# Sociology and Anthropology Courses

## Courses

**SOCI 5190. Individual Studies.**
Individual Studies (0-0-1) Supervised individual study. Prerequisite: Department approval.

**Department:** Sociology  
**1 Credit Hour**  
**1 Total Contact Hour**  
**0 Lab Hour**  
**0 Lecture Hour**  
**1 Other Hour**

**SOCI 5290. Individual Studies.**
Individual Studies (0-0-2) Supervised individual study. Prerequisite: Department approval.

**Department:** Sociology  
**2 Credit Hours**  
**2 Total Contact Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**  
**0 Lecture Hours**  
**2 Other Hours**

**SOCI 5303. Grad Internship in Sociology.**
This course is to be taken by students in the Applied Non-Thesis plan. In this course, students will propose to their committee their applied plan of activities, have it approved, and begin those activities. Prerequisites: Departmental approval required. Restricted to level of GR.

**Department:** Sociology  
**3 Credit Hours**  
**3 Total Contact Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**  
**0 Lecture Hours**  
**3 Other Hours**

**SOCI 5311. Prof Development in Sociology.**
SOCI 5311: Professional Development in Sociology (3-0) This course introduces students to major components of their professional roles as MA students and MA degree graduates. These include: (1) developing a professional CV, surveying the job opportunities for Sociology MAs, and engaging in a professional job search; (2) engaging in professional writing, such as abstracts, peer reviews, job applications, professional papers, and applied documents; (3) developing skills at substantive and constructive criticism, such as peer reviews; (4) applying social sciences in public and private sector settings; (5) developing teaching skills, such as goal setting, syllabus construction, lecture, and discussion strategies, and assessment strategies.

**Department:** Sociology  
**3 Credit Hours**  
**3 Total Contact Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**  
**3 Lecture Hours**  
**0 Other Hours**

**SOCI 5312. Sem-Advanced Measure/Inference.**
Seminar in Advanced Measurement and Inference (3-0) Introduction to techniques of multivariate analysis commonly used in sociology including multiple regression, logistic regression, regression diagnostics, and non-parametric techniques.

**Department:** Sociology  
**3 Credit Hours**  
**3 Total Contact Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**  
**3 Lecture Hours**  
**0 Other Hours**

**SOCI 5320. Seminar in Research Methods.**
Seminar in Research Methods (3-0) Focus on understanding, interpreting, and critically evaluating information obtained from quantitative methods and the sampling procedures these methods employ, including a general overview of relevant social science research methods.

**Department:** Sociology  
**3 Credit Hours**  
**3 Total Contact Hours**  
**0 Lab Hours**  
**3 Lecture Hours**  
**0 Other Hours**
SOCI 5322. Seminar in Qualitative Methods.
Seminar in Qualitative Methods (3-0) The field research process from initial proposal to final report, emphasizing participant-observation and in-depth interview methods and the analysis of qualitative materials.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:
Restricted to majors of SOCI

SOCI 5328. Social Theory.
Social Theory (3-0) An examination of major social theories from the early modern era to the present. The course has four objectives: (1) identifying connections between philosophical traditions and social theory; (2) establishing the basic assumptions and arguments of major social theories; (3) examining the linkages between social theories, social policies, and social practices.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

SOCI 5340. Seminar - Demography.
Seminar in Demography (3-0) Causes and consequences of trends in fertility, mortality and migration.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

SOCI 5341. Special Graduate Topics.
Special Graduate Topics (3-0) A course organized to investigate special topics and current issues of significance to sociologists. May be repeated for credit when content varies.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

SOCI 5348. Seminar-Criminology.
Seminar in Criminology (3-0) Social context of criminal law and criminal justice; theories of crime and treatment programs.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

