

SOCIOLOGY

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Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law has over 1,000 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate students. The department's faculty are internationally known for their research in the areas of families, gender, and sexualities; health, aging, and the life course; environmental and resource sociology; race and ethnicity; criminology and criminal justice; and psychology and law.

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Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Criminology
- Criminology UF Online
- Sociology
- Sociology Minor
- Sociology Minor UF Online
- Sociology of Social Justice and Policy Minor
- Sociology UF Online

Courses

IDS 2439 The Quest for Wisdom and Human Flourishing 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examination of the philosophical, sociocultural, psychological, moral, and spiritual aspects of wisdom, the development of wisdom, and the promotion of human flourishing in individuals, organizations, and societies. Practicing living wisely by following a different ancient Greek philosophy weekly and reflecting on the experience.

Prerequisite: Any Quest 1 course with a minimum grade of C.

Attributes: Quest 2

SYA 4110 Development of Sociological Thought 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Comparative study of the principal contributors to the development of sociology. Emphasizes relevance of these ideas to contemporary social thought and current social issues.

Prerequisite: nine credits of sociology.

SYA 4300 Methods of Social Research 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Introduces the scientific method and its application to social science research. Includes research design, data collection and computer data analysis and interpretation.

Prerequisite: 4 credits of sociology and STA 2023.

SYA 4506 Writing in Sociology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Helps sociology majors improve the quality of writing professional sociological reports.

Prerequisite: Sociology major.

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

SYA 4905 Individual Work 1-4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examines topics/areas/issues not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

Prerequisite: nine credits of sociology and department permission.

SYA 4911 Undergraduate Research in Sociology 0-3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Provides firsthand, supervised research. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application.

SYA 4930 Special Study 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Various specialized topics/areas/issues not covered in regularly scheduled courses.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYA 4931 Department Honors in Sociology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Department honors course.

Prerequisite: Sociology major AND junior standing or higher AND 3.5 upper division GPA.

SYA 4941 Internship in Sociology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Supervised experience in a sociology-related organization or agency. Emphasizes the application of academic knowledge to real-world situations while developing career-relevant skills. Course assignments complement internship experiences by guiding students in setting individualized goals, identifying areas for growth, and reflecting on vocational pathways.

Prerequisite: six credits of sociology and department permission.

SYD 3390 Transnational Sociology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examines comparative and transnational approaches by emphasizing a cross-border research perspective in studying social transformation occurring across the globe within trans-local and transcontinental contexts. Explores transnational migration, identity and belonging, transnational religion, global cultural diffusion, transnational business, transnational crime, and social movements.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

SYD 3395 Sociology of Globalization 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examination of diverse forms of worldwide interconnection, including economic ties, political ties, and ecological ties. A study of how global interdependencies and inequalities link the fates of people around the planet and how "Globalization" is a form of political discourse that shapes policy-making and alters how lives are lived globally.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.

SYD 3410 Urban Sociology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

The development of cities and their spatial and social structure. Critical problems and solutions. Integration of people in the social setting. Social implications of city planning. (N)

Prerequisite: SYG 2000 or department permission.

Attributes: General Education - International

SYD 3700 Sociology of Race and Racism in the US 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Sociological analysis of the structure, social processes, and efforts to construct race and racial inequality in the US.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYD 3805 Gender and Health 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examines gender differences and similarities in health and illness in the United States. Uses a broad focus on health and illness across the life course and integrates social and biomedical determinants of health.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYD 4020 Population 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Characteristics and trends in the populations of the contemporary world. Historical and current growth patterns related to resource conservation, food production, and modernization in various regions of the world.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

Attributes: General Education - International

SYD 4021 US Population Issues 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces major issues related to US population size, growth, and composition. Covers historical and contemporary population issues and introduces basic demographic measures and sources of data.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYD 4510 Environmental Sociology 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Survey of sociological ideas concerning environment-society interactions, environmental changes, and social responses. Evaluation of sociological theories regarding environment-society topics, problems and conflicts. Examination of case studies about environment society interactions from the US and other countries.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.

SYD 4620 People, Places, and Belonging 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

An interdisciplinary and discussion-oriented course on the complex and dynamic ways place fundamentally shapes our personal and public lives. Wide-ranging examples to show how place-related circumstances affect efforts to promote personal empowerment, civic engagement, and social and environmental justice. Exploration of social processes related to place-based claims, attachments, rituals, and transitions.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000 or SYG 2010 or GEO 2410.

SYD 4650 Sociology of South Asia 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines social change and development in South Asian societies, contextualizing their distinct histories and global relevance, including ties to the U.S. Topics encompass contested histories, identity politics, nationalism, democratization, growth, poverty, and inequality. Features diverse case studies from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher.

SYD 4701 Nationalism and Ethnicity in Europe 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Comparative study of the roles played by nationalism and ethnic identity in modern Europe.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

Attributes: General Education - International

SYD 4800 Sociology of Gender 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the social construction of gender in everyday life; how gender structures social institutions such as the economy and mass media; and how gender shapes the distribution of resources, power, and privilege in ways that benefit men over women.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYD 4808 Reproduction and Gender 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines contemporary reproductive issues in the US. How culture and social structures shape the reproductive realm and how the social psychology of individuals' influence their reproductive experiences.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYD 4820 Men and Masculinities 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Focuses on issues related to traditional and emerging images of masculinity in the past, present and future. Emphasizes relationships between social forces and males' everyday life experiences across the life-span.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

In this course, students will gain an understanding of the basic sociological concepts and vocabulary, including the methodological tools, sociological perspectives, and scientific procedures used by social scientists to collect data and conduct research. Topics generally include: society and culture, institutions, socialization, influences, crime, change, groups, sex, race and ethnicity, family, class and population.

