



# Division of Human Behavior

## Human Behavior

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The courses in this department are designed for (1) those who desire training for a variety of vocations in human relations and (2) those who seek a background study of the cultural milieu, social relationships, and individual psychology of human behavior in preparation for other professions. The department presents both a practical and a scientific analysis of human behavior in social life.

There are five major programs in the department: criminal justice, psychology, social work, and sociology. Students enrolled in the various programs in the department will be expected to take an exit examination in their major subject area during their last semester before graduation.

## Criminal Justice

Criminal justice courses are designed to acquaint the student with a broad perspective of law, law enforcement, the judicial system and corrections programs.

The bachelor of science degree with a concentration in criminal justice requires in addition to the Central Curriculum the following criminal justice core: CJ 101, 201, 310, 338, 403 and 405 (a total of 18 semester hours). In addition, there are appropriate courses in each specialization area and electives as outlined below.

At least 9 additional hours must be chosen from CJ 202, 301, 303, 315, 330, 400, 401, 449; 3 hours from HI 221, 222, or 223; 3 hours from PS 232 or 233; PY 220 and 3 hours from PY 342 or 413; and 6 hours from SW 326, SO 330, 333, 337, 444, HI 341, PS 322, or PY 345.

A minor in criminal justice requires 18 hours, CJ 101, 201, 310, 338, 403, plus three hours of electives in criminal justice.

## Criminal Justice Courses (CJ)

### **101 Introduction to Criminal Justice**

A brief overview of the American criminal justice system. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

### **140 APA and ASA Writing Styles**

This course is designed to improve the writing skills of students by instructing them in the use of APA and ASA writing styles. This will be especially helpful for those students who plan to attend graduate school. This course is required for all majors in the Human Behavior division. Credit one hour. This applies to these courses: CJ140, PY140, SW140, and SO140.

### **201 Criminal Law**

A study of the nature of criminal law, philosophical and historical development, major definitions and concepts, classification of crime, elements of crimes and penalties using Louisiana statutes as illustrations, and criminal responsibility. Prerequisite: CJ 101. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

- 202 Correctional Systems and Institutions**  
An overview of the history and development of correctional systems and institutions (prisoners) with an emphasis on American systems and the role they play in today's justice system. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 301 Civil Law**  
A brief survey of the historical context of the law, along with a generalized survey of various areas of the law, such as litigation, community property law, successions and contemporary legal problems. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 303 Police-Community Relations**  
Human relations as related to the community and the role of the police. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 310 Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice**  
Search and seizure, due process, court procedure, police authority, the collection of forensic physical and testimonial evidence according to Louisiana and federal legislation, and relevant court decisions. Prerequisites: CJ 101. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 315 Juvenile Delinquency (Also SO 315)**  
The nature of juvenile delinquency and the prevention and control of juvenile crime. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 330 Criminal Investigation**  
Theories and concepts of the investigator's role in modern criminal investigation. Basic skills necessary in conduct of investigations, development of information sources, and evidence collection and preservation. Concentration is on crime solution and case preparation. Prerequisite: CJ 101. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 338 Criminology (Also SO 338)**  
An introduction to principles of criminology with attention given to classifications of offenders, changing legal codes and treatment of convicted offenders. Prerequisite: SO 221, preferably junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 350 Social Research Methods (Also PY 350 and SO 350 and SW 350)**  
This course is an introduction that includes qualitative and quantitative research content to provide an understanding of a scientific, analytic, and ethical approach to building knowledge for generalist social work practice. The content prepares students to develop, use and effectively communicate empirically based knowledge, including evidence-based interventions. Research knowledge is used by students to provide high-quality services; to initiate change; to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery; and to evaluate their own practice. This course may be taken by any major with junior standing. Credit three hours.
- 400 Special Topics in Criminal Justice**  
A seminar-based course on specific issues in criminal justice. This course may be repeated for credit for different topics. Prerequisites: CJ 101, 338. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

- 401 Victimology**  
An examination of the mechanics of moral or social crimes (vice) and their effects on police. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 403 Administration/Organization of Criminal Justice Agencies**  
An examination of the managerial process and organization of criminal justice agencies with an emphasis on police agencies. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 405 Practicum**  
Observation of and participation in law enforcement activities for 150 contact hours with a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency. Prerequisite: senior standing. Credit three hours.
- 449 Directed Study in Criminal Justice**  
Supervised independent research in crime analysis. Prerequisite: senior standing. Credit one to three hours.

