

# SOCIOLOGY (SOC)

## SOC 001 Introduction to Sociology

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

An introductory study of the basic concepts, theoretical approaches, and methods of sociology. Topics include culture and diversity, socialization and the self, the analysis and explanation of social structure, group dynamics, deviance, social stratification, class, race/ethnicity, gender, the family, social change, and global dynamics.

**Advisory on Recommended Preparation:** Concurrent enrollment in ENGL 261 or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (<https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures/>). (C-ID SOC1110)

## SOC 002 Social Problems

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

This course focuses on the identification and analysis of contemporary social problems, including topics such as: drug abuse, deviant sexual behavior, violence, crime, inequities of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation, and inequalities within our social institutions. Special attention will be given to (1) the role of power and ideology in the definition of social problems, (2) their causes and consequences, (3) evaluations of proposed solutions, and (4) methods of intervention.

**Advisory on Recommended Preparation:** Concurrent enrollment in ENGL 261 or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (<https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures/>). (C-ID SOC1115)

## SOC 010 Sociology of Gender

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

This course explores the social construction of feminine and masculine identities both historically and in cross-cultural contexts and explores both the macro sociological understanding of gender as well as the micro level analysis of how individuals "do" gender. It analyzes the impact of economic and political change on gender expectations and practices.

**Advisory on Recommended Preparation:** ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C. (C-ID SOC1140)

## SOC 015 Self and Society

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

Examines human behavior and the development of the self in a social context – specifically looking at the impact of culture, socialization, and institutions. Includes an investigation of topics such as social learning; attitudes; persuasion; perceptions; altruism; conformity; liking and loving; aggression; prejudice; collective action; and social movements.

## SOC 026 Marriage and Family Life

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

A sociological analysis of the family, including historical and recent changes, present nature and the socio-cultural and economic forces shaping these changes. Including this analysis, the following topics will be covered: dating and mate-selection, communication conflict resolution, dual career families, human sexuality, family planning, parenthood, divorce and remarriage, changing gender roles and family economics.

**Advisory on Recommended Preparation:** ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or ENGL 001 as determined by COS placement procedures. (C-ID SOC1130)

## SOC 043 Sociology of Deviance

3unit(s)

Hours: 3 Lecture/Discussion

Examines how and why people are labeled as deviant, the causes and consequences of deviance, and society's methods of social control. Topics include the social construction of deviance, major sociological perspectives of deviance, crime, violence, sexual deviance, substance abuse, mental disorders, criminalization, and stigmatization.

**Advisory on Recommended Preparation:** ENGL 251 or ENGL 261 or equivalent college course with a minimum grade of C or eligibility for ENGL 001 as determined by COS Placement Procedures (<https://catalog.cos.edu/placement-procedures/>).