DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Add new courses:

SOCI 225 - Introduction to Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
3 credit hours
A basic conceptualization of race and ethnicity and racial inequality from a U.S. and global perspective. Focus on contemporary events connected to race and sociology through the use of social media and interactive learning tools.

SOCI 460 – Global Capitalism and Racism
3 Credit Hours
Connects the emergence of modernity and global capitalism to the idea of race and the proliferation of racism. Post-colonial theory, world-systems, and commodity chain analyses taught with a racial and gender focus. Industry and country case studies examine how historical and contemporary racial divisions of labor emerge.

SOCI 509 - Critical Race and Sociological Foundations of Race and Ethnicity
3 credit hours
A historical and contemporary overview of race scholarship in the United States. Focuses on the most important race scholars and scholarship over the last century: evolution of race scholarship from Du Bois, to the Chicago School, to urban sociology, to contemporary theories on racial formations, systemic racism, color-blind racism, and critical race theory (CRT).

SOCI 552 - Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice
3 credit hours
Examines racial/ethnic disparities in criminal offending and victimization, as well as different experiences with law enforcement, judicial, and correctional agencies. Emphasis on social justice.

SOCI 616 - Advanced Topics in Race and Ethnicity
3 credit hours
Rotating topics on race and ethnicity. Examples include, environmental racism; policing and race; race, terror and genocide; intersectionality; health disparities, immigration and ethnic change; disproportionate minority contact, advanced Critical Race Theories.

SOCI 694 - Global Racism
3 credit hours
Idea of race globally. How sociological and interdisciplinary race scholars theoretically position race in different geographies. Special attention given to Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States.

Revise course title and description:

SOCI 466 - Special Topics in Race and Ethnicity
3 credit hours
Rotating topics on specific race and ethnicity areas. May include topics such as environmental racism, policing and race, race, terror and genocide, intersectionality, health disparities, immigration and ethnic change, and advanced Critical Race Theory.

Formerly:

SOCI 466 – Issues in Race and Ethnicity
3 Credit Hours
Survey of advanced topics in the sociological study of race and ethnicity.

Add new Sociology major concentration:

Sociology Major, BA - Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Concentration

The Sociology major consists of 31 hours. Ideally, students will take SOCI 321 and SOCI 331 no later than their junior year. SOCI 480 will be taken in the senior year. An honors concentration is available.

The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies concentration is grounded in a theoretical tradition focused on a critical perspective to understanding race and ethnicity. Through a critical and historical lens, courses in the area interrogate how racial and ethnic categories coalesce around structural inequalities and across multiple geographies.

Requirements are SOCI 225 or SOCI 343 and two additional courses of either SOCI 452, SOCI 460, SOCI 466, or SOCI 472.
College Requirements
Arts and Sciences

Sociology – Prerequisites (6 hours)
Select one course (grade of C or better):
   SOCI 110 - Social Problems and Social Justice *
   SOCI 120 - Introduction to Sociology *
   SOCI 127 - Honors: Introduction to Sociology *

Select one course:
   MATH 115 - Statistical Reasoning *
   STAT 201 - Introduction to Statistics *
   STAT 207 - Honors: Introduction to Statistics *

Sociology – Major (31 hours)
The major consists of 31 upper-division hours in sociology.

Complete:
   SOCI 321 - Sociological Theory
   SOCI 331 - Sociological Research
   SOCI 480 - Capstone in Sociology

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Concentration

Complete SOCI 225 or 343

Select two courses
   SOCI 452 - Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice
   SOCI 460 - Global Capitalism and Racism
   SOCI 466 - Special Topic in Race and Ethnicity
   SOCI 472 - Civil Rights Movements

Select five courses (in consultation with advisor):
   300-400 level sociology courses

Add new Sociology Honors Concentration:

Sociology Major, BA – Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Honors Concentration
Students may pursue a concentration in sociology with honors, a concentration in criminology and criminal justice with honors, a concentration in environmental issues with honors, or a concentration in critical race and ethnic studies with honors. The honors concentration requires a 3.3 overall GPA, a 3.5 GPA in sociology coursework, with no grade of less than B+ in any sociology course, and at least 12 hours of honors courses. Honors courses must include SOCI 127* (or another honors course approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies); SOCI 457 - Honors Thesis in Sociology and 6 additional hours of honors sociology coursework chosen in consultation with an advisor. The 6 additional hours may include SOCI 497 or honors by contract courses in sociology. In addition, students are required to complete an advanced sociological research methods course in the department (SOCI 431 or other courses approved by the department). All prerequisites and requirements of the general sociology major or area of concentration are also required. The honors thesis may be original research or an in-depth theoretical exploration of an area within sociology, to be decided with the faculty member who agrees to direct the thesis.