### Criminal Justice

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
LC Connection 100-----	1	Sociology 221 -----	3
English 101, 102 -----	6	Sociology 223 -----	3
Math 100, 111, 120, or 218-----	3	English 200 or 201 -----	3
History 101, 102 -----	6	Foreign Language -----	3
Religion 101, 102 -----	6	Psychology 220 -----	3
Natural Science -----	4	Criminal Justice <sup>1</sup> -----	9
Criminal Justice 101 -----	3	Social Science elective <sup>2</sup> -----	3
Criminal Justice 201 -----	3	Computer Applications-----	3
		HP 100 and one activity -----	2
Total -----	32	Total -----	32
<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Fourth Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
History 221, 222, or 223 -----	3	Political Science 232 or 233-----	3
Social Science elective <sup>2</sup> -----	3	Philosophy 300-----	3
Oral Communication <sup>3</sup> -----	3	Psychology 342 or 413 -----	3
Natural Science -----	3	Criminal Justice 403 -----	3
Criminal Justice 310 -----	3	Criminal Justice 405 -----	3
Criminal Justice 338 -----	3	Electives -----	17
Electives -----	9		
HP activity-----	1	Total -----	32
Fine Arts-----	3		
Total -----	31		

<sup>1</sup>9 hours from the following criminal justice courses: CJ 202, 303, 315, 401, or 449

<sup>2</sup>From: SO 330, 333, 337, 444, SW 326, HI 341, PS 322, or PY 345

<sup>3</sup>CA 112 or 212 recommended.

## Psychology

The psychology program is designed to give students a strong foundation in understanding human behavior and mental processes in a liberal arts education with the primary focus of developing skills, knowledge, and abilities to pursue service to God and others. Students completing the requirements for a major in psychology will have instruction in the physiological functioning of the brain and its effects on the individual, research methodology, human development, history of psychology and major theories, and mental health illnesses and issues. In addition, students will be exposed to basic skills and techniques in counseling and have opportunities for implementing these skills in a clinical setting. Students completing the major requirements in psychology will have an excellent knowledge base for application to graduate studies in the fields of psychology and counseling.

Students desiring to major in psychology must take, in addition to the Central Curriculum, PY 222, 230, 342 or 349, 344, 347, 409, 411, 413, 414, and 6 hours psychology electives. Eighteen hours of psychology are required for a minor, including PY 220, 349 and 413. Students interested in graduate school in psychology are encouraged to take PY 348, 349, and 499.

### Psychology Courses (PY)

- 140 APA and ASA Writing Styles**  
This course is designed to improve the writing skills of students by instructing them in the use of APA and ASA writing styles. This will be especially helpful for those students who plan to attend graduate school. This course is required for all majors in the Human Behavior division. Credit one hour. This applies to these courses: CJ140, PY140, SW140, and SO140.
- 195 Child Psychology (Also ED195)**  
Required of elementary education majors. Detailed study of the child, from conception to adolescence. Its purpose is to portray behavior of children in different stages. Data is drawn from many sources for this study: experimental psychology; social psychology; learning and personality psychology; as well as other disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, behavioral genetics and pediatrics. Observations required. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 196 Adolescent Psychology (Also ED196)**  
Required in secondary concentrations. The study of the physical, intellectual, social and emotional changes in children from transescence through late adolescence, focusing on the dynamic relations between adolescents and their families, peers, schools and communities. Observations required. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 220 Introduction to Psychology**  
Understanding, prediction and control of human behavior. Second-semester freshmen may be admitted with permission of the department chairperson. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 222 Psychological Investigations**  
A hands-on introduction to psychological methods through group research. Critical thinking and writing skills in the field of psychology are also emphasized. Prerequisite: PY 220. Credit three hours. (Fee \$20)

