

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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**SOC 230 SOCIETY: GLOBAL COMPARISONS3 Credits**

Study and comparison of several societies including that of The United States. Specific areas of comparison include family structure, conflict resolution, economic activity, history and demography, education and religion.

**Essential Studies Outcome:** ES10

**SOC 231 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY3 Credits**

An introductory survey of the field of Sociology, including major theories, contemporary methods, examination of research and writing in subfields of Sociology, and participation in a class research project.

**SOC 239 CRIMINOLOGY3 Credits**

Introduction to the study of the nature and causes of criminal behavior. Theories of crime causation ranging through biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural theories are discussed in addition to the historical influences and thought which have led to criminology's development as contemporary science.

**Cross-Listed:** CJ239/SOC239

**SOC 332 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY3 Credits**

History and concept of delinquency, development of the juvenile justice system, nature and extent of delinquency, theoretical explanations of delinquency and environmental influences of delinquency. Includes child abuse and neglect, school-based crime, gang control efforts and the relationship between delinquency and drug abuse.

**Cross-Listed:** CJ332/SOC332

**Prerequisites:** CJ 231 and Sophomore or above status

**SOC 369 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: THEORY AND PRACTICE3 Credits**

Students will explore theories of civic engagement and patterns of civic participation with a focus on the United States. They will also engage in experiential learning through one of several possible opportunities to contribute to their communities. In doing so, students will further develop their own ideas in collaboration with others as to their roles as citizens.

**Essential Studies Outcome:** ES9

**Prerequisites:** Sophomore or above status