

Purdue University Department of Sociology Graduate Courses

[SOC 51400 - Racial And Cultural Minorities](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. America's minority groups; immigration; interracial and intercultural conflicts; assimilation. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 51500 - Black Americans](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The status of blacks in contemporary American society in the context of dominant-minority group relations. Current attitudes and ideological orientations; education and school desegregation; housing and residential segregation; the black family; the socioeconomic status, political participation, and legal status of blacks; civil rights groups and their approaches to inequality; and prospects for the future. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 52000 - Work In Contemporary America](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines meaning and organization of work in technological society, including job satisfaction, alienation, mobility, conflict, stratification, and unemployment and the impact of race-sex composition of occupations on mobility and politics. Also considers relations with colleagues, organization, clients, and public. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 52500 - Social Movements](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Origins and developmental stages of revolutionary and reform movements and communitarian societies; relation between social structure and political attitudes; personality needs and affinity for social and political ideologies. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 52600 - The Analysis Of Complex Organizations](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The analysis of complex organizations such as the business enterprise, the military establishment, and the government bureau. Considers the emergence of large-scale organizations; coordination and the division of labor; authority structure and control; the individual in the organization; organizational conflict and change; and bureaucracy and ideology. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 52900 - Introduction To Political Economy: A Sociological Perspective](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. This course examines and evaluates concepts, propositions, and theories within Marxian approaches to an analysis of contemporary society. Topics include (but are not limited to) class structure and class formation, the labor theory of value, historical materialism, and surplus value. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 53000 - Political Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the social and social psychological sources of routine political participation such as voting and interest group activity, and nonroutine political action such as protest movements and revolution; the organization of power at the community, national, and international level; and political ideology. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 53100 - Community Organization](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the local community in terms of its institutional structure, relationships among institutions, political and economic power relationships, and the role of voluntary organizations and interest groups. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 53300 - Environmental Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. An inquiry into people's actions and attitudes regarding the environment as they vary from exploitation to preservation; forms of action through social movements, organizations, and governments; and basic issues such as equity, risk, and values. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 53600 - Advanced Urban Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of sociological processes in contemporary American cities. Emphasis is given to metropolitan and regional growth including suburbanization, internal structure, and selected problems such as school desegregation and residential segregation. Urban policy alternatives also considered.

Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 53800 - Population](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The determinants and consequences of population growth. Theories of overpopulation, population policies (with emphasis on underdeveloped areas), and implications for United States policy. Social aspects of mortality, fertility, and migration, with emphasis on the United States. Population research methods. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 53900 - Sociology Of Developing Nations](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Sociological analysis of the development of Third World countries. Emphasis given to the consequences of population growth and integration into the world system, as well as the societal context within which contradictions between agricultural and industrial-urban development emerge. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 54200 - Intergroup Relations](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines patterns of behavior and attitudes between racial, ethnic, religious, and other groups. Factors affecting intergroup relations in work organizations, schools, community, and other settings are considered. Strategies for promoting greater harmony and equality between groups also are considered. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 55000 - Sex Role Socialization](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Development and maintenance of male/female differences; examines the effect of social psychological factors on the establishment of gender identity, psychosexual development and the masculinity/femininity dimensions of personality. Homosexuality and transsexuality will be examined, focusing upon the societal influences on both development and consequences for the individual. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 55300 - The Sociology Of The Family](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The family as an ongoing institution, subject to forces such as culture, economics, social class, religion, and education, which affect family structure and internal familial processes of social control and integration. Consideration of the means by which the family effects changes in other institutions and in individuals. Use of historical data to augment study of current changes in family structure and functions.

Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 55400 - Social Psychology Of The Family](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of interactional aspects of the modern American family emphasizing variation in family patterns, marital roles, power, influence, attraction conflict and control. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 56700 - Religion In Social Context](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines the social bases of religion at the societal, organizational, and individual levels. Topics include the formation of religious groups and ideas; social dynamics within religious groups; religion's persistence over time; and the conditions under which religion tends to change. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 56800 - Religion And Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines religion's relationships with other spheres of social life. Other areas include family life, education, economy, politics, health, media, inequality, deviance, and social movements.

Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 57000 - Sociology Of Education](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the American public school as a social organization. Includes: interrelations among community power structure, social stratification, and the school; the roles of superintendent, principal, and teacher in community and school; the classroom as a social system; student culture; and teaching as a profession. Typically offered Summer Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 57100 - Health And Social Behavior](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A sociological examination of health and illness that emphasizes the patient and his or her relations to others. Considers the distribution of illness, stress, health and illness behavior, patient-practitioner relationships, and treatment modes. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 57200 - Comparative Healthcare Systems](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Using cost, quality, and access to care as core concepts, this course explores healthcare in comparative context. Special topics are health and gender, the environment, epidemics, long-term care, technology, and rationing, among others. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 57300 - The Human Side Of Medicine](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Focuses on sociological theory and research related to social conflicts over the delivery of healthcare in the U.S. Considers social issues pertaining to abortion, AIDS, human experimentation, reproductive technologies, euthanasia, and others. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 57400 - The Social Organization Of Healthcare](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the determinants and consequences of the social organization of medical care. Considers morbidity and mortality, costs and utilization of medical services, healthcare occupations and institutions, and change in programs and policies. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 57600 - Health And Aging In America](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of the social and cultural influences on health in adulthood and later life. Considers distribution of illness among older adults, health behavior, and health services use, including long-term care. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 58000 - Methods Of Social Research I](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. An intermediate-level examination of research designs, measurement, and sampling with emphasis on issues of problem formulation and the logic and application of methodological procedures. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 58100 - Methods Of Social Research II](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Emphasis on statistical inference applied to sociological problems; topics include the binomial distribution and the logic of inference, one and two sample tests, confidence intervals, and chi-square. Introduction to bivariate correlation and regression, analysis of variance. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 58300 - Application Of Social Research Methods](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Specific methods of survey research, including questionnaire construction, and sampling techniques, as well as case studies and field experiments are covered. Emphasis is on the use of such methods and their implications for the nature of social data. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 59000 - Individual Research Problems](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Individual research or reading in an area of sociology under a sociology department staff member. Does not include thesis work. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

1.000 TO 3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 59100 - Selected Topics In Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00. Topics vary. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

1.000 TO 3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 60000 - Development Of Sociological Theory](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. The development of sociological thought in Western Europe and subsequently in the United States from the publication of Marx's early manuscripts through the sociological writings of the 1940s. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 60200 - Contemporary Sociological Theories](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A companion course to SOC 600. Examination of the works of recent and contemporary sociological theorists such as Durkheim, Weber, Pareto, Parsons, and Merton, and of major theorists in related disciplines such as Marx, Freud, and Malinowski. Includes an examination of major "schools" or frames of reference such as ecology, structural-functionalism, etc. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 60300 - The Individual In Society](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines social influences on the individual. Socialization, social class, racial and ethnic memberships, organizational and occupational memberships, and mass media are among the social influences considered. Prerequisite: SOC 34000. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 60700 - Seminar In Current Issues In Sociological Theory](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Analysis of current theoretical problems and issues in sociology such as anomie, structural determinants of motivation, reference groups, reciprocity, etc. Should help students integrate concepts and theories and prepare them for original research and for written preliminary examinations. Offered in alternate years. Prerequisite: SOC 60200. Typically offered Fall.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 60900 - Seminar In Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Topics vary. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 61000 - Seminar On Teaching Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Acquaints students with the literature on teaching sociology and its issues and provides practice instruction through videotaped microteaching, syllabus and examination construction, etc. A theoretical or research paper is required. Prerequisite: Master's student standing. Typically offered Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 61100 - Social Inequality: Class, Race, And Gender](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Survey of major approaches (functional, status attainment, labor market, class, culture) to the sociological study of inequality, including qualitative and quantitative, historical and comparative studies. Students will be asked to complete a project analyzing inequality, which might provide the basis for a publishable paper. Prerequisite: Master's student standing and Sociology majors only. Typically offered Summer Fall Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 62900 - Seminar In Current Sociological Issues Of Political Economy](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. This seminar examines sociological research within the political economy perspective. Current debates related to the role of class, state, gender, and ideology will be covered. Prerequisite: SOC 52900. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 63000 - Seminar In Political Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Intensive consideration of a selected topic or set of topics in political sociology such as political socialization, political movements, comparative political analysis, political ideology in the industrialized West. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 63500 - Selected Topics in Urban Sociology and Population](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Recent research and current thought concerning selected topics in urban sociology and population. Offered in alternate years. Prerequisite: SOC 53400 or 53800. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 64000 - Theories Of Social Psychology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Critical appraisal of social psychological theories and their applicability to the study of human behavior. Consideration of the findings of recent research as they bear upon and emanate from the more prominent theoretical schemes. Prerequisite: SOC 54100. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 64900 - Seminar In Social Psychology](#)

