

SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

100 Level Courses

SOCI 101: *Introductory Sociology*. 3 credits.

Introduction to basic sociological concepts. Examines aspects of human behavior in cultural framework, including individual and group interaction, social mobility and stratification, status and class, race and gender relations, urbanism, crime and criminology, and social change and reform. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Just Societies, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 120: *Globalization and Society*. 3 credits.

Examines and analyzes important global issues and processes. Considers historical development of globalization and implications for different societies and cultures. Investigates perceptions of global processes by different cultures and nations, and efforts of international institutions to address social, political, economic, and cultural changes in global society. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

200 Level Courses

SOCI 208: *Introduction to Race and Ethnicity*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to individuals and ideas which have shaped and influenced racial and ethnic interactions and relations in the past and present. Attention will focus on historical meanings and sentiments attached to race and ethnicity as concepts, ideas, and images, and the ways these concepts and images have co-joined to allocate differential social, political, economic, and educational rewards to individuals and groups designated as racial groups, ethnic groups, or both. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 213: *Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*. 4 credits.

Fundamentals of applied statistics as used in behavioral science to include descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, correlation regression, analysis of variance, factor analysis, nonparametric statistics, and practical experience with statistical programs in applying statistical analysis to actual problems of the behavioral sciences. Offered by

Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Quantitative Reasoning (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 215: *Gender and Society*. 3 credits.

Considers the ways in which gender structures social life on both the micro level of individual experience and the macro level of social structure. Explores how normative ideals of femininity and masculinity affect our bodies, identities and intimate relationships; and how these ideals are circulated through the media, reproduced in social institutions, and articulated in different national, cultural and religious contexts. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

300 Level Courses

SOCI 301: *Criminology*. 3 credits.

Focuses on causes and meaning of crime, with emphasis on adults. Patterns of criminal behavior, including property crimes, violent crimes, organized crime, white-collar crime, and victimless crime. Critical assessment of criminal justice system as a response to crime. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 302: *Sociology of Delinquency*. 3 credits.

Examines social factors involved in development of delinquency, including family, political economy, schooling, community environment and culture. Examines various theories of delinquency; rates of delinquency in relation to age, race, gender and social class; and legal system that addresses causes, consequences, and policies of punishment and rehabilitation. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 303: *Methods and Logic of Inquiry*. 3 credits.

Covers basic principles of research methods for sociology. The focus of this course is on learning how to interpret and design social science

research studies. Students will learn the role of theory in research, research ethics, concept measurement, surveys, interviews, observational methods and more. The course guides students to identify research questions, design research strategies, and develop a research proposal. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Writing Intensive in Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: SOCI 101^C or 101^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 307: *Social Movements and Political Protest*. 3 credits.

Course explores all aspects of social movements—including their origins, characteristics, and significance within contemporary societies. Covers social movement research and theory as well as application through practice, including protest. Students will use case study method to learn social movement scholarship and produce their own original research. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 308: *Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World*. 3 credits.

Explores how race and ethnicity have been shaped by policies and practices in Western and non-Western societies. Explores the evolution of racial and ethnic attitudes from a global and historical perspective. Examines how changing demographic racial patterns may affect definitions of race and ethnicity and the ways in which people individually and collectively act to create new futures. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 309: *Contemporary Families and Intimate Relationships*. 3 credits.

Uses a sociological framework to analyze and understand the diverse forms of contemporary families—traditional marriages, cohabitation, domestic partnerships, single-parents families, stepfamilies, and gay and lesbian families. Explored are topics such as changes in sexual mores, reflected in new dating practices; shifting parenting roles; effects of social class, race and ethnicity; and the outcomes of divorce for couples and children. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 310: *Sociology of Deviance*. 3 credits.

Analyzes macro- and microlevel deviance-producing processes, meaning and control of deviance, and major theoretical approaches to deviance. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 311: *Sociological Theory*. 3 credits.

