Sociologists investigate basic social processes and social change in an increasingly complex world. Sociological research addresses important and often fascinating questions about the social world, ranging from the micro level of everyday experience to the macro level of entire societies and cross-societal analyses. Our graduate program reflects the research strengths of our faculty, and includes specializations in Sociology of Health and Medicine, Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Social Inequalities, and Research Methods. Our undergraduate program offers concentrations in Crime, Law and Justice; Gender, Work and Family; Health, Medicine and Aging; and Social Inequality.

Many sociology majors participate in field-based learning experiences, both through their classes and through their involvement in faculty research projects. The Department of Sociology encourages interaction between students and faculty by offering many opportunities for individualized study and research. Our department has a long history of combining academic excellence and leadership in research with a friendly, student-centered culture, for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Especially with globalization and the increasing diversity of our society, many employers look favorably on the breadth of knowledge and perspective provided by majoring in sociology. Our program prepares students for rigorous graduate and professional programs, whether in sociology or in such fields as medicine, law, public health, and social work, as well as for interesting jobs. Graduates of our program are working in positions in research institutions, medicine, private industry, and the public sector.

Undergraduate Programs
In addition to the Sociology major, the undergraduate program also offers a Sociology minor option and an IGS (Integrated Graduate Studies) Program that enables students to complete BA and MA degrees simultaneously. Sociology offers a general curriculum, and students may also elect to specialize in one of four concentrations described in detail below (Crime, Law and Justice; Gender, Work and Family; Health, Medicine and Aging; and Social Inequality).

Major
The major in sociology has been designed to serve the different educational goals of undergraduates: general education, pre-professional training, postgraduate employment, and preparation for graduate school. The major requires a minimum of 30 hours of course work. All majors complete the common core requirements, plus electives:

- SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology 3
- SOCI 300 Modern Sociological Thought 3
- SOCI 303 Social Research Methods 3
- PSCL 282 Quantitative Methods in Psychology 3
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SOCI 375 Independent Study is available to selected majors in their junior or senior year.

Majors have the option of choosing a general sociology curriculum or one of four concentrations:

1. Crime, Law and Justice
2. Gender, Work and Family
3. Health, Medicine and Aging
4. Social Inequality

Students may choose four courses within any of the following specializations for a concentration in that area:

Crime, Law and Justice Concentration

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Gender, Work, and Family Concentration

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Interested students should note the general requirements and the in the program are able to obtain BA and MA degrees simultaneously.

Gradual Professional Acceleration Toward Graduate Degrees

The Department of Sociology participates in the Integrated Graduate Studies Program. In addition, the student must have completed at least four sociology courses.

Membership requires a 3.0 GPA in sociology and a 3.3 GPA overall.

Honors Fraternity

The opportunity to join Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the national sociology honors fraternity, is available to junior or senior sociology majors.

Admission to honors work is by faculty approval.

Sociology of Education

Juniors majoring in sociology with a 3.4 overall GPA and a 3.6 GPA in sociology are invited to apply for the department's honors program, which consists of an intensive, year-long investigation of a research problem under the guidance of a faculty member. Students will earn credit through registration in SOCI 392 Senior Capstone Experience. Admission to honors work is by faculty approval.

The minor consists of 15 credit hours, including:

- SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology 3
- SOCI 300 Modern Sociological Thought 3
- Three additional electives, at least two of which must be 300-level courses 9

Total Units 15

Graduate Programs

The Department of Sociology offers graduate training leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Students may petition for a Master of Arts degree once they fulfill the requirements outlined below. Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and Research Methods are the major areas of emphasis in the department.

Master of Arts

To receive the Master of Arts degree, a student must successfully complete 27 credit hours of course work.

- SOCI 400 Development of Sociological Theory 3
- SOCI 406 Logic of Social Inquiry 3
- SOCI 443 Medical Sociology 3
- SOCI 449 Social Inequality 3
- SOCI 469 Aging in American Society 3

One of the following:

- SOCI 401 Contemporary Sociological Theory 3
- SOCI 407 Social Statistics 3

Three general electives in sociology 9

Total Units 27

In addition, the student must pass one written comprehensive examination in Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, or Research Methods.

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded upon the completion of all requirements of the School of Graduate Studies and the following departmental requirements.

1. Completion of 63 credit hours beyond the Bachelor of Arts degree, including 18 credits of SOCI 701 Dissertation Ph.D. (dissertation hours).

- SOCI 400 Development of Sociological Theory 3
- SOCI 401 Contemporary Sociological Theory 3
- SOCI 406 Logic of Social Inquiry 3
- SOCI 407 Social Statistics 3
- SOCI 443 Medical Sociology 3
- SOCI 449 Social Inequality 3
- SOCI 469 Aging in American Society 3
- SOCI 509 Advanced Statistical Analysis 3
- SOCI 514 Qualitative Methods/Field Research 3
- Four electives (2 each) in age and the life course, medical sociology, social inequality, or research methods 12
Two general electives in sociology 6
18 credit hours of dissertation 18
Total Units 63

2. In addition, the student must pass written comprehensive examinations in two of the four areas (Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, Research Methods) and successfully defend the dissertation.

