

**PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY  
ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR  
CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES MINOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR  
HEALTH, AGING AND SOCIETY MINOR  
SOCIAL WORK MINOR  
SOCIOLOGY MINOR  
TEACHING LICENSURE**

**SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY,  
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR PROGRAM**

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. The program emphasizes both scientific and humanistic methods of inquiry in the study of dynamics within families, delinquent gangs, factory work groups, high technology industries, social classes, and other groups. Students are encouraged to integrate formal instruction with supervised activities outside the classroom such as internships and practica in social agencies, research in the local community, service learning experiences, or attendance at professional meetings. Students may specialize in studying such areas as anthropology, sociology, social work, health and aging, children and families, or criminal justice. Programs available to majors can lead to graduate training in sociology, anthropology, social work, counseling, public health, law, and related disciplines. Many graduates pursue careers in such fields as counseling, corrections, health services, rehabilitation, urban planning, social research, management, personnel, and sales.

Students graduating with a major in Sociology will:

- C be prepared for relevant careers;
- C be prepared for relevant graduate study;
- C acquire a sociological perspective and understanding of key concepts;
- C understand the centrality of race, class, gender, and other types of inequality;
- C identify and appreciate values central to supporting needs of people in the community, region, nation, and world;
- C interpret data (quantitative or qualitative) analytically and descriptively, and utilize computers where appropriate;
- C apply sociological knowledge through internships, service learning, or relevant volunteer work.

**Sociology Major Requirements**

SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr
ANTH 130	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology	3 cr
	or ANTH 140 Peoples of the World	
SOCI 331	Methods of Social Research	3 cr
	Three sociology electives,	9 cr
	two of which must be 300-400 level courses	
	Six departmental electives	<u>18 cr</u>

**TOTAL SOCIOLOGY MAJOR  
REQUIREMENTS**

**36**

**ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR  
PROGRAM**

The anthropology minor allows students to explore a range of areas in anthropology or to concentrate in cultural/ethnographic studies or in applied/medical anthropology. The minor in anthropology requires 18 credit hours, at least 15 credit hours of which must be earned in classroom courses. (A sociology major completing the anthropology minor may apply only ANTH 130 or ANTH 140 to both programs.)

**Anthropology Minor Requirements**

ANTH 130	Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology	3 cr
	or ANTH 140 Peoples of the World	
	Any "Peoples of" course: ANTH 320-323	3 cr
	Two 300-500 level anthropology electives	6 cr
	Two other anthropology electives	<u>6 cr</u>

**TOTAL ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR  
REQUIREMENTS**

**18**

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## CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES MINOR PROGRAM

The Child and Family Studies Minor focuses on the development of children, the forms and functions of families, and the role of both in society at large. It offers students who anticipate working with children and families after graduation, as well as those who plan further study in the field, a solid foundation in these areas. (A sociology major completing the Child and Family Studies Minor may apply only SOCI 210 Families, to both programs)

### Child and Family Studies Minor Requirements

PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3 cr
or PSYC 208	Applied Developmental Psychology	
SOCI 210	Families	3 cr

Electives 12 cr

### TOTAL CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18

12 elective credits in courses designated as Child and Family Studies, 9 of which must be 300-level or above (see list below). Courses must be selected from at least two different departments (two different disciplines within one department is not sufficient).

ANTH 140	Peoples of the World
ANTH 320	Peoples of the Middle East
ANTH 321	Peoples of the Caribbean
ANTH 322	Peoples of China
ANTH 323	Peoples of Africa
ANTH 365	Sex Roles and Society
ANTH 330	Children and Culture
CCCA 207	Children's Literature
HIST 315	Women in American History
PSYC 270	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 340	Psychology of Children w/ Special Needs
PSYC 355	Human Sexuality
PSYC 356	The Psychology of Gender
PSYC 386	Adolescent Development
PSYC 387	Childhood Disorders
PSYC 460	Human Behavior Cross-Cultural Perspect.
SOCI 260	Sociology of Aging
SOCI 352	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 360	Women, Movies, and MTV
SOWK 340	Social Welfare Policy
SOWK 375	Family Violence
SOWK 380	Women and Health
SOWK 443	Casework with Couples and Families
SOWK 452	Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR PROGRAM

The criminal justice minor offers students an introduction to correctional counseling or law enforcement based on a liberal arts foundation and capped by a field placement experience. The minor consists of 18 credit hours. Courses other than SOCI 100, Introduction to Sociology cannot be used toward the major in Sociology or any other minor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work. All students must take 12 credit hours of Foundation Courses and 6 credit hours in one of the two tracks.