Credit Hours: 2.00 or 3.00. Analysis of current literature and original research. Staff from cooperative fields of psychology and sociology. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

2.000 OR 3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 65000 - Seminar In Socialization](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Socialization theories and research with special attention to sex roles and socialization after childhood. Role and symbolic interaction perspectives will be stressed. Offered in alternate years.

Prerequisite: SOC 55000 or 64000. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 65900 - Seminar In Marriage And The Family](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Seminar in Marriage and the Family. Offered in alternate years. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 66700 - Seminar In The Sociology Of Religion](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Examines topics of traditional or emerging interest in the sociology of religion. Topics covered depend on the theoretical research interests of participating faculty and students. Prerequisite: SOC 56700 or 56800. Typically offered Spring.

3.000 Credit Hours

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[SOC 67400 - Seminar In Medical Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Seminar in Medical Sociology. Prerequisite: SOC 57100, 57400. Typically offered Spring.
2.000 OR 3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 67700 - Research Seminar On Aging And The Life Course](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00. An interdisciplinary seminar examining recent research on aging and the responsible conduct of research. Emphasis is given to professional development in gerontology and related fields. Typically offered Fall Spring.
1.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 68000 - Advanced Social Research Methods](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Survey analysis using regression models. Emphasizes ordinary least squares model applied to sociological problems. Also considered are path analysis and logit and logistic regression. A series of projects are required using the PUCC mainframe computer applying course concepts. Prerequisite: SOC 58100 or 60000. Typically offered Fall.
3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 68100 - Selected Problems Of Social Research](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Working with already available data, each student will conduct one or more research projects, including conceptualization, operational procedures, analysis of the data, and report writing. The data to be used may be from surveys, small group studies, organizational studies, or written documents. Prerequisite: SOC 60000 or 68000. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring.
3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 68600 - Qualitative Methods](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. Surveys qualitative research methods. Considers methods of data collection and data analysis, including computer-assisted techniques. Critical examination of perspectives, assumptions, and issues, including protection of human subjects. Students conduct research projects and write papers using techniques encountered in class. Prerequisite: SOC 58000. Typically offered Fall.
3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 69300 - Interdisciplinary Seminar](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00. A seminar on a topic of interdisciplinary interest, taught in cooperation with a member of another department. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.
3.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 69500 - Analytic Project In Sociology](#)

Credit Hours: 3.00 or 6.00. Designed to provide experience in defining a research problem, in assessing knowledge and research about the problem, and in analysis. Prerequisite: SOC 58000, 58100. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring.
3.000 OR 6.000 Credit Hours

[SOC 69900 - Research PhD Thesis](#)

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 18.00. Research PhD Thesis. Permission of instructor required. Typically offered Fall Spring Summer.
1.000 TO 18.000 Credit Hours