Research Programs

Cancer Survivors Research Program
The Cancer Survivors Research Program (CSRP) investigates the quality of life of older adults who face the dual vulnerability of aging and the long term effects of having survived cancer. The research also focuses on health disparities and psycho-social factors related to race and gender. Formally started in September 1998, the program of research has benefited from extramural funding through a number of NIH (NCI/ NIA) research grants. Gary Deimling serves as program director and is assisted by colleagues in the Department of Sociology and the CWRU School of Medicine. As with many other research programs within the department and the university at large, the CSRP also serves as a teaching facility, training graduate students in the many methodological and theoretical aspects of socio-medical research. The program enables graduate students in sociology to gain hands-on experience in a formal research setting while putting their course work into practice.

Citizen Reentry Study
This three-year research project identifies men, mostly fathers, who are locked up in an alternative incarceration facility in Cleveland, Ohio for no more than six months. We observe programs in the facility and run a study circles group, and then track men for six months after their release into the community. The study focuses on the ways that men are prepared for reentry, identifies the systemic barriers to reentry, examines how men negotiate the conditions and processes of reentry, and describes varying outcomes.

Comparative-Historical Analysis of Children’s Rights
The Children’s Rights Index (CRI), developed by Brian Gran, is an innovative measure of the status of children’s rights in more than 190 countries for 2004. With funding from the National Science Foundation, this project is now replicating the CRI for five-year intervals during the period 1984 to 2014.

Past studies of children’s rights have focused on violations of particular rights, and on specific countries where children’s rights are frequently or severely violated. What has been lacking is systematic scholarship on the various kinds of children’s rights that exist, across countries and over time. This project examines factors that promote or hinder children’s rights. A short-term objective is to provide evidence on the status of children’s rights. A long-term objective is to use the CRI to determine whether stronger rights lead to superior outcomes for children.

Cumulative Dis/Advantage Research Group: Health Disparities and Trajectories of Inequality Across the Life Course
Across societies, inequalities among age peers in health, well-being and resources exist throughout the life course, and tend to increase with age in each succeeding cohort of individuals. How does such intracohort inequality come about? What are its manifestations and consequences? The Cumulative Dis/Advantage (CDA) Research Group analyzes the social processes that create inequalities across multiple dimensions of well-being and health, including physical function, mental health, and longevity. The group also examines social policies that are intended to ameliorate these inequalities, such as Medicare. Jessica Kelley-Moore examines health disparities, and especially the influence of social and economic circumstances over the life course on later-life health, with a focus on differences organized by race/ethnicity and disability. Dale Dannefer is interested in identifying basic sociological processes that contribute to CDA and understanding their interrelation at macro-, meso-, and micro-levels of analysis.

The Elderly Care Research Center
The Elderly Care Research Center (ECRC) conducts research projects focusing on theory-based and public policy-relevant issues in aging and medical sociology. Current projects relate to physical and mental health outcomes of stress, coping, cancer survivorship, and adaptation to frailty in late life. Research projects have been funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the National Institute of Nursing Research. In addition to conducting quantitative surveys and in-depth qualitative interviews with community-dwelling elders, researchers at the ECRC are also engaged in an NCI-funded intervention to help elderly patients communicate more effectively with their doctors.

The Center has been the recipient of an NIA Merit Award for a long-term study of very old residents of a retirement community. This research seeks to understand health promotion, proactive adaptation, and maintenance of wellness in late life. ECRC serves as a laboratory for student research. Collaborative and cross-national research involves colleagues from multiple disciplines at universities in Israel, Hungary, Britain, and Germany.

The Forest Hill Neighborhood Study
The Forest Hill Neighborhood Study aims to unpack the causes of racial residential preferences by examining what compels members of the middle class to live in a majority-black neighborhood. Research consistently demonstrates that non-blacks consider predominantly black neighborhoods to be the least desirable of all possible neighborhoods. This project focuses on the residents of the Forest Hill neighborhood of East Cleveland, with the goal of identifying the characteristics and features of majority-black neighborhoods that middle-class blacks and non-blacks find desirable. The study investigates how cultural and racial dispositions factor into participants’ selection of a neighborhood. The study also compares the experiences of white residents to those of black residents and examines the history of the neighborhood, which, for most of its existence, excluded black homeowners.

Learning from Those Who Know: Action Research and Reform Efforts in Long-Term Care
This project responds to the need to reform and restructure long-term care by incorporating the perspectives, insights, and expertise of those whom such reforms are intended to serve, yet who often have little voice in the reform process: the residents themselves. Using the method of participatory action research, the project assembles research groups consisting of residents, staff, family members, and researchers who meet weekly to discuss life in the facility and to identify areas where change could benefit those who live (or work) there.