Explores sociological tradition through readings and discussions of ideas drawn from writings of selected sociological thinkers from classical to contemporary. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 6 credits of upper level (300 or 400 level) sociology courses, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 312: *Qualitative Research Methods*. 3 credits.

Introduces ethnography, field work methods, interviewing, life histories, and other qualitative methods to generate data about cultures in which various groups and classes are immersed. Students learn by applying qualitative methods to term projects, developed under guidance of instructor. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 9 credits of Sociology including SOCI 101 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 314: *Sociology of Culture*. 3 credits.

Examines how culture, encompassing high art or participatory culture, expressive agency or traditional constraint, is produced and reproduced in everyday social practices and across a wide range of social institutions. Explores the role of culture in public life and political discourse. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 315: Contemporary Gender Relations. 3 credits.

Considers the ways in which gender structures social life on both the micro level of individual experience and the macro level of social structure. Addresses contradiction between legal equality between the sexes and persistent workplace discrimination and sexual violence; how normative ideals of femininity and masculinity affect our bodies, identities and intimate relationships; how these ideals are circulated through the media, reproduced in social institutions, and articulated in different national, cultural and religious contexts. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 320: Globalization and Social Change. 3 credits.

While focusing on nature and process of change in human society, considers social impact of political, economic, and environmental change and how lives are shaped by complexities of global social forces. Examines specific global issues such as conflict and security; economic disparity; ecological deterioration; populations and migration; legitimization of commerce; diffusion of innovations; and impact of class, status, and power in modern societies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding, Just Societies, Encore: Sustainability (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Green Leaf Focused Course

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 326: Conflict, Violence, and Peace. 3 credits.

Course examines the causes, consequences, and potential remedies of violence. Exploring topics ranging from poverty to climate crisis, explores how violence is structured, how to shift to nonviolent conflict and institutions, and promote peaceful lifestyles and international relations. Examines direct, structural, cultural, and ecological forms of violence as fundamental problems facing humanity and the ecosphere. Also considers how nonviolent movements have precipitated major positive changes. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 330: US Immigrants and Immigration. 3 credits.

Explores theoretical, empirical, and policy-related issues pertaining to immigration. Examines case studies of immigrant communities and their adaptation patterns, paying particular attention to immigrants from Latin America, Asia, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. Offered by Sociology

& Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 332: The Urban World. 3 credits.

Examines cities and the people who live in them in the United States and around the world. Includes topics such as: social and economic development, inequality, political protests, urban democracy, and the environment. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 340: Power, Politics, and Society. 3 credits.

Analyzes how power is defined, attained and sustained in society. Students analyze political power as related to social realities such as democratic elections, class conflict, elite networks, powersharing, protest, and revolution. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 352: Social Problems and Solutions. 3 credits.

Examines contemporary social problems and their solutions using sociological perspectives. Topics may include housing and homelessness, student debt, mass incarceration, hunger and food insecurity, environment and sustainability, human rights, wealth and global poverty, war and peace. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 355: Social Inequality. 3 credits.

Studies class structures and implications for individuals and groups in modern society. Explores issues of race and ethnicity, language and immigration status, sex and gender, social class, age, and sexual orientation. Examines critically the theory and research that explore the construction, experience, and meaning of such differences. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/>)

humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 360: *Youth Culture and Society*. 3 credits.

Introduces sociology of youth and youth culture. Investigates social, economic, and political realities of youth as a group and different groups of youth, including youth cultural production, formation of youth culture, and youth identities in variety of social settings. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 371: *The Individual and Society*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to a sociological exploration of the individual and society. The course is organized around several major themes, including the study of the individual within social context, the process the individual uses to narrate his/her self- and social identities, and how the individual manages, protects, and solidifies his/her self-identity and negotiates the boundaries of self within the context of everyday social interactions. The course also examines how daily social interactions shape the understanding of self and experiences of the individual. In conclusion, the course presents a consideration of how identity projects are mediated by and formed within larger structures of constraint. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 373: *The Community*. 3 credits.

