

# *DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY*

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*Teaching Assistants (estimated): 6*

## Careers

A B.A. degree in sociology prepares people for positions in business, government, and the human services. Fields such as health management, public administration, gerontology, and higher educational administration include people with a sociology B.A. degree. The undergraduate degree in sociology is excellent preparation for advanced degrees and future careers in business administration, criminal justice, social welfare, law, education, and the health professions, as well as graduate study in sociology and related disciplines.

## Admission

*Application:* Students who have completed A Soc 115 (Introduction to Sociology), A Soc 220 (Introduction to Social Research), and A Soc 235 (Sociological Theory) with grades of *C* or better in the latter two courses may apply for admission to the major in sociology. Upon review of the student's record, the department will admit all applicants who meet the specified requirements. Students who do not meet the specified criteria for admission may retake either or both courses in order to achieve the minimum grade of *C*.

*Appeals:* Students denied admission to the major may appeal the decision by petition to the department chair. The deadline for appeals is the end of the fifth day of classes each semester. Appeals will be evaluated prior to the final date for adding or dropping semester-length courses each semester. The department chair and the director of the undergraduate committee will make the decision on the appeal.

*Impact on Transfer Students:* Transfer students who plan to major in sociology but have not completed A Soc 220 or A Soc 235 or their equivalents with grades of *C* or better may declare their intention to major in sociology but will not be formally admitted to the major when they enter the University. Students who declare their intention to major in sociology will be advised by the Sociology

Department. Upon successful completion of the two courses with a grade of *C* or better in each, students may apply for admission to the major. Most entering transfer students have completed A Soc 115 (Introduction to Sociology). Those who have not taken A Soc 115 may take that course their first semester, followed in the next semester by the two courses required for admission to the major. Such students may then apply for admission and, if successful, will be able to complete remaining major requirements in two or more semesters.

## Degree Requirements for the Major in Sociology

General Program B.A.: A minimum of 36 credits in sociology, including: A Soc 115M or 115G, 220, 221, 235, one 400-level seminar, and 21 additional credits of sociology as advised. Of the required 36 credits in sociology, a minimum of 12 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Note: the 400-level seminar counts toward the 12-credit minimum.

Sociology majors are restricted to A–E grading after matriculation at Albany when taking courses to fulfill the requirements in research methods (A Soc 220), statistics (A Soc 221), and theory (A Soc 235).

Majors who have satisfactorily completed A Mat 108, A Psy 210, or R Crj 281 will have A Soc 221 waived. In this case, students must substitute a 3-credit sociology course for A Soc 221.

## Special Programs or Opportunities

The department provides research opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students, a series of colloquia with locally and nationally known sociologists, and a local chapter of the national sociology honorary society, Alpha Kappa Delta. A joint B.A./M.A. program is available in sociology as well as a joint B.A./M.P.A. in sociology and public administration.

## Honors Program

The honors program in sociology combines recognition of general academic excellence with demonstrated achievement in sociology. The program is structured to provide exposure to the breadth of sociological modes of inquiry, while also stimulating and supporting original, student-initiated exploration of sociological issues.

### SELECTION AND EVALUATION

The student must have declared sociology as a major and have completed at least 12 credits of course work in sociology. The student must have an overall grade point average not lower than 3.25 and a 3.50 in sociology is required for admission to the honors program.

Upon satisfactory completion of the honors curriculum and of courses required of all majors, students will be recommended by the Director of the Honors Program to graduate with honors in sociology.

The student must maintain the same grade point average overall and the same average in the major as were required for admission to the honors program.

### CURRICULUM

A total of 36 credits in sociology, including A Soc 115M or 115G, 220, 221, 235, two substantive courses (300 level or higher) directly related to the topic of the honors thesis. Research Proposal Seminar (A Soc 488Z) and a Senior Honors Thesis (A Soc 498).

### ADMINISTRATION

The undergraduate honors director administers the program, advises students, and helps students in selecting thesis advisers.

The thesis is discussed in a forum involving the adviser, the honors director, and other faculty members selected by the student and the adviser upon its completion in the senior year.

