

SOCIOLOGY COURSE OFFERINGS FOR SPRING 2022

SOC 245. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

TuTh 2:00PM - 3:15PM, Old Library 003, Dr. Aliza Richman

SOC 335. RACIAL AND CULTURAL MINORITIES

MWF 1:00PM - 1:50PM, Old Library 202, Dr. Valerian De Sousa

SOC 340. SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Online, Dr. Jacqueline Zalewski

SOC 344. SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

MWF 2:00PM - 2:50PM, Old Library 202, Dr. John Leveille

SOC 372. GLOBALIZATION ACROSS SOCIETIES AND CULTURES

MW 3:00PM - 4:15PM, Old Library 102, Dr. Valerian De Sousa

SOC 383. THE DIGITAL SELF

Online course, Dr. Julie Wiest

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SOC 245. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

TuTh 2:00PM - 3:15PM, Old Library 003, Dr. Aliza Richman

Human society is currently threatening the environmental resources necessary to maintain life on Earth. This course unravels the deeper roots of our environmental crises and investigates potential ethical solutions from a domestic and global perspective. Through lecture, films, and discussion we will focus on the interplay between social theories, social structure, social institutions, social inequality, social stratification, and the environment. Themes in this course will emphasize how culture shapes environmental processes and everyday life; articulate demographic theoretical perspectives of population growth; examine the social structure of society to better understand the social dynamics of sustainability; analyze environmental inequality along the bases of social class, gender, and race/ethnicity; and explore ethical, sustainability-related decision-making within a societal context. This course is an introduction to the field, suitable for both majors and non-majors with interest in sustainability and society.

Gen Ed Attribute: Behavioral and Social Science Distributive.

Sustainability Pathway course, Interdisciplinary minor in Sustainability elective

SOC 335. RACIAL AND CULTURAL MINORITIES

MWF 1:00PM - 1:50PM, Old Library 202, Dr. Valerian De Sousa

Analysis of the implications of racial differences, the factors affecting prejudice and discrimination, and structural aspects of group conflicts.

SOC 340. SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

Online, Dr. Jacqueline Zalewski

This course covers: foundations in work theory, inequality at work: status coercion, the new world of work: contingencies and precarity, and the future of work. In the first unit we examine the concepts, critical theories, and historical analysis that define scholarship in the sociology of work. In the second unit, we examine the coercive power that employers increasingly exercise over workers and that helps reproduce structural inequality in work. In the third unit, we discuss greater job precarity and its social effects in outsourcing markets. In the fourth unit, we discuss work and its future in the digital age. Over the semester, you will also participate in small groups on several "concept maps" that relate to these broad analytical areas in the sociology of work.

SOC 344. SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

MWF 2:00PM - 2:50PM, Old Library 202, Dr. John Leveille

Theoretical analysis of social functions of religion, the history and internal structure of religious institutions, and their relationship to other institutions. This course covers topics on the history of race, race and representation in art and popular culture, race and social institutions, and human rights and equality.

SOC 372. GLOBALIZATION ACROSS SOCIETIES AND CULTURES

MW 3:00PM - 4:15PM, Old Library 102, Dr. Valerian De Sousa

This course draws from sociological and related theories to examine globalization as part of a larger historical process that is reshaping the global economic system and changing the role and power of nation states. We examine the mass migration of people in response to changing labor markets, the formation of new global diasporas, the emergence of a global cultural order marked by hybridity and creolization, and how globalization is experienced as a complex process in which people participate and respond in ways that shape, resist, absorb, or avoid globalization. The course will include topics of globalization and the world economy, migration, the media, and environmentalism, and global justice movement and Identity in a globalized world.

SOC 383. THE DIGITAL SELF

Online course, Dr. Julie Wiest

Prior to the spread of the internet, the social world of adolescents consisted of three domains: family, school, and neighborhood. The pervasive nature of the internet has added a fourth domain, altering the dynamics of self development in adolescence and self presentation throughout the life course. The "digital self" is the self developed, maintained, and presented under the influence of an online audience. This course examines the meaning and significance of the digital self, especially as it relates to the development, maintenance, and presentations of various other versions of self.

Elective for Digital Humanities & New Media minor.