**230 Developmental Psychology**

A study of the development of human beings from conception to death, with emphasis on theories of development, issues in the study of development and research findings at successive ages. Prerequisite: PY 220. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**295 Educational Psychology (Also ED295)**

Required of all Teacher Education candidates. The application of psychological principles to the process of learning and teaching; emphasis on the acquisitions of understanding, concepts and skills, as well as development of a personal philosophy of education. Observation/participation required. Prerequisite: ED 190, 195 (for elementary) or 196 (for secondary). Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

**320 Psychology of Religion (Also RE 320)**

A study of the psychological dynamics of certain components of the Christian faith, such as conversion, repentance, temptation, guilt, doubt and worship. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102 and PY 220. Credit three hours.

**342 Social Psychology (Also SO 342)**

Survey of the cultural forces as they affect attitudes, social learning, perception, communication and personality development. Prerequisite: introductory course in psychology or sociology. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**344 Learning and Cognition**

A general survey of theories of conditioning and learning and the application of these theories to such complex cognitive processes as memory, problem solving, concept formation, acquisition of knowledge. Prerequisite: PY 220. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**345 Psychology of Personal Relationships**

An advanced, theoretically oriented study of psychological research on personal relationships. Will examine cognition in close personal relationships, factors that develop and maintain relationships, deception and illusion in relationships, and presents some specific behaviors that reflect processes. Prerequisite: PY 342. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**347 Tests and Measurements**

A survey of current psychological tests and their application including intelligence, achievement, attitude, interest and personality tests with special emphasis on test construction, standardization and validation. Prerequisite: PY 220, MA 211. Credit three hours. (Fee \$15)

**348 Physiological Psychology (Also BI 348)**

Reviews basic neuro-anatomy and brain chemistry and examines the associations between physiological events (EEG, GSR) and psychological states (stress, deception). Students will record various physiological events in humans and conduct basic stereotaxic surgery on rodents. Prerequisites: PY 220, introductory biology, and permission of instructor. Credit three hours. (Fee \$20)

- 349 Theories of Personality**  
A comparative study of the major theories of personality with emphasis on the factors involved in personality development and behavior. Prerequisite: PY 220. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 350 Social Research Methods (Also CJ 350 and SO 350 and SW 350)**  
This course is an introduction that includes qualitative and quantitative research content to provide an understanding of a scientific, analytic, and ethical approach to building knowledge for generalist social work practice. The content prepares students to develop, use and effectively communicate empirically based knowledge, including evidence-based interventions. Research knowledge is used by students to provide high-quality services; to initiate change; to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery; and to evaluate their own practice. This course may be taken by any major with junior standing. Credit three hours.
- 359 Applied Statistics for the Social Sciences (Also SO359 and SW359)**  
A survey of the use and application of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). This course addresses issues of unit of analysis, level of measurement and statistical applications to fields of sociology, social work and psychology. Issues related to central tendency to analysis to step-wise regression will be covered. Junior/senior standing. Credit three hours.
- 400 Special Topics in Psychology**  
An investigation of special areas in psychology. This course may be repeated for credit in different topics. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing. Credit three hours.
- 409 Experimental Psychology I**  
An introduction to experimental approaches in the behavioral sciences and application of statistical analysis and research methodology according to the principle research established by the American Psychological Association. Emphasis is on the design and evaluation of research proposals. Prerequisite: PY 220, 222, MA 211. Credit four hours. (Laboratory fee \$25)
- 410 Experimental Psychology II**  
A continuation of Psychology 409 in which the student carries out an individual research project. Alternative research strategies and skills also are surveyed. Prerequisite: PY 409. Credit three hours. (Laboratory fee \$25)
- 411 History of Modern Psychology**  
A historical survey of psychology with special reference to theoretical schools and current systems. Prerequisite: nine hours of psychology, junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 413 Abnormal Psychology**  
A study of the major categories of psychological dysfunction including theory, etiologies, diagnosis and treatment. Prerequisite: PY 220. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**414 Helping Skills**

