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Social Sciences

SOC201 Macroeconomics

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the study of macroeconomics. Provides a brief history of economics, from Adam Smith to the present. Students will learn the theories of contemporary macroeconomics, as well as their application and impact in today's world.

SOC202 Microeconomics

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the study of microeconomics. Focuses on individual markets and the personal choices concerning those markets. Students gain an understanding of what determines the prices of particular goods and services, as well as what determines the output and profits of individual firms, and wages of individual workers.

Prerequisite: SOC201

SOC205 World Cultures

4 Credit Hours

Explores the current diversity of human culture across the globe, focusing on geographic and spatial literacy for how the world is changing under immense social, political, economic, and technological pressures.

SOC210 Introduction to Sociology

4 Credit Hours

Examines the social institutions that shape and influence the behavior of the individual and groups in society, with emphasis on examining contemporary social problems. Topics include the foundation of the study of human social life, theories and methods of sociology, and basic sociological concepts.

SOC215 Introduction to Political Science

4 Credit Hours

An overview of the American political system, the ideas that shaped it, and the conflicts that continue to redefine the relationship between people and political power.

SOC218 Police and Society

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the history and traditions of American policing. Examines the role of the police in advancing justice in a democratic society. Topics include law enforcement operations and strategies, such as profiling, organizational structure, community affairs, the police use of force, and various major concerns in public policy.

SOC220 Criminology

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the various causes of crime in a free society. Considers factors such as free will, biology, and other possible causes, such as DNA, nutrition, hormones, and subcultures of violence.

SOC225 Introduction to Psychology

**4 Credit Hours
48 Clock Hours**

Examines the basic principles of psychology and their direct application to the understanding of human behavior. Topics include human development, learning, memory, thinking, intelligence, creativity, motivation, emotion, adjustment, perception, abnormal behavior, and therapy.

SOC231 Human Relations in the Workforce

4 Credit Hours

Students will develop the interpersonal skills known to be key ingredients for successful everyday interactions with coworkers, supervisors, and customers/clients at any work environment. Some major skill areas covered in

the course include making a good impression with your employer, managing conflict with difficult coworkers, working on a team with diverse groups of people, providing exceptional service for customers/clients, and managing on-the-job stressors.

SOC232 Social Psychology

4 Credit Hours

Studies people's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors in social situations. Topics covered include self and social knowledge, culture and gender, leadership, attraction and intimacy, prejudice, and conformity.

SOC270 Special Topics in the Social Sciences

4 Credit Hours

Involves readings and discussions organized around selected topics in the social sciences. Topics will vary each quarter.

SOC305 Marriage and Family

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the traditional and changing family as a social institution with multicultural and cross-cultural differences. Examines family roles and patterns, with emphasis on the forms they assume in different cultures and subcultures, including ethnic and class variations.

SOC310 Intercultural Communication

4 Credit Hours

An introduction to the various cultural influences on communication. Emphasizes the obstacles and portals to effective communication. Students study the communication styles of different cultural groups, and learn to apply cultural perspectives to their daily interactions in business and in their lives.

SOC311 Social Policy and Health Services

4 Credit Hours

Reviews the evolution of healthcare policy. Examines proposals for changes in the structure, organization, and funding of the health services industry.

SOC315 Juvenile Justice

4 Credit Hours

Examines the factors that contribute to juvenile delinquency and ways in which the American juvenile justice system responds to youthful offenders. Students examine societal shifts between punitive and therapeutic approaches to delinquency, and the merits of various formal and informal treatment options.

SOC318 Drugs and Drug Policy

4 Credit Hours

Provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the misuse of legal and illegal psychoactive drugs. Explores the different control policies regarding the enforcement of the use, sale, and manufacture of illegal drugs. Fosters awareness concerning the effects of drugs on users, and the different dimensions in enforcing drug policy.

SOC320 Gender, Race, and Class

4 Credit Hours

Explores relationships between race, gender, and class. Examines reality in the determination of socioeconomic mobility, and analyzes the perceived role of race and gender in American society.

SOC350 Psychology of Design

4 Credit Hours

An interdisciplinary course that explores the role and value of design in our lives. Students will learn critical concepts of design psychology taken from and used in the fields of environmental design, marketing and branding, sales, fashion, advertising, and interior design.

SOC360 Law and Society

4 Credit Hours

Introduces basic concepts in law, and examines the impact that major court decisions have on culture and subculture. Students will explore the manner that the law ultimately shapes conduct, ideals and justice in American society, as well as how the law shapes the everyday lives of its citizens.

SOC401 International Economics**4 Credit Hours**

An introduction to the commercial and financial relationships between the United States and the rest of the world. Emphasizes the development of the international monetary system, including a detailed comparison of floating exchange rates with the workings of the gold standard and the Bretton Woods system.

SOC415 Global Social Change**4 Credit Hours**

Explores global trends that have impacted all societies. Emphasizes developing nations experiencing extensive technological and social change. Students examine case studies which focus on ethnic separatist and religious fundamentalist movements that emerge as rapid modernization processes erode traditional belief systems.

SOC420 Psychology of Personality**4 Credit Hours**

An introduction to the major theories of personality development. Perspectives presented are analyzed for their scientific rigor, and discussed in terms of their contributions to understanding the thoughts, feelings, intentions, and actions of the individual.

SOC422 Forensic Psychology**4 Credit Hours**

A course that bridges psychology and law through examining a broad array of sub-topics such as criminal behavior, juvenile delinquency, serial killers, profiling, victimology, legal psychology, sex offenders, and correctional psychology. Students will review research methods and case studies to enhance their understanding of this discipline.

SOC425 Abnormal Psychology**4 Credit Hours**

Examines the criteria used to define abnormal behavior in specific cultural and historical contexts. Students gain an understanding of experiential and therapeutic responses to mental illness and a basic knowledge of the medical model as it applies to the diagnosis and treatment of psychological disorders.

SOC451 Constructing the Self in Modern America**4 Credit Hours**

The bewildering variety of models for self-identification in America has led to new ways to construct personal images. Students will study how people now create their own idea of the self by following models that have emerged in American culture in the past 30 years.

SOC470 Special Topics in Social Science**4 Credit Hours**

Special topics in social sciences are studied in depth at an advanced level.

Prerequisite: Any 200-level course in Social Science