## Combined B.A./M.A. and B.A./M.P.A. Programs

Sociology/Sociology. The combined B.A./M.A. program in sociology/sociology provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to fulfill integrated requirements of undergraduate and master's degree programs from the beginning of their junior year. The program provides an integrated and focused curriculum in sociology that allows the upper-level student exposure to advanced knowledge in theory and substantive areas and opportunities for participation in research. A carefully designed program can permit a student to earn the B.A. and M.A. degrees within nine semesters.

The combined program requires a minimum of 138 credits, of which at least 30 must be graduate credits. In qualifying for the B.A., students must meet all University and college requirements, including the requirements of the undergraduate major described previously, the minor requirement, the minimum 90-credit liberal arts and science requirement, general education requirements, and residency requirements. During their junior and senior years students take A Soc 509, 510, 511, and 522. In qualifying for the M.A., students must meet all University and college requirements as outlined in the Graduate Bulletin, including completion of a minimum of 30 graduate credits and any other conditions such as a research seminar, thesis, comprehensive examination, professional experience, and residency requirements. Up to 12 graduate credits may be applied simultaneously to both the B.A. and M.A. programs.

Students are considered undergraduates until completion of 120 graduation credits and satisfactory completion of all B.A. requirements. Upon meeting B.A. requirements, students are automatically considered as graduate students.

Students may apply to the Graduate Committee for admission to the combined degree program in sociology at the beginning of their junior year or after the successful completion of 56 credits, but no later than the accumulation of 100 credits. A cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher and three supportive letters of recommendation from faculty are required for consideration. The Graduate Committee will thoroughly review the progress and academic standing of students admitted to the program at the end of the junior year.

Sociology/Public Administration. The combined B.A./M.P.A. program in sociology/public administration provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to fulfill integrated requirements of undergraduate and master's degree programs from the beginning of their junior year. A carefully designed program can permit a student to earn the B.A. and M.P.A. degrees in one less semester than is normally required.

The combined program requires a minimum of 154 credits, of which at least 46 must be graduate credits. In qualifying for the B.A., students must meet all University and school requirements, including the requirements of the major described previously, the minor requirement, the minimum 90-credit liberal arts and science requirement, general education requirements, and residency requirements. In qualifying for the M.P.A., students must meet all University and school requirements as outlined in the Graduate Bulletin, including completion of a minimum of 46 graduate credits and any other conditions such as a research seminar, thesis, comprehensive examination, professional experience, and residency requirements. Up to 12 graduate credits may be applied simultaneously to both the B.A. and M.P.A. programs.

Students are considered as undergraduates until completion of 120 graduation credits and satisfactory completion of all B.A. requirements. Upon meeting B.A. requirements, students are automatically considered graduate students.

Students may apply to the combined degree program in sociology/public administration at the beginning of their junior year or after the successful completion of 56 credits, but no later than the accumulation of 100 credits. A cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher and three supportive letters of recommendation from faculty are required for consideration.

## Courses

### **A Soc 115M Introduction to Sociology (3)**

Nature of culture and of human society, personality development, groups and group structure, social institutions, the processes of social change. A Soc 115G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 115M; only one may be taken for credit. [SS]

### **A Soc 115G Introduction to Sociology (3)**

A Soc 115G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 115M; only one may be taken for credit. [SS WI]

### **A Soc 180M Social Problems (3)**

Applies the concepts, methods, and ethics of sociology to the analysis of "social problems." A Soc 180G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 180M; only one may be taken for credit. [SS]

### **A Soc 180G Social Problems (3)**

A Soc 180G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 180M; only one may be taken for credit. [SS WI]

### **A Soc 200 (formerly A Soc 354) Political Sociology (3)**

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. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

### **A Soc 210M Sociology of Culture (3)**

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 115M or 115G. [SS]

### **A Soc 217 Alternatives to Bureaucratic Organization (3)**

Whereas some social theorists focus on the functional aspects of bureaucratic organization, such as efficiency and impartiality, others view the specialization and impersonality of bureaucratic work as incompatible with humanistic values. The intellectual roots of these two traditions and various contemporary versions of them are examined. A Soc 217Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 217; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004.