Examines small to moderate-size communities ranging through village, rural community, small town, and city subcommunity. Latter category includes city localities, ethnic villages, and suburban communities. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 377: *Art and Society*. 3 credits.

Introduces the many ways in which art reflects social tendencies, comments on social problems, and contributes to discussions about a wide range of social issues. Students attend theatrical performances and visit exhibition spaces on campus, and learn to analyze what they experience through both aesthetic and sociological approaches. Explores contemporary issues such as debates about artistic freedom and public morality, commercialization of art, and relationship between cultural and social hierarchies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 3 credits of ARTH.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 382: *Education in Contemporary Society*. 3 credits.

Examines classrooms and schools as social institutions that function as socializing agents for both stability and societal change. Emphasizes the influence of inequality on educational processes and outcomes and critically examines the social organization of the U.S. public school system. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 385: *Religion and Society*. 3 credits.

Studies places of religious consciousness in human action and institutional and organizational networks created to sustain religious beliefs. Emphasizes comparative and historical analysis of role religion has played in human society. Examines theories of nature of religious experience, religious symbolism, and basis of religious community. Explores changing demographics in relation to older traditional religious faiths and newer nontraditional faiths. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 390: *Sociology of Health, Illness, and Disability*. 3 credits.

Examines social context of health, illness, and disability; relationships of health care professionals and patients; and structure and delivery of health care in different medical systems. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 391: *Big Data, Technology, and Society*. 3 credits.

Examines the transformations in the relationships between self and society taking place at the interface between social networks, digital

information and communication technologies, new media, and Big Data. Explores what these changes mean for the future of the social sciences and humanities, and what these disciplines in turn can teach us about these changes that the “analytics” of computational and data sciences cannot. Introduces students to cutting-edge methods in digital sociology and digital ethnography, exploring a variety of emerging technology developments, such as augmented reality, digital fabrication, cryptocurrency, blockchain, automation, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. Examines new forms of inequality and intimacy, technologically mediated and distributed practices of human empathy and discernment, and emerging ethical questions for research and university education. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 394: *Sociology of Human Rights*. 3 credits.

Provides an overview of sociological, theoretical, and methodological approaches to understanding human rights. Examining connections between inequality, conflict, social justice, governance, and human rights, the course focuses on the contexts of meaning within which human rights are invoked and practiced as well as the role that non-state actors play in shaping the development and institutionalization of human rights. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 395: *Special Topics in Sociology*. 3 credits.

Introduces the research interests of the faculty, offering new courses that reflect current issues not yet incorporated into the curriculum. Offers, in addition, advanced study into topics covered in the standing curriculum. Topics change by semester. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 18 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 101

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 399: *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Individual study of sociological topic of interest to student. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: 6 hours of Sociology and approval of a written proposal.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

400 Level Courses

SOCI 401: *Social Change and the Next System*. 3 credits.

Next System Studies seek to explain the relationships between systemic crises, system design, systemic social movements, and system change. A rising global tide of community-based movements and initiatives offers the possibility that out of our current period may emerge a new system that is more democratic, sustainable, and just. Students engage directly with ongoing “next system” initiatives both around the world and in our region, meet with practitioners and policy experts, present and discuss readings and films in a seminar format, and collaborate with communities directly served and affected by George Mason University. This course provides an excellent preparation for careers in public policy and public service, social entrepreneurship, law, cooperative development, community and human services, education and research, labor organizing and worker rights, and social movement organizations and advocacy. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 405: *Analysis of Social Data*. 4 credits.

Overview of management and analysis of empirical social science data, including file construction, scaling and measurement, data transformation, and treatment of missing data. Emphasizes manipulation, management, and analysis of data sets using computers. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 hours, SOCI 213, or Permission of Instructor.

Schedule Type: Laboratory, Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 410: *Social Surveys and Attitude and Opinion Measurements*. 3 credits.