Introduction to methods and procedures used in psychological evaluation and intervention. Prerequisite or corequisite: PY 413. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**416 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (Also MG 416)**

An introduction to the application of psychological principles to problems of business and industry. Focus will be on understanding human personality and behavior within organizations. Areas covered will include human needs and potential, motivation, group dynamics, leadership, decision making, goal setting and characteristics of effective managers. Prerequisite: junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**417 Independent Reading and Research in Psychology**

Supervision by the staff of individual reading and/or research. The area of reading and/or research is to be selected by the individual student and approved by advisor. Prerequisite: open to juniors and seniors by approval of the instructor. Credit one to six hours. (Fee \$10)

**433 Aging and Death(Also SW 433 and SO 433)**

A study of biopsychosocial processes involved in the “crisis” stages of human life. Special attention is paid to the functional and dysfunctional aspects of each stage. Prerequisites: SO 221, junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**444 Methods of Social Research (Also SO444)**

Instruction in the full scientific process and research design. Analysis of field and survey instruments, data collection, appropriate statistical tools, research ethics, and professional reporting. Individual or group research project. Prerequisite: 12 hours of sociology or social work, junior/senior standing, college math/algebra. Credit three hours. (Fee \$25)

**499 Psychology Practicum**

This course is designed for seniors who are majoring in psychology and are interested in observing and participating in a variety of psychological programs at appropriate agencies. Prerequisites: Senior standing, cumulative GPA of 2.5, and permission of instructor. May be repeated once for a total of six hours credit. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**Suggested Curriculum for Psychology**

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
LC Connection 100-----	1
English 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Math 100, 111, 120, or 218-----	3
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
HP 100 and one activity -----	2
Psychology 220, 230 -----	7
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Fine Arts-----	3
Psychology 347, 409, 411 -----	10
Psychology Electives-----	3
Minor-----	6
Electives/Minor-----	12
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Biology 101, 102 -----	4
HP activity -----	1
Foreign Language -----	3
Sociology 221 -----	3
Oral Communication -----	3
Psychology 342, 413 -----	6
Philosophy 300-----	3
PY359 -----	3
Computer Science 150-----	3
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Fourth Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Psychology Electives-----	7
Minor-----	9
Electives/Minor-----	14
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>30</b>

**Social Work**

The mission of the Louisiana College Social Work Program is to offer an academically challenging social work education based on a liberal arts foundation in an atmosphere which provides individual attention to student needs and concerns. Through course work emphasizing values and ethics, critical thinking, and supervised opportunities, students are encouraged to develop a high level of self awareness and a service orientation as they prepare for beginning level generalist social work practice and graduate studies.

The social work curriculum centers around eight major content areas: Values and Ethics,

Diversity, Populations-at-Risk and Social and Economic Justice, Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Social Welfare Policy and Services, Social Work Practice, Research, and Field Education.

The social work program at Louisiana College was granted initial accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education in October of 1993, and was re-accredited in October of 1997.

The social work major consists of twelve social work courses: SW 101, 250, 251, 326, 347, 348, 350, 380, 429, 436, 438, and 450. Allied courses are: MA 211 or SW359, PS 232, PY413, SO 221 and 223. Social work majors are required to earn no grade less than 'C' in the allied courses.

Fifteen hours are required for the social work minor; the required courses are SW101, 326, 350, 380, and 429.

### **Social Work Program Goals**

The social work program has three basic goals:

1. To prepare students for effective entry level generalist social work practice.
2. To provide students with knowledge and skills necessary for continued learning and critical thinking to enhance professional development.
3. To prepare students for programs of graduate study in social work.

### **Admission to the Social Work Program:**

Students wishing to enter the social work program must meet the following criteria:

1. Successfully complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of college courses. These courses must include but are not limited to the following courses:

BI 101, 102  
EN 101, 102  
HI 101, 102  
PS 232  
PY 220  
SW 101  
SO 221

Adherence to the social work degree plan makes it possible for the student to complete these courses by the end of the first semester of the sophomore year.