U.S.-Mexico Borderlands in Change (3-0) The study of social, economic and technological change in borderlands. Topics may include human effects of border policies, transnationalization and nationalism, cultural exchange and hybridity, social inequalities, industrialization, urbanization, migration, legal and illegal trade, violence and peace-building.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
SOCI 5360. Gender.
In this seminar, we will explore the social experiences of gender and sexuality from a cross-cultural and historical perspective. The first portion of the course is dedicated to developing a theoretical and methodological grounding for understanding gender and sexuality. We will then move into an exploration of a range of topics including reproduction; sexuality and identity; family; marriage and kinship; gendered hierarchies and power; religion; globalization; social movements; and health.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
Classification Restrictions:
Restricted to class of GR

SOCI 5362. Border Research.
This is an experimental graduate seminar devoted to border research. The goal is for this course to be a mix of in class, social science methodology and border related theoretical readings, combined with fieldwork experience. We will discuss the basic fundamental debates, interpretations, ethical implications and techniques of research for the social sciences as it has typically related to the U.S. Mexico border. We will focus on the nuts and bolts of participant observation, field notes and interview techniques.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
Classification Restrictions:
Restricted to class of GR

SOCI 5363. Environmental Justice.
The goals of the course are to (1) understand the nature and geography of specific environmental hazards, such as industrial chemicals, pesticides, hazardous waste, electronic waste, air pollution, and nuclear waste, as well as explore public policy initiatives for managing such hazards and their advance impacts. (2) Explore the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic dimensions of various environmental issues, as well as the environmental aspects of economic and social justice concerns. (3) Provide a comprehensive and critical overview of the empirical research literature on EJ analysis.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
Classification Restrictions:
Restricted to class of GR

This seminar explores how understandings and experiences of health, illness, healing, and the body are shaped by culture, power, and moral concerns in society. We will also consider how race, gender, class, ethnicity, and sociopolitical status shape the politics of life, illness, healing, and dying. We will approach these questions primarily, but not exclusively, within biomedical contexts.

Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours
Classification Restrictions:
Restricted to class of GR
SOCI 5365. Seminar-Sociology of Education.
Seminar in Sociology of Education (3-0) Application of sociological theory and research to American education; present educational problems and possible solutions.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
3 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

SOCI 5381. Cartography & Visualization.
This course is an introduction to the concepts and techniques of thematic cartography and the visualization of digital geographic data. Students are expected to develop skills necessary for creating and designing maps and evaluating cartographic representations of information. It has two major objectives: (a) to provide a general introduction to the principles and techniques of computer cartography with a specific emphasis on thematic map design; and (b) to provide hands-on, map-making experience using geographic information systems software.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
5 Total Contact Hours
3 Lab Hours
2 Lecture Hours
0 Other Hours

SOCI 5390. Individual Studies.
Individual Studies (0-0-3) Prerequisite: Department approval.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
0 Lecture Hours
3 Other Hours

SOCI 5396. Non-Thesis Project I.
This course is to be taken by students in the Applied Non-Thesis Plan. In this course, students will propose to their committee their applied plan of activities, have it approved, and begin those activities. Prerequisite: Department approval required. Restricted to major: SOCI; Restricted to level: GR.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
0 Lecture Hours
3 Other Hours
Major Restrictions:
Restricted to majors of SOCI

SOCI 5397. Non-Thesis Project II.
This course is to be taken by students in the Applied Non-Thesis Plan. In this course, students will complete their applied activities, write a report on those activities as an application of sociology, and have the report accepted by their committee. Enrollment in this course is required at the time of submission and approval of the project; the course may be repeated through the date of completion. Prerequisite: Department approval. Restricted to major: SOCI; Restricted to level: GR.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
0 Lecture Hours
3 Other Hours
Major Restrictions:
Restricted to majors of SOCI
SOCI 5398. Thesis I.
Thesis I.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
0 Lecture Hours
3 Other Hours

SOCI 5399. Thesis II.
Thesis II.
Department: Sociology
3 Credit Hours
3 Total Contact Hours
0 Lab Hours
0 Lecture Hours
3 Other Hours
Prerequisite(s): (SOCI 5398 w/P or better)