Surveys research methods and techniques to collect, measure, and analyze social data, attitudes, and opinions with special emphasis on using computer software, the Internet, and other information technologies for social research. Highlights ethical issues for social research, computing, and information technology. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to SOCI 431.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Info Tech & Computing (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 303 and 313, or equivalents, or Permission of Instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 412: Contemporary Sociological Theory. 3 credits.

Presents for analysis and discussion the significant theorists and themes in contemporary sociological theory. Designed to enhance student's skills in reading and analyzing primary texts and to encourage reflection on contemporary social reality. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: SOCI 311^C or 311^{XS}.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 416: Internship in Sociology I. 3-6 credits.

Students earn credit for individual internships. Intended to provide students with hands-on experience in sociology and to deepen sociological knowledge, students work in approved internship sites while analyzing the experience and work sociologically. In addition to internship hours, the main course requirements include a final internship-related research paper and presentation. Notes: Students must secure an internship before registering for the course. Minimum 45 hours of work for each credit required. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Mason Apex (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Must have completed at least 85 credits (21 credits must be in sociology) of coursework. Enrollment in or completion of SOCI 213.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 417: Internship in Sociology II. 1-2 credits.

Intended to provide students with hands-on experience in sociology and to deepen sociological knowledge. The internship experience links theory and practice. Students work in approved setting as applied sociologists. Notes: Minimum 45 hours of work for each credit required. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 2 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 213 (can be enrolled concurrently) or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 480: Honors Seminar in Sociology I. 3 credits.

Develop research proposals and an appropriate bibliography for honors thesis under the guidance of a sociology faculty member. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to honors in the sociology major.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 481: RS: Sociology Honors Seminar. 3 credits.

Students will expand an independent research project initiated in their Capstone course (SOCI 416 or SOCI 485) into an honors thesis under the guidance of a student-selected faculty mentor. Students must meet Sociology Honors minimum grade requirements and have selected a faculty mentor before course registration is approved. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCI 416^{B+} or 485^{B+}).

^{B+} Requires minimum grade of B+.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 485: RS: Sociological Analysis and Practice. 3 credits.

This class provides an introduction to the practicalities of conducting original sociological research. Students will collect and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data, and write-up research findings to answer questions about the social world. This class emphasizes a learning-by-doing approach to prepare students to conduct research and present it to varied publics. This class also helps students transition sociological knowledge and skills gained in the major into marketable skillsets; improving their post-graduate career readiness. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Mason Apex, Writing Intensive in Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 303.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 492: *Sociology of Organizations*. 3 credits.

Theories, analysis of types of organizations from informal voluntary associations to large complex ones. Explores nonprofit organizations and alternatives to bureaucracies, such as feminist collectives, cooperatives, self-help groups, and social movement organizations. Students do field work in organizations applying theories and concepts to observations. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). Limited to three attempts.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 499: *Independent Research in Sociology*. 1-4 credits.

Investigation of sociological problem according to individual interest, with emphasis on research. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 8 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: 18 hours of SOCI including SOCI 303, 311, 313 and 412; a 3.0 GPA in SOCI; and a research proposal approved by instructor and department chair prior to enrollment.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

600 Level Courses**SOCI 601: *Proseminar in Public and Applied Sociology*.** 3 credits.

Core course devoted to the philosophical, historical, theoretical, and methodological dimensions of public and applied sociology within the United States. Traces the evolution of the field during the 20th century, from its inception in the Chicago school and the studies of W.E.B. DuBois to more recent formulations, as these bear on the interplay between social scientific knowledge and public decisions and debates. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 602: *Writing for Public Sociologists*. 3 credits.

Course will concentrate on writing for various publics and popular audiences. Written mediums explored include, blogs, op-eds, essays, briefing papers, research reports, research proposals and book proposals. Emphasis will be upon jargon-free prose that is accessible to policy makers as well as the general public. Offered by Sociology &

Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 605: *Gender and Social Structure*. 3 credits.