### Foundation Courses

SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr
SOCI 540	Internship	3 cr
or SOWK 540	Internship	

Choose two of following: 6 cr

SOCI 351	Criminology
SOCI 352	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 355	Law and Society

### TOTAL FOUNDATION COURSES 12

### CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT TRACK

Foundation Courses 12 cr

Choose two of the following: 6 cr

SOWK 348	Social Work Skills
SOWK 350	Social Group Work
SOWK 395	Special Topics in Social Work
SOWK 442	Social Casework
SOWK 452	Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents

### TOTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR CORRECTIONAL TRACK REQUIREMENTS 18

### LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK

Foundation Courses 12 cr

Choose two of the following: 6 cr

SOCI 201	Social Problems
SOCI 282	Deviant Behavior
SOCI 395	Special Topics in Sociology
POSC 304	Constitutional Law
PSYC 369	Forensic Psychology

Any of the following if not taken for foundation courses above:

SOCI 351	Criminology
SOCI 352	Juvenile Delinquency
SOCI 355	Law and Society

### TOTAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRACK REQUIREMENTS 18

### HEALTH, AGING, AND SOCIETY MINOR PROGRAM

The health, aging, and society minor enables students to receive a grounding in the social scientific perspective and issues of aging and of health. The minor consists of 18 credit hours.

#### Health, Aging and Society Minor Requirements

Six courses from the following lists 18 cr  
with at least two from each focus

#### Aging Focus

CCSS	275	Aging and Society
SOCI	260	Sociology of Aging
SOCI	335	Health and Aging
SOCI	336	Death and Dying
SOCI	337	Aging and the Life Course
PSYC	388	Adulthood and Aging

#### Health Focus

ANTH	345	Culture, Health and Illness
ANTH	346	Stigma and Disability
SOWK	380	Women and Health
PSYC	355	Human Sexuality
PSYC	357	Psychology of Women

Option to replace one course in this program with:

SOWK	540	Social Work Internship
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**TOTAL HEALTH, AGING AND SOCIETY  
MINOR REQUIREMENTS** **18**

### SOCIAL WORK MINOR PROGRAM

The social work minor provides students with a sound introduction to the history of the field as well as to the major approaches and skills used by social workers. The minor consists of 18 credit hours of which three credits are for field work. (A sociology major completing the social work minor may apply only SOCI 100, Introduction to Sociology, to both programs.)

#### Social Work Minor Requirements

SOCI	100	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr
SOWK	241	Introduction to Social Work	3 cr
SOWK	348	Social Work Skills	3 cr
SOWK	540	Social Work Internship	3-15 cr
Two 300-400 level social work electives			<u>6 cr</u>

**TOTAL SOCIAL WORK MINOR  
REQUIREMENTS** **18-30**

### SOCIOLOGY MINOR PROGRAM

The sociology minor allows students to examine a range of areas of sociological interest or to concentrate in an area such as crime and delinquency or social gerontology. The minor requires 18 credit hours, at least 15 of which must be completed in the classroom.

#### Sociology Minor Requirements

SOCI	100	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr
SOCI	312	Sociological Theory	3 cr
or SOCI 331		Methods of Social Research	
or SOCI 341		Social Stratification	

Two 300-500 level sociology electives	<u>6 cr</u>
Two other sociology electives	<u>6 cr</u>

**TOTAL SOCIOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS** **18**

### TEACHING LICENSURE

Students majoring in sociology may opt to pursue initial teacher licensure as an early childhood teacher or elementary teacher. These students will complete the sociology major, education major, and a licensure program in education.

### PRACTITIONER SERIES COURSES

The Social Work and Criminal Justice Practitioner Series utilizes the rich experience of leading area professionals to present courses in specialty areas not covered in the general curriculum. Practitioners provide a mix of theory and practical wisdom developed over years of experience. These are evident as they teach courses in their areas of specialization (e.g., child welfare, mental health, corrections).

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## **COURSE LISTINGS**

### **ANTH 130 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology**

**3 cr**

Introduces students to the basic concepts, theories, and methodologies of sociocultural anthropology. Creates an awareness of the wide spectrum of cultural variation throughout the world. Demonstrates that through the study of anthropology, we may gain an understanding of not only "exotic" cultures but also of our own sociocultural experience.