The Solidarity Refugee Oral History Project
This study is recording the oral histories of members of the Solidarity trade union in Poland (Niezależny Samorządny Związek Zawodowy „Solidarność”) who received refugee or asylee status in the United States in the 1980s. The oral histories document their experiences in communist Poland as children, involvement in Solidarity, decision to emigrate, political activities and occupations in the U.S., and decision to return to Poland or not post-1989. This study analyzes the extent to which
economic and political factors are intertwined in decisions to emigrate (and return to the homeland) as well as how normative life transitions are shaped by social movements and migration.

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Aging and the life course; theory; work and family; research methods

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*Professor Emeritus, College of the Holy Cross*  
Aging and masculinities; families and later life; men's health; religion and health

**Lecturer**

Karie Feldman, PhD  
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*Lecturer*  
Family policy, medical sociology, sex and gender

**Courses**

**SOCI 101. Introduction to Sociology. 3 Units.**  
This course examines the basic principles that underlie how sociologists look at the world: "The Sociological Imagination". It addresses the basic questions: How is social order possible and how does change occur? The course is designed as a foundation for further study in field of sociology and related disciplines. It introduces the student to the role that culture and social institutions play in modern society and examines important concepts such as socialization, deviance, social control, patterned inequalities and social change. These concepts are discussed in the context of both contemporary and historical social theories. Additionally, the student will be introduced to the methods of inquiry used by practicing sociologists.

**SOCI 113. Critical Problems in Modern Society. 3 Units.**  
Focus is on major social problems present in large, complex, industrial societies. Topics include environmental problems, poverty, drug addiction, social deviance, and alienation.
SOCI 201. Introduction to Gender Studies. 3 Units.
This course introduces women and men students to the methods and concepts of gender studies, women's studies, and feminist theory. An interdisciplinary course, it covers approaches used in literary criticism, history, philosophy, political science, sociology, anthropology, psychology, film studies, cultural studies, art history, and religion. It is the required introductory course for students taking the women's and gender studies major. Offered as ENGL 270, HSTY 270, PHIL 270, RLGN 270, SOCI 201, and WGST 201. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

SOCI 202. Race and Ethnic Minorities in The United States. 3 Units.
This is a survey course that looks at the relations between racial and ethnic relations in the United States from an historical and contemporary perspective. We will look at relations between: European colonists and native Americans; whites and blacks during the period of slavery. Jim Crow, the civil rights era and contemporary period; immigrants at the turn of the 20th and 21st century; Mexicans and Puerto Ricans; and the pan-ethnic groups such as Latinos, Asian Americans, and Arab Americans. We examine the origins of racial/ethnic hierarchies, the social construction of identities, and stratification of racial and ethnic groups. I teach from a macro perspective that examines larger structural forces (e.g., colonization, industrialization, and immigration) to explain inter-group relations, and a constructionist perspective to understand how power manufactures and maintains the social meaning of identities (looking at stereotypes and hegemonic discourse). Students who have received credit for SOCI 302 may not receive credit for SOCI 202. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

SOCI 203. Human Development: Medical and Social. 3 Units.
Social influences on health and illness across the lifespan. Social determinants of health and health behavior, and delivery of health care. Guest lecturers from the medical school and other health care providers address professional practice issues across the lifespan. Issues include: new approaches to birthing; adolescent substance abuse: myths and realities of AIDS; risk factors of diseases in middle age; menopause, cognition and aging-Alzheimer’s disease; problems in care of elderly; medical ethic of death and dying.

SOCI 204. Criminology. 3 Units.
What is crime and to what extent does crime affect you? This course will investigate the nature and extent of crime, theories on the causes of crime, types of crime and criminals, and the efforts society makes to cope with and prevent criminal behavior.

SOCI 208. Dating, Marriage, and Family. 3 Units.
What is the family today? How has it changed over the last century? How will it change in the future? This course aims to answer these questions as it explores the influences of work, education, government, health and religion on today's changing families. The course considers the factors that affect mate selection. It also examines parenting, roles of husbands and wives, and family dysfunction, and divorce.