### **A Soc 217Z Alternatives to Bureaucratic Organization (3)**

A Soc 217Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 217; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or A Soc 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004. [WI]

### **A Soc 220 (formerly A Soc 223) 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. A Soc 220 is restricted to A–E grading after matriculation at Albany. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

### **A Soc 221 Statistics for Sociologists (3)**

Introduction to quantitative analysis of sociological data: methods of summarizing and describing univariate distributions including the use of tables and graphs; methods of examining relationships between two or more measures; statistical inference and hypothesis testing. A Soc 221 is restricted to A–E grading after matriculation at Albany. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. [MS]

### **A Soc 235 (formerly A Soc 335) Sociological Theory (3)**

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. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

### **A Soc 250 Sociology of Families (3)**

The family as a social institution; types of family organization; the family as a socializing agency and its interrelations with other institutions; the impact of social change on the American family with particular reference to the transition from a rural-agricultural to a predominantly urban-industrial society. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

### **A Soc 255 Mass Media (3)**

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 115M or 115G

**A Soc 260 Social Psychology (3)**

Survey course covering both theories and topical areas in the field. Both sociological and psychological perspectives are represented, although the former is emphasized. Topical areas include the self, face-to-face interaction, attitudes, communication, interpersonal relationships, small group processes, social structure, and personality. A Soc 260Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 260; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G, or A Psy 101M.

**A Soc 260Z Social Psychology (3)**

A Soc 260Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 260; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G, or A Psy 101M. [WI]

**A Soc 262M (= A Wss 262M) Sociology of Gender (3)**

Culturally defined sex roles: their origins and their implications for individuals and society. Only one of A Soc 262M and A Wss 262M may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; or permission of instructor. [DP SS]

**A Soc 270M Social and Demographic Change (3)**

This is a computer-based course that investigates how major social, economic and political changes have affected the demographic structure of the national population in the past four decades. The focus is on gaining an understanding of how major dimensions of the nation's social and demographic structures have changed from 1950 to the present. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004.

**A Soc 282M (= A Lcs 282M) Race & Ethnicity (3)**

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. [DP SS]

**A Soc 283M (formerly A Soc 383M) Juvenile Delinquency (3)**

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 115M or 115G. [SS]

**A Soc 289 (= A Lcs 289) Special Topics in Ethnicity (1-3)**

Intensive examination of the culture and lifestyle of a single ethnic group within American society. The specific ethnic group varies from term to term and is indicated by course subtitle: e.g., Ethnicity; Italian Americans. A Lcs 289 and A Soc 289 can be repeated, but the total credits earned may not exceed 6 credits under different subtitles. Departmental permission required for more than 6 credits. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004.

**A Soc 299 Special Topics in Sociology (3)**

Investigation of a special topic in Sociology. The topic varies from semester to semester, and is indicated by the course subtitle. Course may be repeated *once* if topics differ. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 325 (formerly A Soc 457M & 457G) Sociology of Science (3)**

Characteristics of scientific belief systems: social background of the development of science; the social organization of scientific activity; the impact of science on society. A Soc 325Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 325; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004.

**A Soc 325Z (formerly A Soc 457M & 457G) Sociology of Science (3)**

A Soc 325Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 325; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s) A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 340 Social Control (3)**

The factors involved in the maintenance of the social order and the making of group decisions. The nature of custom, ideology, leadership, public opinion and other types of control. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered in 2003-2004.

**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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 342 Organizations in Society (3)**

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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 342Z Organizations in Society (3)**

A Soc 342Z is a writing intensive version of A Soc 342; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. [WI]

**A Soc 344 (= A Wss 344) Sociology of Women in the Political Economy (3)**

The different economic roles women play. The socio-historical determinants of these roles and their implications for the individual and society. A Soc 344Z & A Wss 344Z are the writing intensive versions of A Soc 344 and A Wss 344; only one of the four courses may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G, or permission of instructor.

**A Soc 344Z (= A Wss 344 Z) Sociology of Women in the Political Economy (3)**

A Soc 344Z & A Wss 344Z are the writing intensive versions of A Soc 344 and A Wss 344; only one of the four courses may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G, or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004..[WI]

**A Soc 345 Industrial and Economic Organization (3)**

Examination of the relationship between market developments and patterns of industrial organization. The emergence of capitalist market systems and implications for the organization of work. The relationship between markets and production

systems in developed industrial economies. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered during 2003-2004.