**Prerequisite:** None

### **ANTH 140 Peoples of the World**

**3 cr**

Examines the way of life of selected societies in various parts of the world. Explores patterns in human cultures as well as the uniqueness of particular societies. Considers whether or not it is possible to truly understand a culture other than one's own.

**Prerequisite:** None

### **ANTH 320 Peoples of the Middle East**

**3 cr**

Exposes students to a variety of lifestyles in the Middle East through an examination of ecology, gender, kinship, stratification, religion, and ethnicity. Considers the cultural perspectives of the powerful and the weak under colonialism and in post-colonial situations. Addresses "newsworthy" issues such as oil wealth and labor migration, "terrorism," fundamentalism, and nationalism.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or 140 or instructor approval

### **ANTH 321 Peoples of the Caribbean**

**3 cr**

Explores diverse aspects of life and culture in the Caribbean focusing on the following themes: colonial history of the Caribbean and the rise of plantation culture, gender and family life; the economic situation; industry and commerce; religion and life cycles; education; health care and access to medical services; democratization and political activism, such as the rise of Rastafarianism, ethnic identity and conflict.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or 140

### **ANTH 322 Peoples of China**

**3 cr**

Compares patterns of life in pre-revolutionary China with those that have emerged since the Revolution of 1949. Examines areas targeted for change by socialist leaders such as patriarchal attitudes and structures, distribution of wealth, and availability of health care. Evaluates trends toward rapid industrialization and "democratization."

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or 140 or instructor approval

### **ANTH 323 Peoples of Africa**

**3 cr**

Focuses on the ethnic, cultural, religious, economic and political diversity in select regions of Africa, as representative of the kinds of differences found throughout the continent. Explores such diversity through a historical framework, addressing the history of colonial penetration, the impact it had in various parts of Africa and in the African diaspora, and the complex interplay between indigenous cultures and their values with the exigencies of the modern nation state.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or 140

### **ANTH 330 Children and Culture**

**3 cr**

Focuses on a comparative analysis of children's lives in the U.S. and other cultures. Examines the interplay of culture and biology in the socialization process. Children will be viewed at work and at play. Explores significant social problems affecting children.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140

### **ANTH 345 Culture, Health and Illness**

**3 cr**

Compares medical beliefs and practices in Western and non-Western societies. Examines cultural beliefs, social behaviors, and economic and environmental factors that influence susceptibility to disease. Addresses issues concerning patient-doctor communication and psychosocial management of illness.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140

### **ANTH 346 Stigma and Disability**

**3 cr**

Examines the concept of stigma and its application to individuals with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities in American culture and evaluates the impact of stigma on interpersonal encounters between the disabled and the able bodied. Examines adaptive strategies and destigmatization processes.