SOCI 275. Lives in Medicine: Becoming and Being a Physician. 3 Units.
This course applies a sociological approach to medical profession. Medical sociology emerged as a distinct field of study in the 1950s in part due to prominent studies of medical education such as The Student Physician by Robert K. Merton and Howard Becker's Boys in White. Since then, sociologists and other social scientists have written extensively about how issues of race, gender, aging and ethnicity are tied to issues of medical education, medical training, medical socialization and physician decision-making. Using a life course perspective, this course will examine how lives in medicine change over time; in particular, we'll study changing workforce patterns, physician satisfaction, and burnout. Other topics to be covered include contemporary ethical issues and alternative professional health careers. The course provides an overview of how medicine and medical practice have a profound influence on--and are influenced by--social, cultural, political and economic forces. In short, you'll become familiar with how scholars outside of medicine cast a sociological gaze on the profession.
SOCI 300. Modern Sociological Thought. 3 Units.
The most profound commentary of industrial society began in the middle of the nineteenth century with thinkers such as Durkheim, Marx, and Max Weber. Students will read the work of these scholars as it appeared in the original sources. They thoughtfully address concepts such as social integration and alienation, crime and punishment, and the social impact of modernization. The course is of special relevance to students in the social sciences, but is also recommended for students in other fields who wish to understand the social context in which professional lives will be conducted. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 303. Social Research Methods. 3 Units.
Principles of making causal inferences about human behavior; problem formulation and research design; measurement of sociological concepts; data collection and analysis methods; evaluation of research findings. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 310. The Individual in Society. 3 Units.
This course focuses on the relationship between individuals and the societies in which they live. Influences of values and culture on individuals' selves and identities are discussed as well as how individuals attach meaning to personal life experiences and histories in the context of society at large. Offered as SOCI 310 and SOCI 410. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 311. Health, Illness, and Social Behavior. 3 Units.
This course considers the role of social factors (e.g., poverty, occupational and family structure) on health and illness. Discussion will concentrate on the role of health promotion (e.g., anti-smoking campaigns), social behavior and lifestyle in health and health care use. Considerable attention is given to understanding health careers and professions and their role in the health of societies and individuals. Offered as SOCI 311 and SOCI 411. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 313. Sociology of Stress and Coping. 3 Units.
This course will focus attention on human stress throughout the lifespan and its role in personal health and well-being. There have been exciting advances in recent years in understanding the nature of stress in everyday life as well as elements of extreme stress. Trauma is experienced by many people due to normative events such as illness and bereavement or natural and man-made disasters such as crime or war. Coping strategies and social supports which ameliorate negative impact of stress will be considered. Offered as SOCI 313 and SOCI 413. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 315. Comparative-Historical Sociology. 3 Units.
This seminar offers participants an introduction to comparative methodological approaches to social science research. Participants will employ hands-on approaches to learning about and using innovative methods to apply their knowledge to social science questions. Our starting point will be key questions social scientists must contend with in pursuing answers to questions about social phenomena. After turning to "classic" texts in comparative research, we will study various components of comparative research. We will then focus on configurational comparative methods. Offered as SOCI 315 and SOCI 415. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 319. Sociology of Institutional Care. 3 Units.
This course focuses on converging issues of theory, research, and practice in general hospitals, mental hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, and correctional institutions. The ecology of institutions and the adaptation of individuals within institutions will also be considered. There will be field trips to institutional facilities. Offered as SOCI 319 and SOCI 419. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 320. Delinquency and Juvenile Justice. 3 Units.
The primary focus of this course is on acquainting the student with the nature and the extent of juvenile delinquency. Accordingly, theoretical approaches to delinquency causation and the prevention, control, and treatment of delinquent behavior in society are addressed. Important aspects of juvenile justice procedures, policy, and practice are examined, and the early history of the juvenile justice system and the many changes occurring over the years are discussed. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 325. Departmental Seminar in Sociology: Great Books. 3 Units.
This course fulfills the SAGES requirement of a Departmental Seminar. It focuses on close readings of contemporary classics in sociology, analytical writing and intensive seminar-type discussion. The course examines theoretical perspectives and methodological issues in sociology such that students are able to investigate, analyze and present research findings in written form. Research is always an inherently collaborative process and thus the course will utilize seminar-style discussions to formulate and examine ideas. The seminar will focus on topics germane to a critical reading of books that inform our understanding of large and small group processes as well as individual experiences. Students will be introduced to the sociological imagination as an overarching frame work to examine groundbreaking classical and contemporary books on topics such as health and aging, gender, work and family, social inequality and crime and delinquency, guided by the instructor of record. Readings will provide a sociological perspective for understanding and assessing macro- and micro-level interactions as well as encourage and stimulate critical thinking. Counts as SAGES Departmental Seminar.

SOCI 326. Gender, Inequality, and Globalization. 3 Units.
Using a sociological perspective, this course examines how major societal institutions, including the economy, polity, medicine, religion, education and family, are structured to reproduce gendered inequalities across the globe. Attention is given to the intersections of race/ethnicity, social class, gender and sexuality in social systems of power and privilege. Of critical importance is how gender figures in the relationship between Economic North and Economic South countries. We will elucidate how gender norms vary by culture and exert profound influence on the daily, lived experiences of women and men. The course will be informed by recent scholarship on feminism, women's movements, and globalization. Offered as SOCI 326 and WGST 326. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: SOCI 101 or permission of program director.