Reviews theories explaining the development and maintenance of gender. Using historical and comparative data, examines perceived, prescribed, and actual sex differentiation in social, political, and economic roles. Begins with gender as a social structure and then examines contemporary research as support or refutation for variety of theoretical paradigms. Includes discussion of gender in intimate relationship and the public sector. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 614: *Sociology of Culture*. 3 credits.

Analyzes 20th-century debates in American culture and cultural politics, with emphasis on art and popular culture, news media, and competing notions of "the public." In-depth readings in cultural sociology cover variety of theoretical and methodological approaches. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 616: Practicum in Sociology. 1-6 credits.

Supervised graduate research project in engaged sociology in relevant settings including social movement organizations, unions, government agencies, charitable organizations, think tanks, schools, community groups, social services, museums and the arts, cooperatives and social enterprises, public archeology, or media and communications. Notes: Students must complete 45 hours of work at the site for each credit. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: 21 hours of SOCI, including research methods, or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 620: Methods and Logic of Social Inquiry. 3 credits.

Emphasizes gathering, interpreting, and evaluating scientific evidence. Covers logic of scientific inquiry, including the application of various research designs and data collection methods. Develops critical-thinking skills by using set of rules and logical criteria for evaluation of social science research. Focuses both on how results are obtained and disseminated via research reports. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics and research methodology, or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 623: Racial and Ethnic Relations: American and Selected Global Perspectives. 3 credits.

Covers demographic purview of U.S. and other global racial and ethnic groups and racial and ethnic groups as human-social-minority and dominant groups. Explores factors contributing to dominant and minority status and means of altering dominant groups assessment of minority group status. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 624: International Migration in the Age of Globalization. 3 credits.

Focuses on theoretical, methodological, and policy-related issues on international migration from a sociological perspective. Explores case studies of immigrant communities and their adaptation patterns, paying particular attention to immigrants from Latin America, Asia, and the Caribbean. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 631: Survey Research. 3 credits.

Introduces theory, method, and practice of survey research design and analysis. Students complete survey research project. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 632: Community-Based Research Methods and Program Evaluation. 3 credits.

Provides an introduction to community-based research methodology and methods for social science. Students will learn core practices of collaborative inquiry, strategies for community partnering at every stage of the research process, and techniques for collecting and analyzing empirical materials in the context of community-based inquiry. The course will cover some of the central methodological issues relevant to doing community-based research, especially as it relates to program evaluation, and ethical and epistemological considerations that arise

with collaborative inquiry. Students will engage with a core set of activities involved in program evaluation and spend considerable time on individual projects both inside and outside class. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 620

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 633: *Special Topics in Sociology*. 3 credits.

Specialized inquiry of topics of contemporary sociological research and scholarship. Content varies. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 634: *Qualitative Research Methods*. 3 credits.

Examines basic research methods involving observational techniques and procedures used in description and analysis of patterns, configurations, ethos, eidos, structures, functions, and styles typical of whole societies and cultures. Emphasizes case studies, unobtrusive methods, participant observation, longterm residence, choices of observer status role, recording data, uses of technical equipment, key informants, interviewing techniques, and ethical considerations in employing such methods and procedures. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 635: *Environment and Society*. 3 credits.

Overview of human ecology and environmental sociology, emphasizing selected topics. Focuses on theory, since theory makes it possible to generalize from understandings derived in an analysis of a particular problem and apply them to other problems. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 636: *Statistical Reasoning for Applied Research*. 3 credits.

Intermediate treatment of applied quantitative analytic techniques used in sociology. Topics include sampling, inference, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, and bivariate and multiple correlation and regression. Introduces logic of multivariate analysis. Focus on how results are obtained and disseminated via public and applied research. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics and research methodology, or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 637: *Political Sociology*. 3 credits.

