

## **Purdue University Department of Sociology Undergraduate Courses**

### [SOC 10000 - Introductory Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A survey course designed to introduce the student to the scene of human society. Fundamental concepts, description, and analysis of society, culture, the socialization process, social institutions, and social change. Students of junior or senior standing should take SOC 31200, unless they are sociology or law and society majors. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

### [SOC 22000 - Social Problems](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Contemporary problems at the community, society, and international levels, focusing on patterns of social organization and social change in American society, with concentration on such topics as technological militarism and war, poverty, racism, political protest, and cybernation. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

### [SOC 27500 - Social Gerontology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. An examination of the basic points of view and a review of the accumulated body of knowledge specific to gerontology. Consideration of the problems of population change, housing, social adjustment, retirement, mobility, family living arrangements, and finances of older people in the United States. Comparison with other countries. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 31000 - Racial And Ethnic Diversity](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines racial and ethnic pluralism in America: ways groups have entered our society; their social and cultural characteristics; and their relationships with other groups. Groups include the English, Germans, Irish, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans. Typically offered Fall.

### [SOC 31200 - American Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. An exposure to sociology, focused on American sociology and society (the U.S.), recommended for juniors and seniors who are not sociology and law and society majors. Students with freshman standing or who have had SOC 10000 may not enroll in this course without special permission. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 31600 - Industry And Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. This course examines the social content and consequences of industrial development and introduces key issues in industrial sociology, including technological change, management systems, labor organization, community development, and international relations. Typically offered Fall Spring.

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### [SOC 32400 - Criminology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Nature and cause of crime; methods of dealing with adult and juvenile offenders, consideration of present programs for the social treatment of crime in the light of needed changes. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 32600 - Social Conflict And Criminal Justice](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. This course examines the dynamics of social conflict, with a special focus on legal institutions and criminological processes. Students will learn to think more analytically about the causes of social conflict, its dynamics, and strategies for resolution. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 32700 - Crime, Deviance And Mass Media](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Various forms of mass media are used to explore the sociology of crime and deviance. Topics may include white collar crime, juvenile delinquency, street crime, sexuality and sexual orientation, hate crimes, deviance and community. Assignments include quizzes and short papers. Typically offered Fall, Spring.

### [SOC 32800 - Criminal Justice](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Introduction to institutionalized responses of society to the problem of crime. Analysis of the administration of justice in each of the major components of the criminal justice system and laws regulating their operations. Some consideration given to comparative criminal justice. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 33400 - Urban Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Development of the city and its functions; types of social behavior in cities; influences of city life on personality; city planning. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 33800 - Global Social Movements](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Explores dynamics of social movements in the world; emphasizes movements in non-western world. Examines emergences of movements, mobilization, tactical actions and consequences, and formal and informal organizations within movements to understand how international, national and local structures affect people. Typically offered Fall Spring.

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### [SOC 33900 - Introduction To The Sociology Of Developing Nations](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the causes of development in the Third World. Topics include: the food crisis; population growth; poverty and inequality; industrialization, including the role of multinational corporations; debt; and the International Monetary Fund. Regional differences in patterns and causes analyzed. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 34000 - General Social Psychology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Social influences on the individual and processes of social interaction. Individual attitudes and behavior as related to socialization, social norms, social roles, communication and propaganda, and other social influences. Among the interaction processes considered are interpersonal attraction, influence, leadership, cooperation, and conflict. Not open to students with credit in PSY 24000. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 34100 - Culture And Personality](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A cross-cultural survey stressing differing basic personality types and the processes by which adult personality is acquired. Case studies of selected non-Western cultures will be used to provide comparative perspectives. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 34200 - Sociology Of Peace And War](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A social-psychological perspective on how nations resolve their differences. Topics include conflicts of interest, perceptions of other nations, decision-making, political and bureaucratic forces, deterrence, negotiation, and arms races. Specific international disputes and policy implications are examined. Typically offered Fall.

### [SOC 35000 - Social Psychology Of Marriage](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Designed to provide an understanding of contemporary courtship, marriage, and family interaction as cultural, social, and social-psychological phenomena. Consideration of the major sources of marital strain and conflict within a heterogeneous, rapidly changing society. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 35200 - Drugs, Culture, And Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. (ANTH 35200) The course provides an overview of the social and cultural underpinnings of drug use across societies. Students engage with various topics, including addiction, global markets, drug epidemics, public policy, and cross-cultural differences in drug use. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

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### [SOC 35600 - Hate And Violence](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines the causes of and solutions to hatred and violence. Concepts such as anti-Semitism, discrimination, hate crimes, prejudice, racism, bullying, homosexual prejudice, terrorism and other topics will be addressed. This course uses experiential activities, videos, guest speakers and classroom discussion. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 36700 - Religion In America](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines the social dimensions of religion in American life; religion in American culture; social profiles of America's religious groups, trends in individual religious commitment; and religion's impact on American life. . Typically offered Fall.