This course discusses theoretical foundations and methodologies of narrative research, including life stories, oral history, and auto ethnography. The course is designed for students to complete a research project in the semester using narrative methods to collect and analyze primary data and write up the results. Offered as SOCI 327 and SOCI 427. Prereq: SOCI 101 and SOCI 303.
SOCI 328. Urban Sociology. 3 Units.
The goal of this course is to acquaint the student with the realities and the possibilities of our urban society. Theories and applications of urban sociology interpreting city life and structure are reviewed. The transformation of the urban landscape, the emergence of cities, urban life, urban problems, and urban planning are explored. Issues related to finances, schooling, transportation, the infrastructure of the city, growth and decline, urban poverty, the homeless, crime, pollution, as well as the policy issues and questions such concerns provoke are studied. Key aspects of social science theories and research findings about the nature of spatial, economic and social relationships in cities and developing countries will be analyzed, illuminating some of the processes of urban growth, social transition, and change. Offered as SOCI 328 and SOCI 428. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 333. Sociology of Deviant Behavior. 3 Units.
Sociological approaches to causes of deviant behavior, and social psychology of deviance are studied. Illustrations range from juvenile delinquency to scientific misconduct and cover both criminal and noncriminal forms of deviance. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 338. Seminar and Practicum in Adolescents. 3 Units.
Supervised field placement and attendance in early childhood, child, and adolescent settings including preschools, schools, hospitals, and neighborhood centers. This class is used to fulfill requirements by the Ohio Department of Education teacher licensure program. Recommended preparation: PSCL 101, EDUC 301, EDUC 304, and permission of program director. Offered as EDUC 338, PSCL 338, and SOCI 338.

SOCI 344. Health Disparities. 3 Units.
We have come to understand that stark disparities in health result from the social organization of society, especially inequality in resources and opportunities between and within social groups in the population. This seminar course examines the differential distribution of health and illness in society, focusing on the social determinants of health. Topics include: socioeconomic inequality; geographic context; social cohesion and exclusion; health burden in minority populations; policy and federal priorities. We utilize a life course perspective to understand how inequality "gets under the skin" to produce adverse health. Offered as SOCI 344 and SOCI 444. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 345. Sociology of Mental Illness. 3 Units.
Focus is on social construction of mental health and illness and sociology of emotions. Social determinants of psychological distress will be discussed along with social stigma associated with mental illness. Institutional and community options for care of the mentally ill will be considered along with the impact of recent social movements of deinstitutionalization and independent living. Offered as SOCI 345 and SOCI 445. Prereq: SOCI 101 and junior/senior standing.

SOCI 347. Sociology of Education. 3 Units.
This course provides an introduction to the field of sociology of education, which might be more properly called sociology of schooling. We will examine the development of schools historically and competing paradigms for understanding the place of school in society. Major theoretical perspectives concerning the nature and consequences of schools for individuals and for societies will be reviewed. Issues of individual opportunity - including how it is organized by race, class, and gender - will be covered, as well as issues institutional dynamics - including tracking, testing and so-called crisis and reform. Offered as SOCI 347 and SOCI 447. Prereq: SOCI 101 and junior or senior standing.

SOCI 349. Social Inequality. 3 Units.
This course discusses classical theory and contemporary research on the mechanisms of power that produce inequalities in income, wealth, education, privilege, and occupational prestige and are manifest in racial, ethnic, gender, age, health, and sexual hierarchies. Offered as SOCI 349 and SOCI 449. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 355. Special Topics. 3 Units.
One or more sections each semester focusing on selected areas of study in sociology. Offered as SOCI 355 and SOCI 455.

SOCI 356. Economic Sociology: Money, Markets, Morals, and Social Life. 3 Units.
The course introduces students to a sociological perspective on the economy, and the social processes that effect and are embedded in economic behavior, economic institutions and markets. Students will examine issues such as the social significance of money, the effect of social networks on labor market outcomes, the success and failure of firms, tips and gifts, informal markets and the trade of illicit goods, as well as topics such as immigration and globalization. Our investigations into these diverse topics reveal how economic phenomena, economic systems and processes are shaped by social networks, cultural understandings and relations of power. Throughout the course students will examine how economic relations are facilitated-created, maintained, transformed, and constrained-by social relations, revealing that economic life and behavior is just as social as religion, family or education. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 360. The Sociology of Law. 3 Units.
This course will focus on the role of rights in the U.S. legal system and society. In particular, we will consider three questions. The first is how do rights fit in the legal system and society? Second, how have different social groups used and thought about rights? Third, how do legal actors like judges and lawyers think about rights compared to non-lawyers? Offered as SOCI 360 and SOCI 460. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 361. The Life Course. 3 Units.
Individual experiences and transitions over the life course are considered as the result of societal, cultural, psychological, biological, and historical influences. Developmental issues of childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle years and late life are discussed in the context of social expectations, challenges, and opportunities. Emphasis is placed on theoretical readings. Offered as SOCI 361 and SOCI 461. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 364. Disability and Society. 3 Units.
This course considers and examines the relationship between disability and society. The course covers how we define, represent, and react to disability in modern society. This includes an analysis of stigma and discrimination. We also explore the timing and experience of disability from a life-course perspective. Finally, we examine the political, social, and economic influences on disability, including the Disability Rights movement. Offered as SOCI 364 and SOCI 464. Prereq: SOCI 101 and sophomore standing.
SOCI 365. Health Care Delivery. 3 Units.
Health care in the U.S. may be approaching a critical cross-road. Limiting care to older persons and the chronically ill has been proposed as a means to combat rising costs and limited access to health care. What are the alternatives to health care rationing? Socialized medicine? National health insurance? This course deals with issues of cost, quality, and access to health care in the United States and other societies. It considers how solutions by other societies can provide directions for the organization of health care in the U.S. Offered as SOCI 365 and SOCI 465. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 366. Racial Inequality and Mass Imprisonment in the US. 3 Units.
This course examines the relationship between racial inequality and mass imprisonment in the U.S. It begins by exploring the role of prisons in the Jim Crow south, with a particular focus on convict-leasing practices, and then turns to the north to examine the social forces that created the black urban ghetto and concentrated black urban poverty. The course also examines the impact of these same social forces that have had on Puerto Ricans. We will then explore a series of topics including urban poverty and crime, the war on drugs, the politics of mass incarceration, the prospects that mass incarceration has become the new Jim Crow, and the effects that mass incarceration has had on voting rights, urban communities, families and children. We will conclude with a discussion of varying decarceration arguments, strategies, movements, and achievements. Prereq: SOCI 101 or SJUS 100.