This course introduces students to the sociological study of politics through a close examination of relations of power and authority, social institutions, networks, and culture. Using a variety of theoretical texts and case studies from different time periods and schools of thought, the course demonstrates how political sociologists use these fundamental "gateway" concepts, among others, to make sense of more innovative concepts in order to explore and make sense of the dynamism of contemporary politics. Using this framework, the course looks closely at the issue of the struggle for democracy in diverse, complex, and

changing modern societies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 638: *Feminist Theory*. 3 credits.

This course is designed to introduce students to the ideas and projects that have been formative in the development of feminist theory and to engage students in the important intellectual and political debates in which it has played a significant role. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 639: *Urban Inequality*. 3 credits.

This course considers the ways that social inequality and responses to inequality, through community organizing, social movements, and urban policy, have shaped the urban landscape in the 20th and 21st centuries. This course may explore varied issues such as urban renewal, urban rebellion, suburbanization, public housing development (and demolition), the drug wars, mass incarceration, as well as urban movements related to urban space, LGBTQ+ recognition and AIDS direction action, Right to the City, and more. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 641: *Micro Sociology: Inequality and Everyday Life*. 3 credits.

Analyze the relationship between everyday life and social inequalities, with a particular focus on examining theoretically and empirically the relationship between governing structures of society and the structure of situational and interactional terrains as it plays out in

the lives of everyday people. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 655: *Ethnography*. 3 credits.

Introduces ethnography in sociology to graduate students. Teaches techniques for collecting, analyzing and writing-up ethnographic materials. Considers some of the central methodological issues relevant to doing ethnography. Explores some of the critical ethical and political questions that arise within ethnographic research practice. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 660: *Historical and Comparative Sociology*. 3 credits.

Seminar in theory and methods of historical and comparative sociology, primarily for students with background in sociological theory and methods. Examines basic approaches and research data of history and sociology, surveys development of field, and analyzes exemplary studies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to SOCI 860.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 661: *Global Social Thought*. 3 credits.

Explores alternatives to mainstream European and American-dominated social thought, including Asian, African, Islamic, and Indigenous American thought. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 696: *Independent Study*. 1-3 credits.

Theoretical and research literature chosen by student and instructor. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

700 Level Courses**SOCI 711: *Classical Sociological Theory*.** 3 credits.

In-depth examination of major issues in classical (pre-1930) sociological theory. Analyzes Durkheim, Marx, Weber, Mead, and others, and emphasizes social and intellectual context of their theories. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 712: *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. 3 credits.

Examines schools in contemporary sociological theory such as structural-functionalism, conflict, exchange, symbolic interactionism, ethnomethodology, humanist sociology, and critical theory. Analyzes contemporary theorists in relation to schools. Offered by Sociology &

Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Sociology.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 730: *Analytic Techniques of Social Research*. 3 credits.

Introduces multiple regression and causal analysis to sociological researchers, with a focus on obtaining and disseminating results. Moves from linear regression to the general linear model with several variables, its extensions, assumptions, and regression diagnostics. Examines the use of dummy variable and the analysis of interaction effects. Considers systems of equations and nonlinear outcomes. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Undergraduate statistics and research methodology, or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 797: *Master's Capstone Paper*. 3 credits.

MA paper completion under the direction of one faculty member. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admission to graduate program in sociology or permission of graduate director.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 799: *Thesis*. 1-6 credits.

Master's thesis research under direction of thesis committee. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Thesis

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

800 Level Courses

SOCI 803: *Institutions and Inequalities*. 3 credits.

Addresses the processes through which institutions reproduce relations of power, domination, and exclusion as well as the similarities and differences across forms of inequality and their connection to institutions. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 804: *Sociology of Globalization*. 3 credits.

Addresses the social, political, cultural, and economic process of globalization. Explores the limits on globalization during the precapitalist era, the relation between empire and the internal structure of imperialist societies, theoretical debates over the contemporary world system, the relation between cities and globalization, and the link between globalization and social inequality within both developed and developing societies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 833: *Special Topics in Sociology*. 3 credits.

