Courses in Sociology

A Soc 115
Introduction to Sociology (3)
This course 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.

(2141) Lewis, Philip
6 Week 1: May 23-July 1
Online class in Blackboard
(2139) Calarco, Jr., Paul
6 Week 2: June 20-July 29
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 200
Political Sociology (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Analyzes the social bases of political power and the origin, course of development, and duration of social movements; the role of propaganda, communication, and public opinion in political behavior; the structure of political organizations. Prerequisites(s): A Soc 115Z.

(2422) Chung, Rak Koo
4 Week 2: June 20-July 15
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 use 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.

(2424) Muyang, Li
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12
MTWThF 8:30a.m.-10:50a.m.
HU-116

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.

(2149) Stivers, Abby
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
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.

(1685) Pain, Emily
4 Week 2: June 20 - July 15
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, transgender 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.

(1835) Franklin, Kolbe
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-2:50p.m.
AS-15
The section below offered online in Blackboard
(2151) Morin, Maegan
6 Week 2: June 20-July 29
Online class in Blackboard

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.

(2183) Wong, Allen
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
Online class in Blackboard

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.

(2154) McMillan, Richard
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
MTWThF 9:30a.m.-10:50a.m.
AS-15

A Soc 350
Social Movements (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.
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.

(2157) Hamer-Small, Kaya
4 Week 3: July 18-August 12
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 362
Sociology of Sexualities (3)
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.

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.

(2159) Barton, Michelle
6 Week 3: July 5-August 12
Online class in Blackboard
A Soc 389
Sociology of Culture (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Examination of a specialized topic in the area of sociology of culture. Topic varies each term, but might include sociology of the arts, literature, leisure, religion, or in areas such as Eastern European, Chinese, or Latin American culture. May be repeated for up to 12 credits if topics differ. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115 and A Soc 115Z.

(1489) Li, Haoyue
4 Week 2: June 20-July 15
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

(2160) Dreby, Joanna
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
Online class in Blackboard

A Soc 460Z
Status, Expectations and Behavior (3)
In this course we will investigate several of the basic social processes that occur in interpersonal behavior. Most of our attention will be devoted to issues of power and prestige, status, self-evaluation, justice, deviance, and sentiment. In each case we will review research relevant to the issue, develop theoretical arguments to explain that research, and consider ways of applying those arguments to the analysis and solution of social problems (for example, the problems that arise from gender-based status inequalities).

(1349) Wagner, David
4 Week 1: May 23-June 17
MTWThF 12:30p.m.-2:50p.m.
BA-227