SOCI 369. Aging in American Society. 3 Units.
Considers the position and participation of aged adults in American society. Sociological perspectives through which to interpret the aging process and old age: social policies; intergenerational relations; lifestyles and how they affect participation of the aged in American society; dying and death serve as major themes. Offered as SOCI 369 and SOCI 469. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 370. Sociology of the Family. 3 Units.
This course provides the theoretical and methodological foundation for conducting family research. It also reviews the most current research in the sociology of the family arena such as intergenerational issues, ethnicity and gender, and family transitions. Offered as SOCI 370 and SOCI 470. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 372. Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad. 3 Units.
Covers the impact on human lives of the interface between work and family; the different ways gender structures the experience of work and family depending upon racial and ethnic background, social class, age, and partner preference; the impact of historical context on work-family experiences; work-family policies in the United States and other countries. Offered as SOCI 372, WGST 372, and SOCI 472. Prereq: SOCI 101 and Sophomore standing.

SOCI 374. Using Law to Designate Public-Private Boundaries for Social Policies. 3 Units.
This course studies law and the public-private dichotomy. With a basis in important research on the sociology of law, it considers three questions: 1) What is the impact of "law" on the boundary separating the public and private sectors? 2) How does "law" designate which actors and institutions belong to the public and private sectors? 3) Is the public-private dichotomy adequate for sociological analyses of law and its influences? If not, what alternatives to the public-private dichotomy can we offer? Offered as SOCI 374 and SOCI 474. Prereq: SOCI 101.

SOCI 375. Independent Study. 1 - 3 Units.
Prereq: SOCI 101 and SOCI 300.

SOCI 377. Population Dynamics and Changing Societies. 3 Units.
Population and social structure are inextricably linked, as changes in one elicit changes in the other. Social demography, as a discipline, examines these linkages through the systematic study of the size, composition and distribution of populations and their relationship to the social, political and economic organization of societies. This course will pay particular attention to mortality, morbidity and health, fertility, family and household organization, and migration as the major processes of population change. The population dynamics of the United States will be emphasized, with select comparisons to developing and developed countries. Offered as SOCI 377 and SOCI 477. Prereq: SOCI 101 or equivalent; 9 hours in SOCI, ANTH, or ECON.

SOCI 380. Social Movements and Social Change. 3 Units.
This course will introduce students to the theories of social movements and collective action. We look at the conditions that create grievances in democracies, how grievances get translated into collective action, and what types of collective actions are successful for bringing about social change. We discuss a variety of movements in the U.S. in the 20th century to illustrate these theories and concepts. Prereq: SOCI 101 or requisites not met permission.

SOCI 381. City as Classroom. 3 Units.
In this course, the city is the classroom. We will engage with the urban terrain. We will meet weekly off-campus, interact with community members, and interface--both literally and figuratively--with the city as a way to examine the linkages between historical, conceptual, and contemporary issues, with particular attention paid to race and class dynamics, inequality, and social justice. This course will have four intersecting components, primarily focusing on American cities since the 1930s: the social and physical construction of urban space, the built environment, life and culture in the city, and social movements and grassroots struggles. Offered as HSTY 381, POSC 381, SOCI 381, HSTY 481, POSC 481, and SOCI 481. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

SOCI 392. Senior Capstone Experience. 3 Units.
SOCI 392 represents the completion of an independent study paper involving exploration of a sociology topic to be chosen in consultation with the student's capstone advisor. The student will interact regularly with the faculty advisor who will review their progress on the project. This project allows for original thought and for the tailoring of the research to the student's interests. The student will integrate theory, methods and social issues as he/she applies critical thinking skills and insights to the analysis of some aspects of a subject chosen from any of the following subfields and concentrations: Gerontology, Social Inequality, Medical Sociology, Crime and Delinquency, The Life Course, Education, Work and Family, Sociology of Law, and Deviance. The Capstone Project has both a written and an oral component. Following the submission of the Capstone paper, the student will give a presentation of the project at the Senior Capstone fair, or another forum chosen by the department. Counts as SAGES Senior Capstone. Prereq: SOCI 101, SOCI 300, SOCI 303, and STAT 201 or PSCL 282.