**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140 or SOCI 100

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- ANTH 350 Anthropology of Religion** **3 cr**  
Focuses on the contribution of non-Western thought to the development of religion in human culture and to the role of religion in human society. Provides a cross-cultural view of basic elements in the supernatural experience in order to foster a broad understanding of religious belief systems. Considers factors that contribute to religious change and the emergence of new religions.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140 or SOCI 100
- ANTH 355 Politics of Culture** **3 cr**  
Explores nation-states as social and historical creations. Examines the forces and factors that produce national, ethnic, indigenous, and popular culture. Investigates gendered, ethnic, and religious dissent, and controversies concerning diverse cultural claims and transnational processes. Considers the role of popular culture in shaping representations of self and others. Examples are drawn from the U.S., Israel/Palestine, South Africa, Egypt, Tibet, and more.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140 or instructor approval
- ANTH 365 Sex Roles and Society** **3 cr**  
Examines the roles and status of women and men in Western and nonwestern societies, treating gender as a social construct rather than a biological given. Considers theories about the bases of sexual inequality and the relationship between gender and other social hierarchies. Investigates how cultural notions of gender influence an individual's religious, political, sexual, and familial experiences.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140
- ANTH 370 Culture, Power, and Protest** **3 cr**  
Compares the forms of resistance practiced by oppressed groups in a variety of societies. Considers the assumptions that have influenced researchers' assessments of social action. Emphasizes that numerous cultural practices, ranging from religious rites to oratory to spirit possession, have political implications.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140
- ANTH 395 Special Topics in Anthropology** **3 cr**  
A course or seminar for students who have taken a substantial number of anthropology courses. Such courses or seminars may explore any of a variety of topics concerning social anthropology, physical anthropology, archeology, applied anthropology, or linguistics, or courses in theory and method.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140 and additional prerequisites to be announced
- ANTH 499 Teaching Assistantship in Anthropology** **3 cr**  
Supervised lecture organization, presentation and preparation of examinations. Teaching Assistants should have completed a minimum of five courses in anthropology with a combined GPA of at least 3.0 and an overall GPA of at least 2.75.  
**Prerequisite:** ANTH 130 or ANTH 140, junior/senior status, and department approval
- ANTH 500 Independent Study** **1-3 cr**  
Open to juniors and seniors who wish to read in a given area or to study a topic in depth under the direction of an anthropologist. Requires written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor.  
**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status; department approval
- ANTH 540 Anthropology Internship** **3-15 cr**  
Placement of advanced students in public or private organizations that actively apply anthropology, archeology, or ethnohistory as part of their work routine. Internships may be developed in such areas as interethnic services, cultural resource management, museum work, local history, etc. Internships are awarded from 3 to 15 credits per semester depending on the extent of student involvement.  
**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status; ANTH 130 or ANTH 140; six semester hours of related courses at 200 level or above; department approval
- SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology** **3 cr**  
Introduces the major concepts and methods of sociology. Examines the elements of social organization, sociological approaches to the analysis of groups, and the relationships among the major institutions of society.  
**Prerequisite:** None
- SOCI 201 Social Problems** **3 cr**  
Studies problems and disorganization in modern industrial society such as: poverty, racism, sexism, environmental pollution, militarism, and family issues.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or a 100-level Self & Society course

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## **SOCI 210 Families**

**3 cr**

Explores contemporary American families (the forms they take, the functions they serve, the problems they face) within the context of families of other historical time periods and other cultures. Presents an interdisciplinary examination of topics such as: gender roles, marriage, divorce, and blended families, nonmarital lifestyles, parenting, family policy, and technology's impact on family life.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or any other 100-level Self & Society course

## **SOCI 260 Sociology of Aging**

**3 cr**

Examines the historical and cultural perspectives on the aging process, analyzes the connection between culture, environment, and behavior for the elderly as well as other age groups, and evaluates policies and programs developed for the elderly in the United States.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 282 Deviant Behavior**

**3 cr**

Analyzes social definitions of deviance, responses to deviance, and explanations of the causes of deviance. Examines drug and alcohol use and abuse, mental illness, sexual difference, and other issues frequently treated as deviant.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 295 Social Change and the Future**

**3 cr**

Analyzes change in social institutions and societies. Focuses on social movements and revolutions in historical and comparative perspective. Considers how our understanding of social change helps us in predicting the future and making sense of issues that are likely to arise.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or a 100-level Self & Society course

## **SOCI 304 Social History of North Adams**

**3 cr**

Examines the ethnic and class history of North Adams, and Northern Berkshire, starting with the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Investigates the industrial development of the community, the experience of the Depression, and the growth of Sprague Electric company as the dominant employer. Concludes by reviewing the post-industrial changes in the area, the establishment of MASSMoCA and prospects for the future.

**Prerequisite:** HIST 203 or 204 or SOCI 100

## **SOCI 312 Sociological Theory**

**3 cr**

Explores the meaning of theory and its utility in the sociological enterprise. Examines the contributions of the classical theorists -- Comte, Marx, Durkheim, Spencer, Weber, and Simmel -- as well as the more contemporary contributions of Parsons, Merton, Goffman, Dahrendorf and the neo-Marxists to the development of sociological theory.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and two sociology electives

## **SOCI 315 Religion in Modern Society**

**3 cr**

Studies religion as a social phenomenon in all its diversity in American culture. Emphasis will be placed on understanding religion in a post-modern world. Examines how sociology, distinct from theology, psychology and common sense approaches religion. Explores how religion is socially, culturally and historically constructed.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 316 Sociology of Sport**

**3 cr**

Analyzes sport as a microcosm of society. Specifically focuses on American sport from youth through the professional levels. Studies sport and the following: socialization, business, mass media, ethical dilemmas, race, gender, structural inequality and secular religion. Examines the sociological reasons why contemporary sport is organized and functions as it does.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 321 Minority Groups**