Specialized inquiry of topics of contemporary sociological research and scholarship. Content varies. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: Have completed either 6 credits of coursework at the 600 level or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 845: *Society and Education*. 3 credits.

Exposes students to the major theories, debates, and findings within the sociology of education, emphasizing the reciprocal influences of schooling and social inequalities within contemporary societies. Emphasis on the historical evolution of public schooling in the United States, the complex relation between schooling and economic institutions, class differences in educational opportunity, and the politics of educational reform. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 850: *Sociology of Development*. 3 credits.

Analyzes socioeconomic and political change, focusing on the poor countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Offers a basic descriptive understanding of processes of change in these countries and an introduction to major theoretical perspectives on development and globalization, from classical theories of comparative advantage to theories of imperialism, modernization, dependency, and globalization. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 851: *Globalization and Social Movements*. 3 credits.

Analyzes current issues in the study of social movements, with an emphasis on the ways in which globalization shapes and in turn is shaped by social movements. Emphasis is placed on the relations among the strategies, identities, and organizations bound up with transnational social movements and the relation between the dynamics of global political and economic developments and protest movements in core and peripheral societies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 853: *Cities in a Global Society*. 3 credits.

Examines the scholarly literature on cities and globalization with a focus on the impact of globalization on urban environments and the effects of urbanization on the processes of globalization. Emphasis on the ways in which globalization restructures urban life in the core and periphery of the world economy with attention paid to the effects of spatial dispersion on the character of economic institutions within the

advanced societies, the shifting nature of crime and security, immigration, and the cities of the Global South. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 857: *Sociology of Human Rights*. 3 credits.

Examines the connections among inequality, conflict, social justice, and human rights in an age of globalization. Drawing from case studies from around the world, course examines institutional and structural violence and inequality as they relate to state, corporate, and military power; international law and order; welfare and social policy; global justice; regionalism, multilateralism, and transnationalism; environmental protection; gender inequality; ethnic conflict; resource wars; and national security policy before and after September 11, 2001. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 858: *Decolonizing Social Research*. 3 credits.

Taking inspiration from indigenous and black studies, anticolonial, postcolonial, and Global South scholarship, and activist practices, this course explores how we can decolonize our research methodologies. Sociology places itself in a privileged position in the established hierarchies of knowledge, with its universalizing tendencies and west-centric concepts that stand for the global, rendering other experiences and other ways of knowing obscure and invalid. The course will examine how scholars have engaged with these issues through critical reflection, respect, reciprocity and learning, embeddedness in social struggles, and collaborative knowledge production. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCI 620

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 860: *Historical and Comparative Sociology*. 3 credits.

Seminar in theory and methods of historical and comparative sociology, primarily for students with background in sociological theory and methods. Examines basic approaches and research data of history and sociology, surveys development of field, and analyzes exemplary studies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May not be repeated for credit.

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Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 870: *Directed Readings Sociology*. 3 credits.

Intensive reading course to develop comprehensive understanding of specific field in sociology as agreed on with advisor. Notes: Content varies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: 6 credits of 600 level SOCI courses

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 880: *Independent Study in Sociology*. 3 credits.

Reading and research on selected topic, resulting in a written project as agreed on with supervising faculty. Notes: Content varies. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: 6 credits of 600 level SOCI courses

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

900 Level Courses

SOCI 998: *Doctoral Dissertation Proposal*. 1-9 credits.

Work on research proposal for doctoral dissertation. Notes: A maximum of 9 credits of 998 may be applied to the degree. Students may enroll in 998 in their final year of coursework while preparing for comprehensive exams. Contact department for approval and CRN to register. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of all but final year of coursework and permission of graduate director.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCI 999: *Doctoral Dissertation*. 1-12 credits.

Doctoral dissertation research and writing on approved dissertation topic under direction of committee. Notes: Maximum of 12 credits may be applied toward degree. Offered by Sociology & Anthropology (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/>). May be repeated within the degree.

Recommended Prerequisite: Successful completion of SOCI 998.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)