SOCI 397. Honors Studies. 3 Units.
Intensive investigation of research or conceptual problem; original work under supervision of faculty member. Limited to senior majors. Prereq: Senior status.

SOCI 398. Honors Studies. 3 Units.
Intensive investigation of research on conceptual problem; original work under supervision of faculty member. Limited to senior majors.
SOCI 400. Development of Sociological Theory. 3 Units.
This course examines in detail the works of the major social theorists of the 19th and 20th centuries. It is intended to integrate their ideas with the social and historical milieu from which they were born. Questions of intergroup conflict vs. cooperation, interactions between economic, familial, religious, and political institutions, and the development of the self as a function of larger social processes are addressed. Such celebrated figures as Marx, Weber, and Durkheim, as well as modern thinkers will be presented and discussed. Prereq: Graduate standing.

SOCI 401. Contemporary Sociological Theory. 3 Units.
Current viewpoints in sociological theory are explored using contrasting theoretical perspectives.

SOCI 406. Logic of Social Inquiry. 3 Units.
The first of a two-semester series in social research methodology. Students will learn how to interpret and conduct social science research. The two-semester course covers problem formulation, the logic of causal inference, measurement models, research designs, sampling, data collection, and data analysis.

SOCI 407. Social Statistics. 3 Units.
The second of a two-semester series in social research methodology. (See SOCI 406.) Prereq: SOCI 406.

SOCI 410. The Individual in Society. 3 Units.
This course focuses on the relationship between individuals and the societies in which they live. Influences of values and culture on individuals' selves and identities are discussed as well as how individuals attach meaning to personal life experiences and histories in the context of society at large. Offered as SOCI 310 and SOCI 410.

SOCI 411. Health, Illness, and Social Behavior. 3 Units.
This course considers the role of social factors (e.g., poverty, occupational and family structure) on health and illness. Discussion will concentrate on the role of health promotion (e.g., anti-smoking campaigns), social behavior and lifestyle in health and health care use. Considerable attention is given to understanding health careers and professions and their role in the health of societies and individuals. Offered as SOCI 311 and SOCI 411.

SOCI 413. Sociology of Stress and Coping. 3 Units.
This course will focus attention on human stress throughout the lifespan and its role in personal health and well-being. There have been exciting advances in recent years in understanding the nature of stress in everyday life as well as elements of extreme stress. Trauma is experienced by many people due to normative events such as illness and bereavement or natural and man-made disasters such as crime or war. Coping strategies and social supports which ameliorate negative impact of stress will be considered. Offered as SOCI 313 and SOCI 413.

SOCI 415. Comparative-Historical Sociology. 3 Units.
This seminar offers participants an introduction to comparative methodological approaches to social science research. Participants will employ hands-on approaches to learning about and using innovative methods to apply their knowledge to social science questions. Our starting point will be key questions social scientists must contend with in pursuing answers to questions about social phenomena. After turning to "classic" texts in comparative research, we will study various components of comparative research. We will then focus on configurational comparative methods. Offered as SOCI 315 and SOCI 415.

SOCI 419. Sociology of Institutional Care. 3 Units.
This course focuses on converging issues of theory, research, and practice in general hospitals, mental hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, and correctional institutions. The ecology of institutions and the adaptation of individuals within institutions will also be considered. There will be field trips to institutional facilities. Offered as SOCI 319 and SOCI 419.

This course discusses theoretical foundations and methodologies of narrative research, including life stories, oral history, and auto ethnography. The course is designed for students to complete a research project in the semester using narrative methods to collect and analyze primary data and write up the results. Offered as SOCI 327 and SOCI 427.

SOCI 428. Urban Sociology. 3 Units.
The goal of this course is to acquaint the student with the realities and the possibilities of our urban society. Theories and applications of urban sociology interpreting city life and structure are reviewed. The transformation of the urban landscape, the emergence of cities, urban life, urban problems, and urban planning are explored. Issues related to finances, schooling, transportation, the infrastructure of the city, growth and decline, urban poverty, the homeless, crime, pollution, as well as the policy issues and questions such concerns provoke are studied. Key aspects of social science theories and research findings about the nature of spatial, economic and social relationships in cities in developed and developing countries will be analyzed, illuminating some of the processes of urban growth, social transition, and change. Offered as SOCI 328 and SOCI 428. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

SOCI 443. Medical Sociology. 3 Units.
Course covers theories, research methods, and problems in sociology of medicine. Topics include social epidemiology, health and illness behavior, and sick role. Structures and functions of delivery systems and their interrelationships with other social institutions are discussed.