**3 cr**

Analyzes the relationship between dominant and minority groups, theories of prejudice and discrimination, and ways of reducing intergroup conflict and tensions.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 322 Population**

**3 cr**

Studies population concepts, trends, and principles, social consequences of population changes, and issues of population policy at the national and international levels.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

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- SOCI 325 Contemporary Social Issues Through Film** **3 cr**  
Examines American society through the medium of film. Students learn how to analyze movies sociologically, to place them in their historical and cultural context, both as shaping forces in society and as reflections of underlying social issues.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 331 Methods of Social Research** **3 cr**  
Examines scientific methods commonly used in the study of social phenomena as well as ethical and political issues related to the research process. Explores the various steps of research design, data collection (questionnaire construction, interviewing, observation, content analysis), and data analysis.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and at least two sociology electives
- SOCI 335 Health and Aging** **3 cr**  
Studies the relationship between medical sociology and social gerontology, basic health and aging concerns of older people, and the aging process from biological and social perspectives.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 336 Death and Dying** **3 cr**  
Analyzes social and cultural influences on the meanings of death, the process of dying, near death experiences, grief/bereavement, caring relationships, and ethical and medical issues.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 337 Aging and the Life Course** **3 cr**  
Examines the changes in social roles and relationships that occur as people move through the life course. Considers the social forces that influence the individual aging experience and explores the relationship between the quality of life in old age and an individual's cumulative experiences, choices, constraints, and opportunities over the life course. Includes adult development and life course transitions, caring for frail elderly, old age and the welfare state, as well as the economics of aging, aging policy and the economy, and aging and inequality.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and junior/senior status
- SOCI 341 Social Stratification** **3 cr**  
Explores and analyzes stratification systems, theories of stratification, social mobility, types of inequality, methods of measuring inequality, and the impact of inequality upon life style and personality.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 350 Sociology of Work** **3 cr**  
Studies work, work relationships, and the workplace, with emphasis on the United States. Examines the deskilling of work, both blue and white collar; the role of unions and rank and file movements; ideologies of work and management; and the possibility of industrial democracy in different social systems.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or BADM 362 or BADM 365 or PSYC 335
- SOCI 351 Criminology** **3 cr**  
Studies the nature of crime and theories of criminal behavior; operation of courts, police systems, and correctional institutions; probation, parole, and crime prevention.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 352 Juvenile Delinquency** **3 cr**  
Analyzes patterns of delinquent behavior in children and adolescents; institutional and community efforts aimed at control, treatment, and rehabilitation.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100
- SOCI 355 Law and Society** **3 cr**  
Analyzes the development of law in complex societies, its functions, and the social forces that influence rule-making and rule-sanctioning institutions. Examines the workings of legislatures, courts, and executive and administrative agencies as well as the role performance of legal practitioners - legislators, judges, and lawyers.  
**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

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## **SOCI 360 Women, Movies, and MTV (music television)**

**3 cr**

Addresses sociological and social work accounts of the lived experiences of women in American society including special populations such as survivors of rape, spouse abuse, incest, and mental illness. Compares these accounts to historical and cultural depictions of women in movies and MTV. Examines the images of women in film as a powerful form of cultural conditioning.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOCI 395 Special Topics in Sociology**

**3 cr**

A course or seminar for students who have taken a substantial number of sociology courses. Such courses or seminars may explore any of a variety of topics concerning social groups, social institutions, social interaction patterns, or any of the vast array of topic areas dealt with by sociologists.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and additional prerequisites to be announced

## **SOCI 432 Doing Sociology: Workshop in Research Methods**

**4 cr**

Provides experience in designing and carrying out an applied community or institutional research project. Involves practical application of research techniques and includes: a review of the literature, questionnaire construction, interviewing/data gathering, coding, and data analysis.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, SOCI 331, and department approval

## **SOCI 499 Teaching Assistantship in Sociology**

**3 cr**

Supervised lecture organization, presentation, and preparation of examinations for students considering teaching sociology. Teaching Assistants should have completed a minimum of eight courses in the major with a combined GPA of at least 3.0 and an overall GPA of 2.75.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, junior/senior status, and department approval

## **SOCI 500 Independent Study**

**1-3 cr**

Open to juniors and seniors who wish to read in a given area or to study a topic in depth under the direction of a sociologist. Requires written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or senior status; department approval

## **SOCI 540 Sociology Internship**

**3-15 cr**

Placement in public or private organizations that apply knowledge and approaches from the social sciences. Internships are available in such areas as community development, the court system, legal aid offices, labor unions, personnel departments, and governmental bureaus. Internships are awarded from 3-15 credits per semester depending on the extent of student involvement.

