

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

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## SOC 1010 – Sociology

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Introduces students to terms, concepts and theories fundamental to the discipline of sociology. It is designed to: develop the students' overall store of sociological knowledge; offer a unique approach to thinking about, studying and understanding society; and develop and enhance the students' ability to think critically. General topics include: the history of sociology; theory, and research methodology; culture; social structure; socialization; deviance and social control; social stratification; social institutions, social movements, and social change.

**Offered:** Summer, Fall, Spring

**Transfer:** TAG, TM.

## SOC 1200 – Death and Dying

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Presents issues of death, dying and bereavement, as well as moral and conceptual issues that deal with the meaning and place of death in life. Topics covered will include: American attitudes toward death and dying; changing patterns of death encounters; features of the American death system including funerals and hospice; cultural differences within American society; coping with dying; life cycle issues; death related law; euthanasia and suicide.

**Offered:** Spring

**Transfer:** TM

**Prerequisites:** COM 0990.

## SOC 1210 – Family Sociology

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Addresses issues related to the social institution of families. Emphasis is placed on the development and changing structures of American families, and ongoing patterns of interaction within individual family units as influenced by social, political, and economic forces in the larger society. General topics to be covered will include: the multi-cultural history of the American family; family and social institutions; family and the organization of race, class and gender; love and partner selection; diversity in family forms; communication and conflict resolution; parenting; family violence and crisis; separation and divorce; and family policy and the state.

**Offered:** Fall

**Transfer:** TAG, TM

**Prerequisites:** SOC 1010.

## SOC 1320 – American Cultural Diversity

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Introduces students to a sociological framework for understanding the dynamics and implications of a multicultural society. Issues addressed include the social construction of race; immigration; human diversity in culture, gender, sexual orientation, and age; race and ethnic relations; and the influence of social institutions on public perceptions of and responses to diversity. Topics will be explored from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

**Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Transfer:** TAG, TM

**Prerequisites:** COM 0990.

## SOC 2211 – World Religions: History, Belief, and Practice

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Introduces students to the academic study of religions, including emphasis on the social-structural and cultural elements of religious systems. Key concepts to be covered will include approaches to the study of religions; the implications of particular definitions of religion; and common ideas found in many religious systems (e.g., myth, symbol, ritual). Students will also learn the history, beliefs, and practices of many religious systems. Religions to be studied include several religions commonly defined as "world religions" (including Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), as well as various ancient religions, indigenous religions, and new religious movements.

**Offered:** Fall

**Transfer:** TM.

## SOC 2300 – Social Problems

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Surveys a variety of issues and perspectives surrounding the definition, evaluation, and amelioration of social problems. While its focus is on the U.S., the global context in which social problems develop is also addressed. Issues to be covered include: illness and healthcare; drugs and alcohol; problems of youth and the elderly; gender, race and class inequality; work and unemployment; urban crisis; and science and technology. The course fulfills requirements for the University of Cincinnati's Addiction Studies degree and provides a Social Science elective for non-majors.

**Offered:** Fall

**Transfer:** TAG, TM

**Prerequisites:** SOC 1010.

## SOC 2340 – Human Sexuality: Cross-Cultural Perspectives

**Credit Hours: 3.00 Total Contact Hours: 3.00 Lecture Hours: 3.00**

Provides a comprehensive overview of the sociological perspective on sexual activity and attitudes, and their consequences for individuals and society across western and non-western cultures. This course examines ways in which an individual's perceptions, learning, motivation and personality, along with cultural factors such as race, ethnicity, religion and the media shape his or her or their sexual attitudes and behaviors. Topics include the cultural context of sexuality, theoretical perspectives of sexuality, research methods, sexual development, gender/sex roles, sexual orientation, sexual coercion, pornography, sexual anatomy, sexual arousal, pregnancy, STIs, love and human intimacy, and human sexuality through the life span.

**Offered:** Spring

**Prerequisites:** COM 1110.