Attributes: General Education - Social Science

SYG 2010 Social Problems 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The development, analysis, and treatment of social problems. Crime, poverty, prejudice and discrimination, pollution and environmental despoliation, and drug abuse and mental illness. Emphasizes factors in US society that cause social problems.

SYG 2430 Marriage and Family 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduction to concepts, theories, and research methods in the sociology of marriage and family. Review of historical and current trends, including family structures, romantic relationships, cohabitation, marriage, childbearing, parenthood, gender, sexuality, aging, work-family issues, and inter-generational care giving. Analysis of patterns, causes, and consequences related to individual choices, social interactions, institutional influences, and policies regarding relationships and families.

SYG 2450 Global Social Problems 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Treatment of social problems such as inequalities in a global context. Consideration of perspectives from multiple social science disciplines to examine globalization and social problems as well as global policy frameworks to address those problems. Hands-on virtual exchange experience to explore cross-cultural dimensions of social problems.

Prerequisite: Quest 1 course with a minimum grade of C.**Attributes:** Quest 2, General Education - International**SYG 4956 Overseas Studies 1-18 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.

Prerequisite: undergraduate advisor permission.**SYO 3534 Poverty 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The social, cultural, economic, political and psychological implications of being poor. Sources of poverty in the structure and operation of society and the consequences of poverty for society. Current and feasible policies for easing the problem in the contemporary United States with reference to its past and to other nations, both developed and underdeveloped.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4102 American Families 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The impact of rapid social changes upon families, including race, class and ethnic variations. The liberation of women and changing family roles. Alternative life styles and the futures of families.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4200 Sociology of Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Sociological perspective on religions, including religious ideologies and rituals. Social aspects of the religious and religious aspects of the social. Organized religions and religions.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4300 Political Sociology 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Applies sociological analysis to political themes in a comparative context.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4400 Medical Sociology 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Effects of group characteristics in the causation, amelioration and prevention of mental and physical illness and social influences in medical education, medical practice and hospital administration.

Prerequisite: refer to the department.**SYO 4403 Sociol Envnmt Hlth 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).

SYO 4414 Mental Health in Society 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines mental health and well-being in U.S. society from a sociological perspective. Compares biomedical and social perspectives on causes, contexts, and consequences of mental health and well-being. Includes attention to demographic variation and individual, community, and societal trauma

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.

SYO 4530 Social Inequality 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The unequal distribution among individuals and groups of wealth, power and prestige; the effect of class systems upon society; the effect of class membership on individuals; social mobility.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4533 Digital Inequalities 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Uses a sociological perspective to examine inequalities in access, use, and impact of digital technologies on people in the United States. Includes attention to workforce development and training in the digital economy. Compares positive, negative, and neutral impacts of digital technologies across social strata.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYO 4540 Organizations 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

The behavior of individuals and systems in formal organizations and bureaucratic models: government, hospitals, churches, schools, industry as manifestations of a common principle.

Prerequisite: 12 credits of sociology or the equivalent foundations in education administration, industrial and systems engineering, management or political science.

SYP 3000 Society and the Individual 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Relation of the individual to the social environment with special reference to person perception, self-formation, self-disclosure, attitude formation and change, and group structure and processes. Social forces that shape the lives of individuals and how individuals adjust to modern society.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYP 3510 Deviance 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the sociology of deviance: the definition of deviance; types of deviant behavior such as suicide, drugs, and alcohol abuse, sexual deviance, deviant subcultures and violence; differential labeling and institutional processing; and implications of social control.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).**SYP 4060 Sociology of Human Sexuality 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Theoretical and conceptual issues, empirical research, and social policies germane to human sexuality in the US. Topics include sexual identity and orientation, sexual behavior, social control of sexuality, social implications of STDs and HIV/AIDS, and the relationship between sexuality and the sociopolitical process.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYP 4306 Empathy, Leadership, and Civic Engagement 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the processes that frame how we manage the relationship between the “me” and “we” in our culture. Showcases how skill-building initiatives to promote MEAL life skills (mindfulness, empathy, altruism, and leadership) can empower people while producing healthier social systems. It also illustrates strategies to create supportive environments to promote personal growth, community engagement, and social justice.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000 or SYG 2010 or SYG 2430 or SYP 3000 or PSY 2012 or SOP 3004 all with a minimum grade of C.**SYP 4520 Criminology 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Nature and causes of crime, criminality and criminal careers. Research in crime and delinquency. Sociological analysis of criminal law, criminal justice, rehabilitation, punishment, prevention and deterrence.

Prerequisite: SYG 2000.**SYP 4730 Sociology of Aging and Life Course 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Social and personal conditions of post-retirement years; family and housing patterns; income, leisure, health, and group processes; evaluating institutional care for the aged.

Prerequisite: (Sophomore standing or higher) and (3 credits SYA or SYD or SYO or SYG or SYP).