**A Soc 350 Social Movements (3)**

Mobilization of social, ethnic, national and gender groups is the focal concern. Both macro and micro approaches will be employed. Motivations, resources, ideologies, patterns, and outcomes will be discussed. Major theoretical models will be presented and evaluated. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 351 (formerly A Soc 444M & 444G) Social Conflict (3)**

Sources and effects of social conflict; stages in the conflict process; strategies of conflicting parties; social control over conflict situations. A Soc 351Z is the writing intensive version of A Soc 351; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 351Z (formerly A Soc 444M & 444G) Social Conflict (3)**

Soc 351Z is the writing intensive version of Soc 351; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 357 Sociology of Work (3)**

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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 359DM Medical Sociology (3)**

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 359G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 359M; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. [OD WI]

**A Soc 359M Medical Sociology (3)**

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 359G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 359M; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. [SS]

**A Soc 359G Medical Sociology (3)**

A Soc 359G is the writing intensive version of A Soc 359M; only one may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [SS WI]

**A Soc 360 Processes of Socialization (3)**

Exploration of socialization processes with similarities and differences in occurrence in various social institutions; aspects of socialization in the life cycle of the individual. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; A Soc 260 or 260Z or equivalent. May not be offered during 2003-2004.

**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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 369 (formerly A Soc 469) Special Topics in Social Psychology (3)**

Basic exploration of a specific area in social psychology, with primary emphasis on exposure to relevant theoretical and research literature. Topic varies from semester to semester and is indicated by course subtitle. Course may be repeated for up to 9 credits if topic differs. Departmental permission required for more than 9 credits. Prerequisite(s): 6 credits in sociology and permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004.

**A Soc 370 Social Demography (3)**

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an in-depth introduction to the field of demography and population studies. Specifically, the course emphasizes the impact of population processes and events on human societies. Sociology, along with other social science disciplines, will be employed to facilitate the understanding of how social and demographic factors interact to create problems throughout the world.

**A Soc 371 (= A Eco 341 & 341Z) Urban Economics (3)**

Only one of A Soc 371 and A Eco 341 & 341Z may be taken for credit. May not be offered during 2003-2004.

**A Soc 373 Community and Urban Sociology (3)**

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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 375 U.S. Urban Neighborhood Diversity (3)**

Examines racial and ethnic diversity in neighborhoods in contemporary urban America. Explores various definitions of neighborhood and measures used to examine neighborhood segregation. It discusses the importance of one's neighborhood in structuring other aspects of life, including friendships, schools, crime and health. Attitudes toward integration will be linked to neighborhood change and metropolitan wide patterns of residential segregation. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [DP]

**A Soc 380 (formerly A Soc 480) Sociology of Deviant Behavior (3)**

Explores various aspects of deviance: causes of deviant behavior, sources and nature of reactions to deviants, impact of social reaction on deviants, relationships between deviance and social structure. Theories of deviance and selected areas of deviant behavior are discussed. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 381 Criminology (3)**

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. Analyzes the criminal justice system: police, courts, and correctional systems. Only one of A Soc 381 and R Crj 200 may be taken for credit. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 384 Sociology of Aging (3)**

Aging as a cultural phenomenon; a comparative study of age structure in society; the nature of age strata; relationships

of age strata; the consequence of social change for age definition. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 385 (formerly A Soc 451) Sociology of Law (3)**

The course will examine theoretical and conceptual issues of law and the operation of the criminal justice system. The course is designed to be analytical rather than descriptive. It emphasizes theoretical and research work that has been done on the law and the criminal justice system. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 389 Special Topics in Sociology of Culture (3)**

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. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G

**A Soc 399 Special Topics in Sociology (3)**

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 115M or 115G.