### [SOC 36800 - The Social Significance Of Religion](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines religion's relationship with family, work, politics, gender, war and peace, race and ethnicity, health, crime and deviance, education, law, and poverty. Content differs each time course is taught. Typically offered Fall.

Repeatable for Additional Credit: Yes - May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

### [SOC 37400 - Medical Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Provides an overview of the sociological determinants and consequences of health, the patient experience, health care providers, the organization of the health care system. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 38200 - Introduction To Methods Of Social Research](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Introduction to the basic techniques of statistical analysis applicable to sociological data. Elementary descriptive statistics and statistical inference. Introduction to multivariate analysis. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 38300 - Introduction To Methods Of Social Research II](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Introduction to the methods of data collection and analysis and to the use of the scientific method of social research. Formulation of hypotheses and research designs for their testing. Elementary principles for the conduct of experiments, observation and interviewing, documentation, content analysis, and surveys. Relationship between social research and social theory. Typically offered Fall Spring.

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### [SOC 39000 - Individual Research In Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Individual research or reading in an area of sociology under the guidance of a sociology faculty member. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

Repeatable for Additional Credit: Yes - May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

### [SOC 39100 - Selected Topics In Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Various topics in sociology that may change from semester to semester are presented by sociology faculty members. Typically offered Fall Spring. Repeatable for Additional Credit: Yes - May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits

### [SOC 40200 - Sociological Theory](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. An advanced critical treatment of the theories, concepts, and methods of sociology. A basic course required of undergraduate majors in sociology. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 41100 – Social Stratification](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examination of systems of class and caste, with special attention to the United States; status, occupation, income, and other elements in stratification. Typically offered Spring

### [SOC 41900 – Sociology of Law](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Provides an overview of American legal thought and legal processes. Major topics include definitions of law; anthropological studies of law; and development of law; jurisprudence; police behavior; lawyers and courts; deterrent and labeling effects of legal sanctions. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 42000 – Sociology of Criminal Law](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Investigates substantive and procedural criminal law. Emphasizes common law crimes, the major defenses, search and seizure, and the privilege against self-incrimination. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 42100 – Juvenile Delinquency](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A study of social and psychological factors influencing individual delinquent behavior patterns. Emphasis on preventive and rehabilitation programs and the role of community agencies such as social service agencies, juvenile courts, and youth authorities. Visits to selected organizations and institutions. Typically offered Fall Spring.

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### [SOC 42300 - Field Practicum In Criminal Justice](#)

Credit Hours: 4.00. Field experience in criminal justice system. Students serve as "interns" in a criminal justice agency one day (or its equivalent) per week, under the supervision of agency personnel. Application of theory and empirical research findings to field problems. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 42600 - Social Deviance And Control](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Sociological and social psychological study of social control and social deviance. Emphasis on theoretical frameworks and empirical research. Consideration also given to specific areas such as substance abuse, suicide, violence, and deviant collective behavior. Typically offered Fall.

### [SOC 42900 - Sociology Of Protest](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. This course focuses on the sociological study of protest. Topics include protest emergence, individual reasons for participation in protest, and outcomes. Course readings cover protest in the United States as well as other cultural contexts. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 45000 - Gender Roles In Modern Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A critical examination of the complementary roles of men and women, with particular attention to problems of role adjustment in the contemporary United States. The neofeminist movement and countermovements. Role conflicts and adjustments in such areas as family, education, employment, and the political arena. Typically offered Fall Spring.

### [SOC 45400 – Family Violence](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse are examined with a focus on correlated, treatments and prevention strategies. Definitions of family violence and the social contexts related to family violence are assessed. Legal and medical models to explain family violence are compared. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

### [SOC 48500 – Research Methods in Criminology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Research methods in the study of crime and delinquency. Diversity of methods emphasized, including archival data, surveys of victims and offenders, experiments, case studies, and observation. Discussion of ethical issues involved in research on crime. Typically offered Spring

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### [SOC 49300 - Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Seminar](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. An undergraduate seminar devoted to an interdisciplinary examination of social, economic, political, and intellectual movements, using the faculty resources of the participating departments. Subject matter will vary. Each offering of the seminar will be approved by a committee of department heads from the sponsoring departments. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring.

Repeatable for Additional Credit: Yes - May be repeated an unlimited number of times

### [SOC 49700 - Senior Honors Seminar](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A critical examination of some major works in sociology and anthropology, both classical and modern, and of some current theoretical and substantive issues in these disciplines. Open only to students in the departmental honors program. Typically offered Spring.

### [SOC 49800 - Senior Honors Paper](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The production of a major paper on a topic selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. The students will meet early in the semester for orientation and discussion of topics; in the middle of the semester for progress reports; and late in the semester for presentation and critique of their papers. Open only to students in the departmental honors program. Typically offered Fall.