2. Earn a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 by the time of application and earn no grade less than C in the courses listed above.
3. Submit a completed program form to the director of the social work program when the two requirements stated above have been met.
4. Have an admissions interview with a member of the social work faculty and a member of the social work program's Professional Advisory Committee.
5. Agree, in writing, to abide by the values and ethics reflected in the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers.

## Social Work Courses (SW)

- 101 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare**  
A survey course which examines the social work profession: its origins and relationship to the social welfare system, areas of practice, value base, ethical standards, and an introductory exposure to generalist social work practice. A volunteer component at a social agency is included. Credit three hours. (Fee \$15)
- 140 APA and ASA Writing Styles**  
This course is designed to improve the writing skills of students by instructing them in the use of APA and ASA writing styles. This will be especially helpful for those students who plan to attend graduate school. This course is required for all majors in the Human Behavior division. Credit one hour. This applies to these courses: CJ140, PY140, SW140, and SO140.
- 250 Social Work Practice I**  
Further examination of generalist social work practice, including practice skills related to the social work planned change process. Social work with individuals and family systems is emphasized. This course is limited to social work majors. Prerequisites: SW 101. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 251 Social Work Practice II**  
A sequel to Social Work 250, with special emphasis on social work with groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisites: SW 101, 250. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 326 Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect**  
An examination of child abuse and neglect and societal response from a historical and theoretical perspective. Special emphasis is placed on examining symptoms and causes of child neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. Information is provided about programs available that provide child welfare services, such as child protection, foster care and adoption. Prerequisites: SW101 and Junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 337 Marriage and the Family (SO 337 and CJ 337)**  
A study of the basic social institution with special attention to the American family system, its changing values and roles as well as types of contemporary disorganization. Some emphasis on preparation for marriage. Prerequisite: SO 221, junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 347 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I**  
This course and its sequel, SW 348, examine those interacting systems which influence human behavior: individual, families, groups, organizations, and communities throughout the life course. HBSE I examines the ecological approach and the biophysical, psychological and social influences on human behavior, with a special emphasis on diversity. Micro, mezzo, and macro issues of the life course from pregnancy through early childhood are examined. Credit three hours. (Fee \$95)

- 348 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II**  
This course continues the examination of micro, mezzo and macro issues across the life cycle, with focus on middle childhood to late adulthood. The ecological and biopsychosocial approaches remain central with a continued focus on diversity and oppression. Prerequisites: SW 347. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 350 Social Research Methods (Also CJ 350 and PY 350 and SO 350)**  
This course is an introduction that includes qualitative and quantitative research content to provide an understanding of a scientific, analytic, and ethical approach to building knowledge for generalist social work practice. The content prepares students to develop, use and effectively communicate empirically based knowledge, including evidence-based interventions. Research knowledge is used by students to provide high-quality services; to initiate change; to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery; and to evaluate their own practice. This course may be taken by any major with junior standing. Credit three hours.
- 359 Applied Statistics for the Social Sciences (Also PY359 and SO359)**  
A survey of the use and application of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). This course addresses issues of unit of analysis, level of measurement and statistical applications to fields of sociology, social work and psychology. Issues related to central tendency to analysis to step-wise regression will be covered. Junior/senior standing. Credit three hours.
- 380 Social Work Practice III, Organizations and Communities**  
A macro level practice course focusing on organizations and communities and taught from generalist social work perspective. This is the third course in the social work practice series and is required for social work majors. Prerequisites: SW101, 250, 251, 347, 350. Credit three hours.
- 400 Special Topics in Social Work**  
The investigation of special areas in social work. Prerequisites: junior/senior standing or permission of instructor. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 429 Social Welfare Policy and Analysis**  
An examination of the area of policy practice with special emphasis on those forces which create social welfare policy and on those skills necessary for policy analysis. This course is for social work majors who are admitted into the program. Junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 433 Aging and Death (Also PY 433 and SO 433)**  
A study of the biopsychosocial processes involved in the "crisis" stages of human life. Special attention is paid to the functional and dysfunctional aspects of each stage. Prerequisites: SO 221, junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**436 Field Placement I**