**A Soc 410Z Selected Topics Seminar in the Sociology of Culture (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of the sociology of culture, including significant exposure to primary literature and critical class discussion. Possible topics include functions of art in society, the mass media, art, and religion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 420Z Selected Topics Seminar in Research Methods (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in sociological research. Topics include survey analysis and reporting, qualitative methods, multivariate analysis, experimental design. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 430Z Selected Topics Seminar in Sociological Theory (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of sociological theory, including significant exposure to primary literature and critical class discussion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 440Z Selected Topics Seminar in Stratification: Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Class (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. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 441Z Selected Topics Seminar in Comparative Sociology (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of sociological theory, including significant exposure to primary literature, and critical class discussion. Topics include: comparative peasant societies, the origins of capitalism, comparative world religions, revolutions and social movements. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 449Z Selected Topics Seminar in Work and Organizations (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in work and organizations (such as family, comparative organizations, industrial automation). Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 450Z Selected Topics Seminar in Political Sociology (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of political sociology, including significant exposure to primary literature and critical class discussion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 460Z Selected Topics Seminar in Social Psychology (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of social psychology, including analysis of relevant literature and critical class discussion. Topic varies from semester to semester as is indicated by course subtitle. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 470D Selected Topics Seminar in the Sociology of Families (3)**

A specialized course in the sociology of the family. Topics might include: work and family, aging families, gender and families, cross-cultural studies in the family. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. [OD WI]

**A Soc 470Z Selected Topics Seminar in the Sociology of Families (3)**

A specialized course in the sociology of the family. Topics might include: work and family, aging families, gender and families, cross-cultural studies in the family. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 473Z Selected Topics Seminar in Community and Urban Sociology (3)**

A specialized course in community and urban sociology. Topics might include segregation, the under class, American neighborhoods, suburbanization, evolution of cities, the third world urbanization, and urban policy. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 475Z Selected Topics Seminar in Demography (3)**

A specialized course in demography. Topics might include: fertility, mortality, migration, population policy, family demography, historical demography. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 481Z Selected Topics Seminar in Crime and Deviance (3)**

An intensive examination of how to use data on deviance and crime in evaluating social theories and policies about deviance and crime, including significant exposure to primary literature and critical class discussion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. [WI]

**A Soc 484Z Selected Topics Seminar in the Sociology of Aging (3)**

A specialized course in sociology of aging. Topics might include: aging families, cross-cultural and sub-cultural

differences, work and retirement, intergenerational relationships, death and dying, and social policy issues. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 485Z Selected Topics Seminar in Health and Medicine (3)**

An intensive examination of a specialized topic in the area of health and medicine, including significant exposure to primary literature and critical class discussion. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 488Z Research Proposal Seminar (3)**

This writing intensive seminar is intended for students who wish to acquire experience in sociological research, are considering writing an honors thesis in sociology (A Soc 498), or may be interested in graduate studies in sociology. Topics covered include the choice of a research question, theoretical issues, review of literature, research design, collection and analysis of data, and presentation of results. A research proposal is written under the supervision of a member of the department of sociology. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235; and an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher.

**A Soc 490A and B Internship in Sociology (3, 3)**

Individually designed internships for students who wish to acquire experience in a field or area of sociology that interests them. Student-instructor conferences are arranged at regular intervals. May be taken only once for credit. **Open to senior sociology majors only**, with permission of instructor. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G, 220, 221, 235, one sociology course directly related to the internship and an **overall GPA of 3.0**. *S/U* graded.

**A Soc 495Z Special Topics Seminar in Sociology (3)**

Intensive examination of a specialized topic in sociology. The special topic varies from semester to semester and is indicated by course subtitle. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G; 220, 221, and 235, or permission of instructor. May not be offered during 2003-2004. [WI]

**A Soc 497A and B Independent Study in Sociology (1-3)**

Independent reading or research on a selected experimental, theoretical, or applied problem under the direction of a faculty member. May be taken a second time for an additional 3 credits upon recommendation of the faculty supervisor and with approval of the department chair. Prerequisite(s) for sociology majors: A Soc 115M or 115G, 12 additional credits in sociology, and junior or senior class standing; Prerequisite(s) for non-sociology majors: senior class standing and two courses in sociology. All students must have permission of department and contractual agreement with a departmental instructor to supervise project.

**A Soc 498 Senior Honors Thesis (3)**

Honors Thesis written under the supervision of a member of the sociology department. The student presents proposals and periodic progress reports. The thesis is presented to the adviser and Honors Committee in the final semester of the senior year. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 488Z (Research Proposal).

**A Soc 499 Special Topics in Sociology (3)**

Intensive examination of a specialized topic in Sociology. The topic varies from semester to semester and is indicated by course subtitle. Course may be repeated *once* if topics differ. Prerequisite(s): A Soc 115M or 115G. May not be offered during 2003-2004.