Formal application must be made to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for admission to an honors concentration. Please send a letter of application, detailing your interest in the honors major and your academic performance.

Sociology Major, BA; Sociology Major, BA, Criminology and Criminal Justice Concentration; and Sociology Major BA, Environmental Issues Concentration, revise opening statements:

The Sociology major consists of 31 hours. Ideally, students will take SOCI 321 and SOCI 331 no later than their junior year. SOCI 480 will be taken in the senior year. Students may declare a concentration in either Criminology and Criminal Justice, Environmental Issues, or Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, and in Honors.

Formerly:
Continuing, returning, and transfer students must meet progression requirements before declaring a major in sociology. Before applying to the Sociology Department for admission to the major, a student must complete either SOCI 110*, SOCI 120*, or SOCI 127* with a grade of C or above, and either Math 115*, STAT 201*, or STAT 207*. Upon granting admission to the major, the Department will assign the student an academic advisor who will help the student plan a program of study for the major. Students may also declare a concentration in either Criminology and Criminal Justice or Environmental Issues, and in Honors, each of which features attendant requirements. Ideally, students will take SOCI 321 and SOCI 331 no later than their junior year. SOCI 480 will be taken in the senior year.

For each of the Honors Sociology Major, BA descriptions (Sociology Major, BA, Criminology and Criminal Justice Concentration, Environmental Issues Concentration) revise to:

Students may pursue a concentration in sociology with honors, a concentration in criminology and criminal justice with honors, a concentration in environmental issues with honors, or a concentration in critical race and ethnic studies with honors. The honors concentration requires a 3.3 overall GPA, a 3.5 GPA in sociology coursework, with no grade of less than B+ in any sociology course, and at least 12 hours of honors courses. Honors courses must include SOCI 127* (or another honors course approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies); SOCI 457 - Honors Thesis in Sociology and 6 additional hours of honors sociology coursework chosen in consultation with an advisor. The 6 additional hours may include SOCI 497 or honors by contract courses in sociology. In addition, students are required to complete an advanced sociological research methods course in the department (SOCI 431 or other courses approved by the department). All prerequisites and requirements of the general sociology major or area of concentration are also required. The honors thesis may be original research or an in-depth theoretical exploration of an area within sociology, to be decided with the faculty member who agrees to direct the thesis.

Formal application must be made to the Director of Undergraduate Studies for admission to an honors concentration. Please send a letter of application, detailing your interest in the honors major and your academic performance.

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Revise Sociology Major, MA, 3rd paragraph:

Two courses (Foundations and one other) in a specialty area (Criminology, Environmental Sociology, Political Economy, or Critical Race and Ethnic Studies). Choose one from SOCI 503, SOCI 504, SOCI 505 or SOCI 509 AND choose one additional course in the same area.

Formerly:

Two courses (Foundations and one other) in a specialty area (Criminology, Environmental Sociology, or Political Economy). Choose one from SOCI 503, SOCI 504 or SOCI 505 AND choose one additional course in the same area.

Revise Sociology Major, MA, Specialty Areas to add new concentration:

The critical race and ethnic studies concentration includes SOCI 509, SOCI 552, SOCI 616, and SOCI 695.

Revise Sociology Major, PhD, first paragraph:

A minimum of 51 credit hours beyond the master's degree is required for the PhD degree. These hours include 24 hours of Doctoral Research and Dissertation and a minimum of 27 hours in graduate course work (9 courses). Students must also pass two qualifying
exams in theory and methods no later than the beginning of the third year of study and a comprehensive examination in one of the four areas of concentration (criminology, environmental sociology, political economy, and critical race and ethnic studies), write a dissertation based on original research, and pass a final oral examination on the dissertation.

Formerly:

A minimum of 51 credit hours beyond the master's degree is required for the PhD degree. These hours include 24 hours of Doctoral Research and Dissertation and a minimum of 27 hours in graduate course work (9 courses). Students must also pass two qualifying exams in theory and methods no later than the beginning of the third year of study and a comprehensive examination in one of the three areas of concentration (criminology, environmental sociology, and political economy), write a dissertation based on original research, and pass a final oral examination on the dissertation.

Sociology PhD, under the sentence “The following requirements must also be met” revise the second bullet, “9 credit hours, including foundations class, in area of concentration,” to add a fourth area of concentration:

The critical race and ethnic studies concentration includes SOCI 509, SOCI 552, SOCI 662, and SOCI 695.