Supervised field experience totaling 210 hours in a local social agency. Requirements include a weekly on-campus integrative seminar. Primary focus is on social work with individuals and families. Prerequisites: Student must have been admitted to the Social Work Program, must have an overall GPA of 2.5, and must have completed all of the social work courses, except for SW 429, 438, and 450. Students must make application for field placement at the end of the junior year and plan to complete both placement courses during the senior year or take both seminars during the two summer terms and complete the hour requirement during the summer. Seminar/Field work credit 5 hours. (Fee \$15)

**438 Field Placement II**

Supervised field experience totaling 200 hours in a local social agency. Requirements include a weekly on-campus integrative seminar. Primary focus is on social work with groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisite: SW 436. Seminar/Field work credit 5 hours.

**449 Directed Study in Social Work**

Emphasis on critical evaluation of theoretical and empirical writing in a specialized area of social work for majors with strong scholastic achievements. Credit one to three hours. (Fee \$8)

**450 Senior Social Work Seminar**

A capstone course emphasizing contemporary social work ethics and contemporary social work issues. The course is designed to help students integrate their professional and educational experience. Credit two hours. (Fee \$10)

**Suggested Social Work Curriculum**

<b>First Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
English 101, 102 -----	6
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Biology 101, 102 -----	4
Social Work 101 -----	*3
Computer Applications -----	3
HP100 -----	1
HP activity-----	1
LC Connection-----	1
1 -----	
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>Second Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Math 100 or 111, 211 or SW359-----	6
Sociology 221, 223 -----	6
Social Work 250, 251 -----	*6
Psychology 220 -----	3
Political Science 232 -----	3
Oral Communication -----	3
Foreign Language -----	3
HP activity -----	
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>34</b>

<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Social Work 326, 347, 348-----	*9
Social Work 350, 380 -----	*6
Philosophy 300-----	3
Fine Arts -----	3
Psychology 413-----	3
Electives/Minor-----	9

<b>Fourth Year</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
Social Work 429, 436-----	*8
Social Work 438, 450 -----	*7
Electives/Minor-----	14
<b>Total -----</b>	<b>29</b>

Total -----33

\*Designates courses which constitute the social work major.

## Sociology

Sociology is the study of group behavior in society and the social forces that affect that behavior. The courses are designed to acquaint students with a broad perspective of the field of sociology. Students will find sociology to be helpful in preparation for becoming a professor of sociology, teaching social studies, doing research on social groups for businesses or government organizations, employment in social service agencies, or working in any field that requires an understanding of human behavior.

The sociology major (33 semester hours) includes:

21 hours of required courses: SO 221, 223, 337, 359, 440, 444, 450

12 hours of electives, to include:

at least six hours from SO 315, 333, 338, 433

at least six hours from SO 323, 330, 342, 346

A minor in sociology requires 15 hours, including SO 221, 223, and 337.

### Sociology Courses (SO)

- 140 APA and ASA Writing Styles**  
This course is designed to improve the writing skills of students by instructing them in the use of APA and ASA writing styles. This will be especially helpful for those students who plan to attend graduate school. This course is required for all majors in the Human Behavior division. Credit one hour. This applies to these courses: CJ140, PY140, SW140, and SO140.
- 221 Principles of Sociology**  
A study of the scope, purpose and method of sociology. Survey of the various levels of human behavior, i.e., personality, small groups, institutions, community and society/culture. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 223 Social Problems**  
A survey of personal, family, community, racial/ethnic and national/international disorganization. Analysis of the social determinants and correlates of these problems. Prerequisite: SO 221. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 315 Juvenile Delinquency (Also CJ 315)**  
The nature of juvenile delinquency and the prevention and control of juvenile crime. Prerequisite: SO 221. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 323 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Human Geography (Also GE 323)**  
A brief introduction to physical anthropology and archaeology and an introduction to cultures, including their technologies, economies, social organization and beliefs. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 330 Urban Sociology**  
The study of the growth and development of urbanism in American life, including emphasis on American urban social organization and changes and problems in a world context. Prerequisite: SO 221. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