SOCI 444. Health Disparities. 3 Units.
We have come to understand that stark disparities in health result from the social organization of society, especially inequality in resources and opportunities between and within social groups in the population. This seminar course examines the differential distribution of health and illness in society, focusing on the social determinants of health. Topics include: socioeconomic inequality; geographic context; social cohesion and exclusion; health burden in minority populations; policy and federal priorities. We utilize a life course perspective to understand how inequality "gets under the skin" to produce adverse health. Offered as SOCI 344 and SOCI 444. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

SOCI 445. Sociology of Mental Illness. 3 Units.
Focus is on social construction of mental health and illness and sociology of emotions. Social determinants of psychological distress will be discussed along with social stigma associated with mental illness. Institutional and community options for care of the mentally ill will be considered along with the impact of recent social movements of deinstitutionalization and independent living. Offered as SOCI 345 and SOCI 445.
SOCI 447. Sociology of Education. 3 Units.
This course provides an introduction to the field of sociology of education, which might be more properly called sociology of schooling. We will examine the development of schools historically and competing paradigms for understanding the place of school in society. Major theoretical perspectives concerning the nature and consequences of schools for individuals and for societies will be reviewed. Issues of individual opportunity - including how it is organized by race, class, and gender - will be covered, as well as issues institutional dynamics - including tracking, testing and so-called crisis and reform. Offered as SOCI 347 and SOCI 447.

SOCI 449. Social Inequality. 3 Units.
This course discusses classical theory and contemporary research on the mechanisms of power that produce inequalities in income, wealth, education, privilege, and occupational prestige and are manifest in racial, ethnic, gender, age, health, and sexual hierarchies. Offered as SOCI 349 and SOCI 449.

SOCI 455. Special Topics. 3 Units.
One or more sections each semester focusing on selected areas of study in sociology. Offered as SOCI 355 and SOCI 455.

SOCI 460. The Sociology of Law. 3 Units.
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SOCI 461. The Life Course. 3 Units.
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SOCI 466. Promoting Health Across Boundaries. 3 Units.
This course examines the concepts of health and boundary spanning and how the synergy of the two can produce new, effective approaches to promoting health. Students will explore and analyze examples of individuals and organizations boundary spanning for health to identify practice features affecting health, compare and contrast practices and approaches, and evaluate features and context that promote or inhibit boundary spanning and promoting health. Offered as MPH 466, PQHS 466, SOCI 466, NURS 466 and BETH 466. Prereq: Graduate student status or instructor consent.

SOCI 469. Aging in American Society. 3 Units.
Considers the position and participation of aged adults in American society. Sociological perspectives through which to interpret the aging process and old age; social policies; intergenerational relations; lifestyles and how they affect participation of the aged in American society; dying and death serve as major themes. Offered as SOCI 369 and SOCI 469.

SOCI 470. Sociology of the Family. 3 Units.
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SOCI 472. Work and Family: U.S. and Abroad. 3 Units.
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SOCI 477. Population Dynamics and Changing Societies. 3 Units.
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SOCI 509. Advanced Statistical Analysis. 3 Units.
Research in social epidemiology, health service research and other applied fields increasingly demands an understanding of social research methodology. This seminar exposes students to state of the art analyses of social science data including: data preparation, factor analysis, regression and structural equation modeling. Students are provided the opportunity to interpret and critically evaluate the methodology used in journal articles, with an emphasis on data analytical techniques. Students will analyze data sets using SPSS and EQS. Prereq: SOCI 407 and (STAT 401 or SOCI 406).

SOCI 514. Qualitative Methods/Field Research. 3 Units.
Students explore the theoretical foundations of qualitative social research. The course is designed to introduce and provide experience with a range of data generation strategies and analytic skills. The ethnographic techniques of semi-structured interviewing and participant-observation receive particular attention.

SOCI 525. Multilevel Modeling. 3 Units.
This course is designed to provide an introduction to multilevel, or hierarchical, regression models, and to explore its two primary applications in the social sciences: (1) studies of individuals nested within groups; (2) studies of repeated observations nested within individuals. After taking this course, students should be able to discuss the components of the multilevel model, including random intercepts & slopes, variances at levels 1 & 2, within- and between-group regressions. Students should also be able to conduct independent statistical analysis using Stata from initial tests of assumptions and hypothesis testing, and to assessing model fit. This course will additionally provide instruction on time-based and age-based latent growth curves within the multilevel modeling framework. Prereq: SOCI 509 or requisites not met permission.

SOCI 601. Reading and Research. 1 - 9 Units.
Individual study and/or project work.

SOCI 701. Dissertation Ph.D.. 1 - 9 Units.
Prereq: Predoctoral research consent or advanced to Ph.D. candidacy milestone.