**Prerequisite:** Junior/senior status, six semester hours of related course work at the 200 level or above, department approval

## **SOWK 241 Introduction to Social Work**

**3 cr**

Studies the history of social welfare in America, major current social welfare programs, the profession of social work, social service settings, and the social work methods of casework, group work, and community organization.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100

## **SOWK 340 Social Welfare Policy**

**3 cr**

Examines the current array of social welfare programs as expressions of American values. Uses social insurance and public assistance programs as case illustrations for review of issues of policy development, effectiveness, and contemporary trends. Special attention will be paid to the experience of social welfare recipients.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, recommended SOWK 241

## **SOWK 348 Social Work Skills**

**3 cr**

Focuses on fundamental social service skills such as establishing working/helping relationships, interviewing, listening, distinguishing content and process, recording, contracting, professional values, and termination work.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, recommended SOWK 241

## **SOWK 350 Social Group Work**

**3 cr**

Examines social group work in a theoretical and experiential perspective. Involves students in learning about groups and participating in leading groups.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, recommended SOWK 348

**SOWK 355 Community Organization**

**3 cr**

Explores community organization as a means of empowering citizens to make successful changes in their lives. Involves the study of the theory of community organization and participation in projects offering a chance to learn about community organization while doing it.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, recommended SOWK 348

**SOWK 375 Family Violence**

**3 cr**

Examines violence within contemporary American families through the lenses of gender, culture, and age. Emphasis is placed on the physical and sexual abuse of women and children. We explore theory, research, and solutions from the fields of social work, sociology, psychology, and feminism.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or SOCI 210 or PSYC 100 and junior status

**SOWK 380 Women and Health**

**3 cr**

Focuses on issues related to women's health status in the U.S. and around the world. Examines topics such as: female sexuality, reproduction and fertility management, eating disorders, victims of sexual abuse, women as health care practitioners, the impact of modern medical technology, and the influence of the women's health movement in encouraging self-responsibility.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 or ANTH 130 or ANTH 140

**SOWK 382 Social Work Administration**

**3 cr**

Studies the role of administrators and other staff in agency organization and operation; interaction of agency, community, and consumer; boards of directors; processes of planning, budgeting, policy determination, personnel and program management, staff development, organizational and interpersonal conflict, and managerial burnout.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, recommended SOWK 241

**SOWK 395 Special Topics in Social Work**

**3 cr**

A course or seminar for students who have taken a substantial number of social work/social service courses. Such courses or seminars may explore any of a variety of topics concerning casework, group work, community organization, social planning, social policy or other courses which deal with techniques or theory related to social work/social service practice.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and additional prerequisites to be announced

**SOWK 442 Social Casework**

**3 cr**

Examines casework practice theory and methodologies as applied in a variety of social service settings. Focuses on the psychosocial framework of study, assessment, and treatment of client problems. Explores casework with special populations such as children, teenagers, and depressed and suicidal clients.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100 and SOWK 348

**SOWK 443 Casework with Couples and Families**

**3 cr**

Explores clinical practice with family problems. Examines the ways in which environmental, social, economic, psychological, and institutional pressures help create and exacerbate family dysfunction, and the integration of this understanding into skilled intervention with families.

**Prerequisite:** SOWK 348 and SOWK 442

**SOWK 452 Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents**

**3 cr**

Examines research and practice in the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency. A review of perspectives on delinquency causation is followed by the presentation of current intervention methods and direct exposure via field trips, speakers, and videotapes to those methods in practice settings.

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 100, SOCI 352, recommended SOWK 241

**SOWK 500 Independent Study**

**1-3 cr**

Open to juniors and seniors who wish to read in a given area or to study a topic in depth under the direction of a social worker. Requires written reports and frequent conferences with the advisor.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or senior status and department approval

**SOWK 540 Social Work Internship**

**3-15 cr**

Placement in social or human service agencies. Internships are available in counseling, advocacy, outreach, organizing, planning, and the administering of social programs. Students gain field experience under supervision from both agency and departmental personnel. Internships are awarded 3-15 credits per semester, depending upon the extent of student involvement.

**Prerequisite:** Junior or senior standing, six semester hours of related courses at the 200 level or above, and department approval