- 333 American Minority Relations**  
A study of contemporary minority groups, with a preliminary emphasis on the social psychological processes involved in prejudice and review of the social processes present in intergroup relations. Prerequisite: SO 221, junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 337 Marriage and the Family (SW 337)**  
A study of the basic social institution with special attention to the American family system, its changing values and roles as well as types of contemporary disorganization. Some emphasis on preparation for marriage. Prerequisite: SO 221, junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 338 Criminology (Also CJ 338)**  
An introduction to principles of criminology with attention given to classifications of offenders, changing legal codes and treatment of convicted offenders. Prerequisite: SO 221, preferably junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 342 Social Psychology (Also PY 342)**  
Survey of the cultural forces as they affect attitudes, social learning, perception, communication and personality development. Prerequisite: introductory course in psychology or sociology. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)
- 346 Religion and Society**  
An analysis of religious institutions in relation to the socio-cultural context. An emphasis on the structure and behavior of religious groups, the interaction of the individual and his religious group. Prerequisite: SO 221, preferably junior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 350 Social Research Methods (Also CJ 350 and PY 350 and SW 350)**  
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A survey of the use and application of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). This course addresses issues of unit of analysis, level of measurement and statistical applications to fields of sociology, social work and psychology. Issues related to central tendency to analysis to step-wise regression will be covered. Junior/senior standing. Credit three hours.

**400 Special Topics in Sociology**

The investigation of special areas in sociology. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

**433 Aging and Death (Also SW 433 and PY 433)**

A study of the biopsychosocial processes involved in the “crisis” stages of human life. Special attention is paid to the functional and dysfunctional aspects of each stage. Prerequisites: SO 221, junior/senior standing. Credit three hours. (Fee \$10)

**440 Contemporary Sociological Theory**

The history of social thought with emphasis on European backgrounds, representative men of the 19th and 20th centuries. Prerequisites: 12 hours sociology, PI 320. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

**444 Methods of Social Research (Also PY344)**

Instruction in the full scientific process and research design. Analysis of field and survey instruments, data collection, appropriate statistical tools, research ethics, and professional reporting. Individual or group research project. Prerequisite: 12 hours of sociology or social work, junior/senior standing, college math/algebra. Credit three hours. (Fee \$25)

**449 Directed Study in Sociology**

Emphasis on critical evaluation of theoretical and empirical writing in a specialized area of sociology for sociology majors with strong scholastic achievements, 24 hours of sociology (preferably including SO 440 and/or 444). Credit one to three hours.

**450 Research Internship in Sociology**

Observation of and participation in the research and applied activities of a local, state, or federal agency or private entity engaged in sociologically relevant activities. 300 contact hours required. Prerequisite: SO 444, senior standing and a 3.0 grade point average. Credit six hours.

**Sociology****First Year** **Hrs**

LC Connection 100-----	1
English 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
Math 100, 111, 120, or 218-----	3
Biology 101, 102 -----	4
Foreign Language -----	3
HP 100 and one activity -----	2

Total -----31

**Third Year** **Hrs**

Social Science-----	3
Sociology 337 -----	3
Sociology 315, 333, 338 or 433 -----	6
Sociology 323, 330, 342, or 346 -----	6
Philosophy 300-----	3
Minor -----	3
Electives -----	8

Total -----32

**Second Year** **Hrs**

English 200 or 201 -----	3
Sociology 221, 223 -----	6
Natural Science-----	3
Oral Communication -----	3
Social Science-----	3
Fine Arts-----	3
Minor-----	6
HP activity -----	1
Elective-----	3

Total -----31

**Fourth Year** **Hrs**

Sociology 440-----	3
Sociology 444-----	3
Sociology 450 -----	6
Math 211 or SO359 -----	3
Minor-----	6
Electives -----	12

Total -----33

