings is the main organizing focus of the course. Areas of examination include: The attacks and their immediate aftermath, historical meanings and factors in place before 9/11, and how 9/11 changed our culture (and global culture) since and will continue to change it into the future. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115.

(1650) Michaud Wild, Nicole
4 Week 3: July 20 - August 14
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 399
Sociology of Childhood (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Intensive investigation of a specialized topic in Sociology. The topic varies from semester to semester and is indicated by the course subtitle. The course may be repeated once if topics differ. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2558) Dreby, Joanna
4 Week 1: May 26 - June 19
MTWThF 12:30-2:50p.m.
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